

Embleton & District Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th October 2014 at Embleton Village Hall at 19:15pm

Present: Councillor Petecki (in the chair), Cllr Hewtison, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Graham, Cllr Richardson, Cllr Boardman, Cllr Brandwood, Cllr Pickering, Cllr Wilson,

Apologies: Councillor Brown,

Also Present: Becx Carter (Clerk), Mr Ian Nelson (candidate for co-option)

122.14 Declarations of interest

None were received.

Cllr Petecki requested it be noted that when it comes to the planning permissions he is a member of Bassenthwaite Sailing Club but has no pecuniary interest in the application.

123.14 Police Report

Apologies had been received from PCSO Megan Jones. The clerk read out a written report from the police which raised one incident of note:

-8th October 2014- An abandoned vehicle was reported, after the owner of the vehicle was identified it was established the vehicle had broken down.

It was noted that abandoned vehicles should be reported to the non emergency (101) police number.

124.14 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th September were accepted as a true and accurate record by the councillors present and the chair duly signed them. Proposed by Cllr Teasdale, Seconded by Cllr Boardman. All in favour. **Resolved.**

125.14 Actions Update

36.14- Cllr Boardman confirmed he had now met with the owners of the Old Vicarage and the matter has now been resolved. They are currently in the process of recruiting a new gardener and once this position is filled the trees in question will be trimmed.

The council thanked Cllr Boardman for his work on this matter.

115.14- Street Lights- A query was raised regarding some confusion over the street lights discussed at the last meeting. Cllr Petecki confirmed that the light at Bridge House has been adopted by CCC (and confirmation has been received in writing), the light opposite Embleton School is redundant and will be taken down. The one at the crossings (A66 side of the village hall) has already been replaced.

Cllr Petecki cautioned the meeting that whilst these three lights have been resolved the rest of the 15 identified as being on ENW poles are still at risk.

115.14- Asset Register- Cllr Petecki confirmed he had received photos & grid references from Cllr Brandwood for two metal seats.

Resolved that all present agreed to these two benches being listed on the asset register at a value of £200 each

Action: Clerk to update the asset register with this information

The Clerk confirmed that following a number of land registry searches it has been confirmed that the land on which the Lambfoot Play area and bus shelter stands is unregistered.

It was noted by councillors present at the meeting that it had always been assumed that Embleton & District Parish Council owned this land. However it was also noted that the play area is currently the responsibility of the Embleton Community Rural Safety group.

Cllr Petecki clarified that the aim of this exercise is to have a complete asset register in place with the relevant supporting evidence to prove ownership etc.

It was proposed by Cllr Boardman, and seconded by Cllr Brandwood with 8 councillors present in favour (with 1 abstention) that the land on which the play area and bus shelter stand should be registered as belong to Embleton & District Parish Council. **Resolved**

Action: Clerk to complete the registration of this land on behalf of Embleton & District Parish Council

Resolved that the clerk should conduct a land registry search on the two fields that Embleton & District Parish Council own to confirm that they are registered to the council.

Action: Clerk to conduct the relevant search.

It was noted that there were some further benches missing from the asset register.

Action. Cllr Pickering to provide images and grid references for the missing benches (near to Cllr Teasdale's property).

Cllr Petecki confirmed that the salt/grit bins are not the property of Embleton & District Parish Council they were loaned to us by Allerdale Borough Council.

Cllr Petecki further noted that a way leave payment had been received for land on Ling Fell back in 2010. It was confirmed that the pole in question stands on one of the fields that Cllr Hind rents from the council.

The Clerk confirmed that the land on which the Dubwath bus shelter stands is owned by CCC. And that written confirmation has been received from both ABC & CCC that the bus shelter is NOT owned by them and they assume it to be property of Embleton & District Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to confirm with ABC & CCC that Lambfoot bus shelter is not on their asset register.

Tenancy Agreements and Maps for Mr G Hind Agreement- Cllr Petecki confirmed that a map showing the two fields has now been received and provided to Mitchells along with a copy of the tenancy agreement. Michells have confirmed that they could provide a written rental value on the land for £100 plus VAT, or provide a full surveyors report for £350 plus VAT. Mitchell have confirmed that in their opinion the minimum rental value per acre would be £50 per annum. (This is based on summer grazing).

The Council want to ensure that the rental is a fair market rental and that written evidence is in place to support this before the tenancy agreement is renewed with Cllr Hind.

Cllr Brandwood proposed that Mitchells be asked to provide a written opinion on the rental & sale value of the land, Cllr Boardman seconded this. All present were in favour. **Resolved.**

Action: Clerk to liaise with Mitchells to ensure this written valuation is completed by the next meeting.

126.14 Co-option of new councillors

An application for co-option was received from Mr Ian Nelson. Mr Nelson lives in Cockermouth (within 3 miles of the parish boundary and is therefore eligible to stand as a councillor). He is currently a member of Susco (a group looking at the future development of Cockermouth), and is a retired building site manager.

Cllr Teasdale proposed Mr Nelson be co-opted as a councillor for Embleton & District Parish Council, Cllr Boardman seconded this. 8 councillors were in favour with one abstention **Resolved** that Mr Nelson be co-opted as a councillor to Embleton & District Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to meet with Mr Nelson to complete the relevant paperwork.

127.14 Public Participation

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

128.14 Chairman's Report.

Cllr Petecki had circulated a chairman's report (copy attached as an appendix to these minutes)

Action: Cllr Richardson to report to Chris Shaw that herself & Cllr Wilson don't receive purple bag recycling.

Resolved by all present that Embleton & District Parish Council did not wish to volunteer to test hessian sack recycling.

129.14 Clerks Report

All councillors had received and read a copy of the clerks report, unless otherwise listed the receipt of correspondence was noted and no further action was requested.

Correspondence Item 3- Northwest Coast Connections Project- It was agreed that as none of the proposed routes will pass through Embleton & District Parish that all the correspondence regarding this consultation won't be read out in future meetings.

Correspondence Item 4- CALC AGM- Cllr Petecki expressed an interest in attending this meeting. Cllr Boardman maybe interested in attending.

Action: All to confirm if they would like to attend this meeting by Friday 25th October

Action: Clerk to make the relevant bookings after this date.

Correspondence Item 13- Traffic reports from Susco- Cllr Nelson confirmed that these traffic counts have been installed by Susco to provide a baseline on how much traffic currently leaves Cockermouth via Lambfoot. It was noted that these figures maybe slightly skewed given that Cockermouth Main Street is not yet completed.

It was noted that Embleton & District Parish Council remain unsatisfied with the arrangements for traffic entering & leaving the proposed new development, and the fact that the survey that the decisions are being based on has been commissioned by the developer.

Resolved with all in favour that the council objection be raised again with the relevant parties including concerns regarding the impartiality of the traffic survey that has been used, and also raising concerns on the width of the roads and weight capacity of the bridge at Lambfoot leading to a request that IF the development were to be approved that it would be a condition of planning that NO construction traffic would access the site via Lambfoot and the surrounding roads.

Action Clerk to draft an email and pass to Cllr Petecki for comments before submitting to the relevant parties.

Clerks Actions from the Previous Meeting

Unless otherwise mentioned below all actions are deemed to have been completed.

Fluoridation in Water- The clerk has received further information but it was **resolved** that this be differed until the next meeting when Cllr Wood was present.

Action: Clerk to agenda for the November meeting.

Traffic Data count on the old A66 through Embleton- CCC will install this unit once the works on Cockermouth main street are completed to prevent this providing a skewed set of results.

Action: Clerk to continue to liaise with CCC on this matter.

Clerk to check on the legality of reducing the number of Embleton & District Councillors- No response received from Allerdale Borough Council.

Action: Clerk to continue working on this matter.

Clerk to continue working with Tim Shields regarding the highways work needing completed (Re water crossing the road near the old chapel & flowing down the road at the vicarage)

Action: Clerk to continue working on this matter

Clerk to contact Ms Davis-Johnson regarding signage issues at Lambfoot junction and Higham Hall junction- Ms Davis Johnson has confirmed that a full response will be received in time for the November meeting.

Action: Clerk to agenda this for the November meeting.

Clerk to contact Maysons Bros' to arrange a date for a gully surveying meeting with Cllr Brown & Mr T Wilson- Clerk confirmed that this meeting is taking place on Tuesday 4th November at 9:30am meeting at Embleton Village Hall.

Cllr Hewitson provided some maps of some gullies that she had identified.

Action: Clerk to scan these in and send a copy to Cllr Brown & Mr T Wilson.

Cllr Petecki noted the ones outside the Bassenthwaite Sailing Club need to be included in the mapping exercise.

Action: Clerk to pass this information on to Cllr Brown.

Action: Clerk to contact Cllr Brown and ask that at the meeting he requests an action plan from Mayson Bro's following the meeting of when the issues identified will be dealt with.

Location of Grit Heaps- Cllr Teasdale confirmed that contrary to the response received from Highways the Grit Heaps are definitely in the wrong location. The council **resolved** that as long as grit was provided on Routen Beck Brow (at least one heap if not two) they were happy the others remain where they were. If the council wish to move the incorrectly placed heaps that is up to them.

Action: Clerk to contact CCC Highways regarding this matter.

130.14 Planning

7/2014/2223 Esps Farm, Embleton, Cockermouth, CA13 9XH- Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to three new residential units.

Resolved by all present that Embleton & District Parish Council had no objections to this development, but would request as per the parish plan that a local occupancy condition be attached to the developments.

Action: Clerk to communicate these comments to the LDNPA

7/2014/2208 Adjacent to Dubwath Beck and Bassenthwaite Lake, Bassenthwaite Sailing Club, Bassenthwaite, Cockermouth,- Engineering operations to re-grade ground levels.

Resolved by all present Embleton & District Parish Council have no objections to this development but believe that an independent flood risk assessment be carried out to consider the impact of raising this land on the flood storage capacity of the land and any associated effects on the Lake, the shore, and the waterways.

Action: Clerk to communicate these comments to the LDNPA

7/2014/2240 West Barn, Stanger, Cockermouth, CA13 9TS- Construction of a new detached double garage and domestic store.

Resolved by all present that Embleton & District Parish Council have no objections to this development.

131.14 Consultations

Charges for residents parking permits- Deferred to the November meeting once clarity is received on which streets in Keswick & Cockermouth will be affected.

Action: Clerk to agenda for the November meeting.

132.14 Highways & Parish Maintenance

Overhanging Forestry Commission Trees- Cllr Teasdale raised this issue again, that the Forestry Commission trees are still overgrowing on Routenbeck Brow and higher up near the seat.

Action: Cllr Petecki to speak with the Forestry Commission regarding this matter.

133.14 Council Finances

Reconciliation for October

The reconciliation of finances for October was approved by all & signed by Cllr Petecki. **Resolved by all present.**

It was noted that the Blackrock account has now been closed and the amount of £3314.56 has now been transferred back into the current account.

Authorisation of Payments

None

Update of Asset Register

Covered above

Acceptance and approval of completed Annual Report from BDO

Embleton & District Parish Council were informed of the outcome of the Annual Audit for the year ending March 14, and noted the issue regarding the tick in the trusts box. This issue will be resolved next year.

Resolved that the annual return be accepted and approved.

Request for funding from Allerdale Credit Union

Resolved that the clerk contact Allerdale Credit Union with the Embleton & District Parish Council Grants policy and ask them specifically what they are doing within the parish area to satisfy the criteria laid out in this policy, and offer them the opportunity to attend the next meeting to speak if they wish.

Action: Clerk to action the above.

134.14 Matters for the next meeting

- Asset register review & approval
- Tenancy for Mr G Hind
- Noticeboard maintenance
- Lost Property/Role of the police

135.14 Date of next meeting

The proposed dates for next year were agreed by all.

The next meeting will take place on the 19th November 2014 at 19:15

Meeting closed 21:00

Signed..... (Chair)

Dated.....

Cllr Nelson & Cllr Boardman expressed an interest in attending the Good Councillor training course on the 12th November in Keswick between 2-4pm.

Action: Clerk to book the additional two spaces.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, OCTOBER 2014

3 Tier Meeting including Allerdale CALC AGM Allerdale House, 25th September 2014

AGM

Geoff Smith was re-elected chairman of Allerdale CALC and to the CALC executive.
Rick Petecki was re-elected vice chairman Allerdale CALC and to the CALC executive.
Margaret Throp was re-elected as Allerdale representative on the CALC executive.

3 more parish councillors agreed to join the Allerdale committee.

A presentation by Sonia (CALC) on training for clerks and councillors

Should all councillors have to attend a course like school governors? Some say yes some no, particularly because we struggle to get enough time for training. When we had it brought to us, as in Wigton, it was really worth it, full house.

Speed learning is one way we are looking at it, and also novel ways of paying for the courses.

Joint Meeting

Food Waste Digesters (Cumbria County Council)

Presentation on food digesters and compost makers, bid for discounted prices. Will visit village halls for presentations if wanted.

Purple bag recycling, paper bins. Allerdale want to know who is still not getting them. Send details on to Chris Shaw.

Reusable hessian sacks are being considered. Need a pilot scheme in a parish? Do we want to volunteer? Let Mike Heaslip know.

Mini recycling centres (take your bag to the centre) are being provided for difficult location houses.

Footway and Street Lighting (Allerdale BC and Cumbria CC)

CCC have agreed with Allerdale to split the money from ENW to replace the lights, according to ownership. We now have the definitive list from ENW. ENW contactors are replacing some of the lights and David Brydon needs to know where they have done this.

We have the responses from parishes regarding the survey of lights they want to keep and we work parish by parish since each case is different. We need to look at the lighting system in each village to make sure that we end up with what is needed and are not replacing lights just because they are there already.

CCC will want to take the opportunity to upgrade the lights to more efficient LEDs and have them switch off at certain times. There is also the dark skies policy from the LDNPA. **(I am seeking clarification from the Park regarding the use of this policy not to replace or repair an existing light.)**

The Allerdale position is: The fact is that if a light needs to be replaced under the ENW rules then we have no budget to replace it and the parish council will have to pay for it, every light. We are reviewing all the lights and surveying them and it looks like Allerdale want to put all the light cost on to the parish councils.

Ideal outcome was that in 1974 all lights should have been roadway lights and transferred to Highways, and that will be the aim, but that will take time.

The County position is that if a light is brought up to an acceptable standard then they have to adopt them. They are spending in excess of £7 million in upgrading lights and know which are their responsibility. They have surveyed them all, mapped for the LED change. If we have one of their **street lights** on a pole, they will replace it.

Parishes should apply to Allerdale for a new light to be put up, to be of roadway standard, then it will be adopted.

It was agreed to set up a working group, first meeting in early October.

Attended the working group 9th October:

It was agreed:

- that a standard for a highway adoptable light be defined and accepted by CCC.
- that the proportion of the ENW money allocated to ABC be used to replace **necessary** lights that have been identified by the Parish surveys that have been taken down by ENW.
- that any lights on the ENW list which can be agreed as highways lights be transferred to CCC.

Locality Working in Allerdale (Allerdale BC)

Mike Heaslip reported that:

The attendance of the local meetings has been abysmal. Silloth no one turned up. Information on demographics (as in our plan) to get a picture of the area so that we can identify community needs and assets so that we have something we can work with. This will result in a plan for all 3 tiers of local government for the locality, except for Aspatria who already has a plan.

Next stage is to say, what are the issues and what can we do about them? It is a coalition of the willing and we cannot make people join us but we have to do it whether anyone takes part or not. The second part is the special area plan but does not affect parishes in the LDNPA but it would be nice to work with them, wouldn't it?