

**Draft Meeting Minutes of Thirlwall Parish Council held on
Wednesday 9th September 2020 using zoom online at 7.30pm**

Meeting commenced at 7.31pm

Present: Cllr S Seymour, Cllr J Armstrong, Cllr B Barwick and Cllr A Sharp

Clerk: Mrs C Jarvis

Members of Public Present: LA, JA, JR.

59/20 Apologies for Absence Cllr P Jameson

Cllr P Hunter was not present and had not offered any apologies. As Cllr P. Hunter has not been present since November 2019 the Councillors decided to advertise for a new councillor in the normal way.

PROPOSED: Cllr SS SECONDED: Cllr JA

AGREED

60/20 Declarations of Interest

None.

61/20 Public Questions

CK wanted to thank AS, DK and Cllr PJ for clearing the blockage on the Pow Charney Burn.

62/20 Minutes of the meeting to be approved on: Wednesday 22nd July 2020

PROPOSED: Cllr SS SECONDED: Cllr JA

AGREED

63/20 Matters arising from previous minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current agenda

None.

64/20 Gilsland Matters reports and resolutions arising

64/20.01 Gilsland Play Area – Repairs and Renewals/updates

Sand needed – Cemetery staff to complete the job. Up the hill it is very overgrown. Public footpath:

Trail (railway land)? Clerk to write to Network Rail. Cllr A Sharp to contact NCC about footpath.

64/20.02 Crammel Rigg Timber

No problems.

64/20.03 Crammel Linn Waterfall

Problems seem to have abated.

64/20.04 Gilsland Village Misc.

Irthing House inhabitants (dog bin request). Clerk had found out price of dog bin £50. This also applies to dog bin

For north end of Longbyre. Clerk to contact Kevin Fowler at NCC regarding this. Clerk to purchase 2 dog bins and ask cemetery staff to install.

PROPOSED: Cllr SS SECONDED: Cllr JA

AGREED

Clerk: Mrs Catherine Jarvis Email: clerk@thirlwallparishcouncil.org.uk www.visitgilsland.org.uk

J. Ridley wall issue (behind Samson Inn) – Clerk to contact J.R. about the state of the wall. Cllr AS to chase.

64/20.05 Gilsland churchyard

£250 donation paid to church on 09/09/20 as agreed in previous meetings.

65/20 Longbyre Matters reports and updates and resolutions arising

65/20.01 Parking issues – Appendix 1 (Longbyre car park proposal)

Issues had been raised in Longbyre carpark meeting. Coach problems as a larger bus had been put in place (Haydon Bridge High School) due to COVID19. Flood risk would increase as a result of the carpark being created.

Green space would be lost. People may still choose to park outside their own houses. No drainage from Holyrood House upwards on road. Moderate rainfall now and this will increase in the future. Surveyors commented that the green land beside Four Wynds is already saturated. Cllr AS stated that a planning application would be required. He was not sure how much he would be able to contribute to the cost from his Members Allowance Scheme. Cllr SS stated that a definitive vote had not taken place at the meeting – it was a consultation. Cllr BB said that we should not go ahead if the development of a carpark increased the flood risk. It was emphasized again that all residents and guests should park within properties where possible. Road narrows at Low Castle Terrace and traffic parks on left hand side going up the hill. Problems with residents not parking as close to the wall as possible. Clerk had obtained a photo from the internet of white lines painted on the road = one vehicle width free. Could this help our situation? This is to be looked at further and investigated. NCC will also investigate further the question of drainage along the main road in Longbyre beside residents' houses and find a solution to it.

It was decided not to progress the idea of creating the carpark at present but to continue to look for other ways of ameliorating parking problems.

PROPOSED: Cllr SS SECONDED: Cllr JA

AGREED

65/20.02 Land at Stoneybeck/encroachment – comments and correspondence plus updates – held in open meeting

The owners of Stoneybeck had been threatened with legal action but are now in the process of negotiation. Cllr SS had received an email from the owner on 08/09/20 stating that work would not start until the holiday let period had finished. The PC's demands are the following: that the land is to be returned to its original condition; extension to be built on existing footings and boundary to be from the wooden fence corner by the beck to the corner of the building; compensation has been requested from the owner (£2500) for trespass and encroachment.

The owner is to pay for the survey and registration of the new boundary. Work is to be finished by mid-October. The owner is engaging a different builder to complete the work.

66/20 Grounds Matters and updates and resolutions arising

Longbyre: condition of the road – Cllr AS investigating.

Greengate & Moss Peteral Farm: condition of the road – Cllr AS investigating.

Parking in Gilsland: on-going concern particularly as many people are now working from home. Cllr SS is to contact owner of the caravan parked dangerously on Rosehill.

Printed signs were put out on windscreens asking people not to park on pavements and grass around bus shelter. Yellow lines on the road have been discussed for a long time.

JD to be asked to put posts below bus stop in Gilsland. Cllr SS will buy posts and JD will put them in.

67/20 Local Transport Plan

- A. Gilsland – Bus Timetable
- B. Greenhead – Gilsland – Gilsland cycle route, this is not supported by landowner along the route.
- C. Open Gilsland Station. In Scotland, a whole railway is planned to reopen up north of Carlisle.

68/20 Planning Applications

- 68/20.01 20/00473/FUL Land of East of Riversdale Gilsland Northumberland WITHDRAWN
- 68/20.02 20/01567/FUL 10 Low Castle Terrace Greenhead CA8 7HS AGREED
- 68/20.03 20/02049/Proposal to remove Phone Box opp. Sub PO PC01 CA8 7BG Gilsland Closing date into 2021 when this will be revisited (possibly 31/05/21 – to be checked.)

69/20 Financial and Administration Matters

- 69/20.01 Bank Reconciliation and Accounts for Payments as at 9th September 2020 – Appendix 2
- 69/20.02 Income and expenditure as at 1st September 2020 – Appendix 3

Grant Requests

- 69/20.03 Sport Tynedale grant aid £100 grant.

PROPOSED: Cllr SS SECONDED: Cllr JA

AGREED

- 70/20 Correspondence
- 70/20.01 Broadband campaign Cllrs updated.
- 70/20.02 HSBC Banking – safeguarding review – confirmation yet to be received. Clerk to chase.
- 70/20.03 Local electricity bill reintroduction – Cllrs updated.
- 70/20.04 Any other correspondence – NIL.

- 71/20 Matters for the next agenda and any other business:
Change note – Longbyre defibrillator on bus shelter (clerk to do)

72/20 Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Council – to receive a report

Next Thursday (following 09/09/20) is the next meeting. Cllr SS wrote to the chair of board re: allotments managed by the Burial Board as the group planning a community growing project expressed concerns re: site management.

73/20 Dates and time of next meeting

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 11th November 2020

Venue to be confirmed nearer the date (whether virtual online or Gilsland Village Hall) ALL WELCOME (please keep an eye on Thirlwall PC website: www.visitgilsland.org.uk)

Meeting concluded at 8.58 pm.