

CASTLE CARROCK & GELTSDALE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 9th March 2016 -8.00PM Watson Institute

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. G Devereux (Chairman), Cllr R Johnston, Cllr S Wright, Cllr D Knight, Cllr K Brown, Cllr H Holland

In attendance: Tricia Meynell (Clerk), Pete Eichler (from agenda item 4b onwards)

1. Apologies: Cllr G Widdowson, David Rawsthorn (Internal Auditor), Cllr D Parsons (City Council),

2. Declaration of interests: Cllr R Johnston – Agenda Item 4a. Cllr K Brown – Agenda Item 4h.

3. Minutes.

The Chairman authorized and signed the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2016 as a true record.

4. Agenda Items

a. Request from Geltsdale Arts for a contribution towards funding for Music on the Marr 2016 – suggestion of £250. It was unanimously agreed that this was a good idea.

b. Allotments – Update from Cllr Holland

The field has now been acquired by the Parish Council from the County. Official registration is underway. Cllr Holland is organising this. Cllr Devereux has been viewing the field with regard to marking out plots. It is thought that 6 full size plots plus another small section will be available, so perfect for the quantity of allotments required since most people would like half size plots. It was noted that Anchor Housing are agreeable to the Parish Council using the right of way (the access driveway) over which the PC has legal rights of access. The section of wall along the access way will be the responsibility of Anchor Housing and the Pieris. It has not yet been ascertained who owns the wall dividing the allotment field and the Pieris. The wall is partially broken down and will need to be fixed, though by whom the PC is not yet sure. In the meantime the PC will place a single strand wire fence in front of the wall on the allotment side to prevent people getting close to it. It will be cheaper to rabbit proof the entire field than to fence around each individual allotment plot. Inside the entrance gate, there will be a fenced off area for turning vehicles, thereby rabbit fencing the whole field.

The next meeting with allotment holders/parish councilors will be held within the next two weeks– the clerk will find out when the hall is available for a meeting and contact all allotment holders.

c. Defibrillator – It was decided to go ahead and accept the donation of a defibrillator if it can be mounted on the outside wall of the Watson Institute to the left of the notice board where it will be a lot cheaper to install, with the additional benefit of there being electricity already in the room behind. The clerk will contact the listed building consent department at the City Council and work will commence as soon as possible if permission is granted.

d. Back Lanning repairs: Still waiting for outcome of funding applied for. Cllr Brown will enquire from the contractor approached to see if the surface can be scraped off with a digger and the soil disposed of as a first step towards repairs. Once this has been done, a further decision as to whether to lay extra stone will be made. It was agreed that the state of the lanning has never been worse. This is due to the extra farm traffic now using it.

e. Levelling of Marr – One estimate has been received - £1728 Cllr Devereux suggested that the soil removed from the allotment field where the paths are going to go could be used to fill in the dip in the Marr. It was suggested that Mike Foster be approached to see if the contractors who repaired the drains could be persuaded to flatten in out. It was also suggested that the contractor who has provided an estimate might be able to carry out the work if all that was required was a small digger to remove the grass between the allotment plots and move it to the Marr to be rolled and levelled. Cllr Brown will talk to the contractor to see what can be done.

f. Litter pick – Will take place over the weekend of 18th, 19th, 20th March 2016. A notice has been placed in the Parish News – more volunteers are still required – so far only six parties have come forward (three of

those being from the Parish Council). It was suggested that the Miss Stacey, head teacher at the school be approached to see if this might be something that the children could join in with.

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g. 2016 is Election year for the Parish Council. Nomination forms for Councillors who wish to stand again and parishioners who are standing for the first time can obtain forms from the Parish Clerk and need to be submitted to Carlisle City Council no later than 4pm on Thursday 7th April. Forms were given to all councillors present at the meeting. Anyone else from the parish who would like to stand for election can obtain the forms from the Parish Clerk. A notice advising of same will be placed by Carlisle City Council in the coming days.

h. Open Access land to the south of the road by the Raikes – signs have been placed stating 'Private Property'. The agent for the land owner has been contacted and the matter will be taken in hand.

5. Correspondence – letters and emails received were viewed and discussed where appropriate.

6. Financial Matters - Statement of account and bills to pay as follows

a. To note that VAT claim has been credited to the Parish Council account - £750

b. Reimbursement for office expenses to parish clerk £7.00 Cheque No.388

c. The standing order mandate for increase in clerk's salary was signed.

d. Cheque for £40 to Land Registry –documents relating to the allotment field. Cheque No.389

e. Annual payment now due to Information Commissioner (Data Protection) £35.00 cheque No. 387

f. To note that £300 has paid to the PC to help towards costs of allotment fencing – from the budget of Cllr. Doreen Parsons who was thanked in her absence for her contribution.

7. Planning Matters

a. 16/0040 Top House, Castle Carrock, Mr Tom Brown – permission sought to extend and alter residential dwelling. This application had previously been viewed by all Councillors online, and no adverse comments were made.

b. 16/0056 Briggs - amendment to surface of driveway leading to 4 x semi-attached dwellings behind Townfoot Farm to tarmac the first five meters from the road. No adverse comments.

8. Councillor's Issues

a. Cllr Devereux noted that the bench at the Rakes needs repairing. Cllr Knight will see if he has any suitable wood

b. Finger post to footpath at Garth Marr has broken – need to be reported to Footpaths Officer.

c. Cllr Johnston stated that there is now a serious village communication problem since the death of Margaret Harrison. Suggested some sort of online village noticeboard, accessible to all.

d. Cllr Devereux suggested that a rota could be put in place to organise newspapers to be collected from the church.

e. Pete Eichler noted that Castle Carrock now has 4G mobile signal and could be of some use as to setting up an electronic noticeboard.

Date of next meeting, Wed 11th May 2016