

BOOTLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2017 IN CAPTAIN SHAW'S SCHOOL, BOOTLE COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

110/16 Attendance

Cllr D Faulkner, Cllr R Kenworthy, Cllr R Read, Cllr M Capstick, Cllr P George
Cllr T Miles arrived at 8.15pm
County Councillor K Hitchen

Apologies

Cllr G Stoker

111/16 Exclusion of Press and Public from the meeting

There were no matters on the Agenda which required the exclusion of Press or Public

112/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Faulkner declared an interest in all items relating to the Swimming Pool

113/16 Minutes of Meeting held on 12th December 2016

Minutes of the Meeting of 12th December 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman

114/16 Police Liaison Report

A report had been received and circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The report was accepted.

It was noted that there was very little information in the reports and that it would be worthwhile the PCSO attending a minimum of 2 meetings a year to give verbal updates.

Cty Cllr Hitchen stated that he would ask the PCSO to attend 2 meetings a year minimum.

115/16 PROGRESS REPORTS

115/16.1 Footway Lighting

It was noted that the new lights were working at Mill St but there had been complaints that they only provided limited pool light, unlike the old lights. The other two lights (located at Summerhill and Hycemoor Way appeared to be still not working.

115/16.2 North West Coast Connections

NG It was reported that the submission from the Council had been submitted and confirmed to the Clerk by a representative of National Grid that it had arrived.

ENW- there had been a communication that the proposed Windfarm at Haverigg had been cancelled and this could have an impact on the National Grid proposals.

OFGEN – There was an opportunity for the Council to respond to an OFGEN consultation paper regarding the NWCC project – suitability for competitive tender. To agree with the routes.

116/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

117/16 County Councillor and District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Hitchen explained that County was responsible for the beach road and that Copeland was responsible for the management of the beach front. To realign the shoreline and give some protection to the road would cost £180 – 200k. To put a concrete wall from Eskmeals to the toilets would cost approx £1/2m but this would prevent people seeing over and reduce access to the shore.

The preferred method would be steel driven piling to protect the road and still allow access to the beach.

The issue of the beach was raised at a recent Highways meeting with the Mayor.

The issue of the beach road and front is now to be raised at the full Council in February as the issue of the beach road has an impact on the local communities and Eskmeals Range.

Cllr Hitchen suggested that residents accessed the Copeland BC website and the link to the budget consultation document and give their views, as the beach issue comes under the category of “support/maintenance of businesses and the protection of vulnerable people”. The latter because if the road disappears (estimation is one big storm will remove the road) then there will be no access for blue light services to these communities except for twice a day at low tide.

Cllr Hitchen was thanked for the update and attending the meeting

118/16 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

118/16.1 Applications

None had been received

118/16.2 Ratifications

None undertaken

118/16.3 Approved Planning Applications

7/2016/4062 Broadwater Lane, Bootle Station

Single storey building to house a swimming pool and related changerooms and equipment rooms. Relocation of existing childrens play area within the proposed site boundary

Outline Planning Permission GRANTED

118/16.4 Delegation Powers

A letter had been received by Julie Wood, Solicitor for LDNP explaining the Scheme of Delegation in response to letter sent by the Chair regarding the refusal of the replacement of the Chapel Windows which had been supported by the Parish Council.

Cllr Hitchen stated that should the Parish Council wish to speak on an application they must state this at the response, which will then ensure that an application has to be heard and cannot be determined under delegated powers.

119/16 FINANCIAL RECORDS

119/16.1 The following payments were approved:

Thomas Butler & Son	Legal fees – land registry	£232.00
D Faulkner	Hi viz vests – Bootle in Bloom	£ 89.51
D Faulkner	Re-imburement commissioner fees	£ 8.00
SLCC	Membership fee	£ 31.00
SH Penellum	Toilet Cleaning Dec	£ 67.50
Eon	Electricity – toilets	£ 55.07

Cllr Faulkner had investigated alternatives to the current electricity charges. It was agreed to change to a 3 year fixed tariff which would see a reduction if the electricity bill.

Cllr Faulkner was also charged to investigate a combined charge with Copeland BC.

119/16.2 To note the receipt of payments
None received.

119/16.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 31 December 2016

The bank reconciliation had been undertaken by the Clerk and was checked and verified by Cllr Capstick.

119/16.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 December 2016 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

The following deviations to the Budget were agreed:

Expenses	
Clerk/Council expenses inc by	£ 60
HMRC inc by	£ 50
Legal expenses inc by	£140
Toilets- Cleaning inc by	£100

The Variances would be adjusted using the under spend of £464.00 on the Benches/Notice boards Project.

Cllr Miles attended the meeting

119/16.5 The Clerk reported that the precept had been submitted to Copeland BC for 2017/18

119/16.6 Toilets A letter of complaint had been received about the state of the toilets. It was proposed by Cllr Kenworthy and seconded by Cllr Read and resolved to authorise a plumber to undertake minor repairs to the toilets to a maximum cost of £200.

120/16 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

120/16.1 Flooding

Cllrs Kenworthy and Capstick reported that a follow up meeting had been held on 16 January with the flood resilience group, comprising of mainly flood effected residents. A walk down of the river to identify issues and and engagement with landowners had been done over the Xmas period. The majority of the landowners were prepared to do a large proportion of the necessary work providing the permits were obtained on their behalf. The agreed next step is to again engage with the relevant agencies to agree which of the proposed works are appropriate and provide mitigation. This will then be developed to create method statements and applications for the relevant permits.

The group and residents are continuing to identify gulleys and drains that are required to be maintained by Cumbria CC and a checklist to be produced. Funding details for personal property grants and links to possible prevention devices have also been shared with the flood resilience group for distribution with other residents.

120/16.2 Emergency Plan – Community Resilience Group

There was a meeting on 31 January at Cockermouth and Cllr Faulkner hoped to attend to gain some ideas of what was required.

120/16.3 Buckingham Palace Garden Party Nomination

It was agreed to put forward Mr T James' name forward as past Chairman of the Bootle Parish Council. Cllr Faulkner to approach Mr James.

121/16 Reports from representatives on outside bodies and working groups

121/16.1 Beach

See 117/16 above

121/16.2 Wellbank

This had been delayed, as not all the money had been sourced yet. Hoping for a June start.

121/16.3 Swimming Pool

There was to be a meeting on Saturday 21 January 2017, where volunteers were required for fund raising and eventual operating of the pool. The committee were in the process of undertaking detailed planning for submission.

121/16.4 Wellbank Footpath

No progress. There were issues in convincing landowners to allow the footpath to be built. Copeland Community Fund had been approached but the project was more than £150k. Cllr Hitchen suggested that Cumbria CC be approached and investigate potential funding for a multi-user footpath. Eric Barker, Copeland and LDNP to be approached by Cllr Faulkner as the footpath would benefit tourism.

121/16.5 Community Planning

See 120/16.2.

122/16 Correspondence

An email had been received re celebrating the end of World War 1. The Council agreed to express an interest and was looking to organise a beacon on the top of Black Combe with Whicham and Millom without Parish Councils.

123/16 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Faulkner reported that he would be away the beginning of February and Cllr Read agreed to put notices of meetings etc up on the notice boards
- The Clerk to laminate notices to advertise the website
- Cllr Kenworthy reported that the website was in need of a review and key messages needed to be changed. Ideas put forwarded were the flood meetings, the beach and the swimming pool

124/16 Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held at Captain Shaw's School, Bootle on 13 February 2017 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.15pm