

Embleton & District Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26th June 2013

Present: Councillors Petecki (Chair), Brandwood, Boardman, Teasdale, Pickering & Hewitson.

Apologies: Councillors Brown, Airey, Graham, Hind & Shepherd.

Also present: County Councillor Bowness & David Smith (Clerk).

The Chair informed the meeting that Cllr. Helling had tendered her resignation. This meant that there were now two vacancies.

Declarations of Interest: There were no Declarations of Interest.

72.13: Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22.05.13:

The minutes of the May meeting were agreed to be an accurate record by the councillors present and the Chair duly signed them.

73.13: Matters arising (not covered by other agenda items):

- 59.13: Clerk to contact LDNPA re: Byresteads Planning Appeal: The appeal is to take place on July 10th at Murley Moss. It was agreed that there was no need to send a representative from the council as the LDNPA were of the same view as the council.
- 61.13: Clerk to inform ABC of the resignation of Cllr. McGrath: Done
- 61.13: Clerk to advertise vacancy: Vacancy Notices were handed out to councillors to place in the four notice-boards.
- 64.13: Clerk to contact CALC re Standing order issues: Done and changes made (see below).
- 64.13: Clerk to revise Expenses paper: Done (see below).
- 66.13: Clerk to mail out copies of Parish Plan: Done. A number of responses have been received, all of which were positive. The response from the National Park indicated that they would, where possible, assist with the delivery of actions identified in the Plan.
- 68.13: Clerk to place SID figures in summer newsletter: Not done yet.
- 68.13: Clerk to report issues on minor road to Highside Farm to Highways hotline: Done. Cllr. Teasdale reported that some works had been carried out on the minor road.

ACTION: Clerk to thank Cumbria Highways for the work undertaken.

- 69.13: All payments sent out.

74.13: Public Participation:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

75.13: Chairman's Report:

The Chair reported that there had been three meetings held since the last parish council meeting, two of which he had been unable to attend.

1. MRWS: the Government are currently reviewing the MRWS process with a view to finding out what went wrong.

2. Connecting Cumbria: a meeting held at Rheged was informed that the first phase of the superfast broadband roll out would be completed by the end of 2013 covering six of the larger towns in Cumbria. Future phases have no dates attached to them as yet but Cockermouth is in Phase 2 whilst Bassenthwaite is still under evaluation.
3. CALC Allerdale meeting: Richard Rose, the new Police & Crime Commissioner for Cumbria was the main speaker. He explained that he had control over some 25% of the Police budget and had the power to hire and fire the Chief Constable. He is in the process of putting together a Policing plan that will cover the next 5 years. He has a particular interest in anti-social behaviour, youth crime and rural crime and will be looking to address these issues in the Plan. He also is keen to further develop support for the victims of crime.

Other issues discussed at the meeting were footway lighting where CALC officers indicated that they will be asking parishes to undertake a survey of all the footway lights in their parish. It was agreed that this should be a separate agenda item at the July meeting.

76.13: Clerk's Report:

A list of correspondence was given, most of which was for information only. The following items were highlighted:

- The documentation for the insurance cover 13/14 has now been received.
- A letter of resignation has been received from the Clerk. The vacancy is to be advertised in the CALC newsletter and on the Allerdale BC intranet.
- Email highlighting the formation of the West Cumbria Bus Users Group.
- Information regarding a Funding Fair to be held in July, The information is to be passed to the Embleton Play Area Committee.
- An email of resignation had been received from Councillor Helling

ACTION: Clerk to inform ABC of resignation.

77.13: Police Report:

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had not received a report from the police.

The Chair informed the meeting that the Police & Crime Commissioner had stated at the CALC meeting that there should be a police representative at every Parish Council meeting in the county. In some circumstances this might not be possible and then a written report should be submitted.

78.13: Procedures Sub-group Report:

The revised set of Standing Orders, as recommended by both NALC and CALC and amended as requested by councillors, were proposed for adoption.

Proposed: Cllr. Pickering

Seconded: Cllr. Teasdale

All councillors present agreed to the adoption of the revised Standing Orders.

The revised Payments of Expenses paper was proposed for adoption.

Proposed: Cllr. Boardman

Seconded: Cllr. Teasdale

All councillors present agreed to the adoption of the revised Payments of Expenses paper.

79.13: Planning:

There was one planning application to discuss:

- 7/2013/2143: The Mill, Wythop Mill – seeking removal of local occupancy restriction from previous application 7/2009/2097. Councillors voted to oppose this application citing the commitment given to local occupancy clauses within the Parish Plan.

There was one Notice of Public Path creation to discuss:

- Notice of Public Path creation: Bridleway 228034 Seacross Lanning, Wythop Mill. After some discussion, during which some concerns were expressed regarding duplication of existing bridleways and public footpaths and the emerging of cyclists onto the minor road at Wythop Mill, councillors agreed to seek further information regarding this proposal from the LDNPA.

ACTION: Clerk to seek further information regarding the proposed bridleway and inform the LDNPA of the views of the council re: planning application.

80.13: The Summer Newsletter:

It was agreed that the two councillor vacancies should be advertised in the newsletter.

ACTION: Clerk to put together the newsletter for agreement by the Chair prior to arranging printing.

81.13: Highways Matters and Parish Maintenance:

The following issues were highlighted:

- The grass on the left-hand bend at Brathay Hill needs cutting.
- The Old Vicarage at Embleton has trees overhanging the road.
- Overgrown vegetation at 'Collina' on the Wythop Mill to Wad Crag road.
ACTION: Clerk and Councillors to report the above to the Highways Hotline
- Water on the road by Rosebank
- A cover is missing from stopcock hole to the west of the Sale Fell footpath past Wythop Church on the opposite side of the road to the church.
ACTION: Clerk to inform United Utilities
- Long grass around the bus shelter at Dubwath requiring strimming.
Cllr. Petecki to look into this.
- The Cockermouth sign at the Bouch House junction is still missing.
ACTION: Cllr. Bowness is to make enquiries regarding this issue.
- Concerns have been expressed regarding the lack of bus stop signs on the north side of the old A66 through Embleton, this leading to some bus drivers being reluctant to stop when requested.
ACTION: Clerk to write to the Transport Team at CCC regarding this issue.

There was some discussion regarding the poor placement of signage warning motorists of the closure of Ouse Bridge. It was agreed to take no action on this matter.

82.13: Councillor vacancies:

The Chair asked the councillors present if they were aware of anyone who would consider becoming a Parish Councillor. Anyone who might be interested should contact either the Chair or the Clerk. The vacancies should also be mentioned in the newsletter with an invitation for applications.

83.13: Council Finances & Authorisation of Payments:

The Clerk informed Councillors that there were no accounts for payment:

The Clerk referred councillors to the bank reconciliation for the 26th June that showed a balance as at the latest bank statement (5/6/13) of £9,324.56p. With yet to be cleared payments the reconciled balance of the Parish Council account as of was £9,284.56p. The Chair initialled both the bank reconciliation and the latest bank statement.

84.13: Matters for the next meeting:

- Footway Lighting
- Proposed housing development at Strawberry How
- Councillor Drop-in Sessions in Cockermouth with a presentation by Sally Scales to explain the effect of the boundary changes on neighbourhood forums.

85.13: Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 24th July 2013 at 7.15pm in Embleton Village Hall

Signed:

Chair

Date: