

## **BOOTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 IN CAPTAIN SHAW'S SCHOOL, BOOTLE COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

#### **63/16 Attendance**

Cllr D Faulkner, Cllr, R Kenworthy Cllr M Capstick, , Cllr P George, Cllr B Dunn, Cllr T Miles. Cllr G Stoker and Cllr A Brown attended midway through the meeting

#### **Apologies**

Cllr P Woodhouse

5 members of the public were present

#### **64/16 Co-option of Councillor**

Cllr R Read (co-option) was welcomed to the meeting.

#### **65/16 Exclusion of Press and Public from the meeting**

It was agreed that item 11.5 on the Agenda (discussion on Clerk's pay and conditions) would be moved to the end of the Agenda should there be any members of the public or press present when this part of the Agenda was reached and any present would be asked to leave the meeting at this point.

#### **66/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Faulkner declared an interest in the Outline Planning Application for the Swimming Pool

#### **67/16 Minutes of Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Minutes of the Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman

#### **68/16 Police Liaison Report**

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

#### **69/16 PROGRESS REPORTS**

##### **69/16.1 Registration of Land Titles**

The Chairman reported that there was no further news and he would seek an update from the Solicitor and feed back at the next meeting.

##### **69/16.2 Healthwatch**

A consultation paper had been received as to the options on hospitals. A response is required by November. Cllr George to look into this further.

#### **70/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

5 members of the public who had been affected by the recent flooding attended the meeting. Morag Hopkins spoke on behalf of the community that had been affected. She thanked the Parish Council for their efforts on behalf of the residents. The sandbags and salt bins had been delivered along with barriers to divert the flow of water. She asked if 2 more bins for salt and sand bags could be obtained for the top of Capstick's longing.

The public meeting with representatives from Copeland Borough Council, the Highways Dept and West Cumbria rivers was to be held on Monday 17 October 2016 at Captain Shaw's School.

The drain had still not been cleared, but it had been noted that some remedial works had been carried out on the bridge.

Cllr Faulkner reported that the Cumbria Community fund was constrained to only assist those who had been affected by the December floods, but the fund was looking at what legal changes would be required to open the fund up to other flood victims.

The residents were feeling positive that their voice was being heard and were open to discussions and suggestions as to how to prevent a re-occurrence.

The members of the public then left the meeting.

#### **71/16 County Councillor and District Councillors' Reports**

No report had been received from Cllr Hitchen.

#### **72/16 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT**

##### **72/16.1 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 children's play area within the proposed site boundary

The Council resolved to approve the application as it was a valuable asset to the community

The application was considered and Mr T James was asked to give reasons for replacement rather than repair.

After consideration, the Council agreed that in the interests of the stability and longevity of the building that the Council SUPPORT the application for renewal on the grounds that when the other 7 windows had been replaced dry rot had been discovered in the window casings which would not have been evident if the windows had been repaired.

##### **72/16.2 Ratifications**

None undertaken

##### **72/16.3 Approved Planning Applications**

7/2016/4056 Bootle Evangelical Church, Chapel Lane, Bootle

Renewal of two wooden windows

##### **Listed Building Consent Refused**

7/2016/4042 Field No 4363, Near Hycemoor, Bootle

Erection of a Steel framed agricultural building

**REFUSED**

#### **73/16 FINANCIAL RECORDS**

**73/16.1** The following payments were approved:

Millom Network Centre	Hire of Room	£ 16.00
TA James	Toilet Consumables	£ 57.54
Peter Woodhouse & Co	Ground care Hycemoor	£264.00
Jacksons Timber Ltd	Wood for Notice Boards	£ 20.16
SH Penellum	Toilet Cleaning Sept	£ 67.50

**73/16.2 Receipts**

Bootle Evangelical Church      Bootle in Bloom      £25.00

**73/16.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement**

The Bank statement had been reconciled and signed by Cllr Stoker

**73/16.4**      To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 September 2016 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget. No adjustments were required.

**73/16.5 To Review the Clerk's Pay and Conditions**

The Clerk had been subject to a performance review and a number of objectives had been agreed.

It was agreed to keep the hours to 16 per month.

It was agreed to increase the Clerk's hourly rate from £8.71 to £9.00 commencing 1 April 2017

Proposed Cllr Stoker, Seconded Cllr Kenworthy  
Unanimous decision.

**74/16 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

**74/16.1 Flooding**

This had been discussed during the public session meeting. See 70/16 above

**74/16.2 Northwest Coast Connections inc Joint Parish Council meetings**

NWCC and National Grid had cancelled the planned briefing session on 13 October 2016. It was understood that information would be supplied on an area specific basis. It was hoped that the pre-briefings would improve the consultation process and drop-in centres dates were to be announced.

An article in the Times newspaper indicated that there was a possibility of undergrounding through the LDNP.

UNESCO inspectors had been visiting the Lake District and were concerned re the threat of pylons.

Power without Pylons had financed an independent report on the rejected offshore option.

**74/16.3 Emergency Plan**

This was deferred to the November meeting.

**75/16 Reports from representatives on outside bodies and working groups**

**75/16.1 Beach**

Cllr Kenworthy reported that he had a meeting with the Mayor, Karl Melville (County Highways) and Keith Hitchen re the road along the beach. Copeland BC were responsible for the erosion and Cumbria CC were responsible for the road. It was agreed that remedial action was required. It would cost approx £4m to put a new road in. Suggestions were sea defence wall using sheet pylons, banning cars from the beach, groyne out to sea to take out some of the energy from the waves. Risk Assessment on options and an impact assessment required to identify any problems further down the coast.

**75/16.2 Wellbank**

It was rumoured that Channel 4 were undertaking filming for a programme on how villages thrive/survive with the emphasis on Wellbank and the school

**75/16.3 Swimming Pool**

An outline planning consent had been submitted (see 72/16.1)

**75/16.4 Wellbank Footpath**

Inmans Farm – LDNP undertaking some work.

S106 monies (from Wellbank project) which was proposed to pay for the footpath had not yet been signed off.

BICiCC were having a meeting w/c 17/10/16 when this would be discussed. Still waiting for a design of the footpath.

Some legal help would be required. 4 different farmers need to agree to release land to be used for a footpath.

Clerk instructed to contact Cllr Hitchen to raise awareness of the problems raised by no footpath.

LDNP – district areas meeting on 11/10/16 – to be raised in conjunction with proposed Western Corridor transport scheme.

**75/16.5 Community Planning**

There was nothing to report as yet.

**76/16 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence had been received from CALC re proposed changes to legislation requiring Parish Councils to hold a referendum if they wished to raise the Precept by more than 2%. The Council to respond that it does not agree with the suggestion on the grounds that it would impose an unnecessary cost on the Parish Council.
2. An email had been received by Cllr Kenworthy from the Nursery re the refurbishment of the Pavilion kitchen and seeking a contribution towards the cost from the Parish Council. Cllr Kenworthy to respond requiring additional information of where other funding is to sought from.
3. A letter ad been received that a Smart Meter could not be installed in the toilets as there was no signal.
4. A letter had been received from Mouchel requiring information re the ownership of the football ground. It was agreed not to respond to this or provide the information sought.

**77/16 Councillor Matters**

- Cllr Storey reported that he was attending a college course and apologised that he would be late attending meetings until June 2017.

**78/16 Next Meeting**

The next meeting to be held at Captain Shaw's School, Bootle on 14 November 2016 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9.30pm