

CUMMERSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 JANUARY 2005.

PRESENT

Mr T Allison
Mr B Child
Mrs H Atkinson
Mrs P Nicholson
Mr D Harrison
Mrs A Warwick
Mr K McIntosh

APOLOGIES

Mr K Newsworthy
Mr W Kerr

The meeting was postponed from 10 January due to the school being closed in the aftermath of the floods.

The chairman welcomed Mr Keith McIntosh as the new Parish Councillor.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

None

CORRESPONDANCE

A copy of the new Electoral Roll was given to Mrs Atkinson.

CALC January circular, noted.

Notification that our grant application (for a grant towards the website) has been received.

Local Councils Update, taken by Mr Allison to read.

Clerks and Councils Direct, noted.

Consultation on Draft Local Transport Plan, 1 copy taken by Mr Allison to read, 1 copy taken by Mr Child.

Agenda for City Council meeting, noted.

The BTCV are asking for donations for their work in Thailand in the aftermath of the Tsunami, it was agreed to donate £25.

It was agreed to donate £25 to the Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund Appeal.

GRASS CUTTING

Mr McIntosh declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting.

Mr Allison had prepared a paper on the grass cutting in the Parish and suggested various improvements and options. One of which was Mr McIntosh purchasing a ride on mower to do the work. Concerns were expressed by various Councillors about the insurance implications of this idea.

A tender had also been received from Eden Woodland Consultants for the work. They have Public Liability insurance of £5million, and their own full time staff. They quote £14.25 plus VAT. Per hour

It was agreed to ask EWC to cut the Common, the top of the common and the Drying Green as per their quote. In addition it was agreed to ask them to cut 2 strips in the 3 acres field (to liase with Mrs Nicholson about this) and to cut the verges etc at Newby West (to liase with Mr Allison about this).

Mr Boertien will be asked to continue to strim round the trees on the Common and the road end and the footpaths

The Clerk will write to EWC, the City Council and Mr Boertein outlining the plans as above, and Hope's declining the purchase of the ride on mower.

CUMMERSDALE CONSERVATION TRUST

See above re grass cutting.

The trees have been delivered and planting is planned to be the last week-end in January. The gardener will start knocking stakes in this week. Once the bulk of the trees have been planted by the contractors volunteers will be asked to help plant the willows at the top of the field.

The gates will be fitted at a later date.

A tree has come down into the field from the adjacent field. Mr Allison will try and find out who owns the field and the Clerk will then ring the owner and discuss the matter with him. The trunk is rotten and Mrs Nicholson would like it left in the field if possible as an insect habitat, it needs to be moved round and this will need to be done by a contractor.

FOOTPATH SURVEY

The access at the top of Gilbert Rd is still causing a problem, Mr Allison will try and deal with it before the next meeting.

PARISH PLAN

Questionnaires have been issued to the whole Parish, to date, 12 replies have been received. Mrs Atkinson will issue reminders in the next week.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

A revised quote had been received from Software Options which was reasonable. It was agreed that, once we get the grant we will go ahead with this. The Clerk will contact Mr Auld and ask about an option where the Parish Newsletter can be put on about 6 times a year.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk has sent the PC's comments on the CNDR away. Mr Allison has received some further comments from a resident. He will pass the details on to the Clerk who will send them in too.

CNDR. A list of street furniture in the surrounding areas has been checked, there is only one bench at Peter Lans cross roads that belongs to the PC.

CHEQUES & ACCOUNTS

The following cheques were written

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| 22 | P L Gauntlett Accounts Ltd | 5.99 |
| 23 | P L Gauntlett | 111.00 |
| 24 | BTCV (donation) | 25.00 |
| 25 | News & Star (donation, flood) | 25.00 |

The Clerk has put the Water Rates bill for the field onto a quarterly standing order.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 21 February

Monday 21 March

Monday 9 May AGM at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.45

T Allison Chairman