

**Draft Meeting Minutes of Thirlwall Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 using zoom online at 7.30pm**

**Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

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

**Clerk:** Mrs C Jarvis

**Members of Public Present:** LW, JW, CK, CW, NJ, TG, LG, KG

**74/20 Apologies for Absence None**

**75/20 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**76/20 Public Questions**

Questions dealt with in other parts of the meeting.

**77/20 Minutes of the meeting to be approved on: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**PROPOSED: Cllr SS SECONDED: Cllr JA**

**AGREED**

**78/20 Matters arising from previous minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current agenda**

Wall in Gilsland (behind Samson Inn) owned by J.R. – has been written to by clerk and awaiting update from owner.

Clerk has amended defib sign in Longbyre village (on bus shelter) relating to location of defib as requested.

**79/20 Gilsland Matters** reports and resolutions arising

**79/20.01 Gilsland Play Area – Repairs and Renewals/updates**

3 of poles (in slide area) are broken. MG from Haltwhistle Burial Team has looked at them. Cllr JA has had a surveyor also look at them and that person has suggested putting in a path to the right of the steps. A discussion took place about sources of funding – Cllr AS could provide money (possibly £2K) from his Members' Allowance as long as NCC allow it. No funding is available from Section 106 funding. It is possible that local Gilsland people would help with the digging out and the funds from the Members' Allowance Scheme may cover some of the cost of this.

Cllr AS will check and Cllr BB and Cllr JA will get it all costed out.

Annual inspection is due about now? Clerk to check.

**79/20.02 Gilsland Bus Shelter**

The mosaic project is on course to take place next summer. (CH is organising this.)

**79/20.03 Gilsland Parking**

Problems with people parking in the bus bay/pavement/lay-by. Posts have been placed on the verge by the PC.

People are now parking in between the posts. Solution would be to put in proper parking posts. Cllr JA reported problems whereby someone on a mobility scooter could not get past the parked cars on the pavement. Perhaps yellow lines may also be a solution. The next step would be to also involve the police. Cllr JA to contact police – Inspector Neil.

**79/20.04 Verge along Riversdale**

A resident had reported that someone had been spoiling the verge along the lane of the playground (it is the strip belonging to the council – the clerk confirmed this). Cllr JA and Cllr BB had looked at this but believe no damage has been done – if anything it looks better and tidier. Cllr SS will report back to the resident who had raised the problem.

**79/20.05 Position – Jubilee Stone**

PC had been asked by Upper Denton PC if Jubilee Stone (currently beside Bridge Inn) to go near the bus shelter. It would be paid for by UD PC. Cllr JA and Cllr BB will meet with UD PC Chairperson to put a marker on the area where the stone is to be moved to – new position beside bus shelter.

**80/20 Longbyre Matters reports and updates and resolutions arising****80/20.01 Parking issues**

The last meeting – the Cllrs had agreed not to proceed with carpark idea due to the flood risk – the creation of the car park would decrease the permeability of the land. If there was any flooding it would make the problem worse for the village particularly Four Wynds, Prospect House, Holyrood House and any houses at the bottom of the hill in the village.

Cllr AS stated that as regards drainage issues – drains needed to be in front of Four Wynds; Prospect House; Holyrood House. NCC had stated that if there was a huge amount of rain then Andy Olive of NCC would come and look at this issue. Cllr AS to chase.

It was agreed that the drains should be put in front of houses at some stage. There was a proposal to revisit the carpark issue when drains were installed.

**PROPOSED: Cllr SS    SECONDED: Cllr JA    SECONDED**

Cllr SS also mentioned the possibility of putting in white lines down Longbyre main road whereby the cars would be parked behind these lines responsibly. An example had been shown of Hope Cove in the last meeting.

JW mentioned the Low Castle Terrace properties where cars become flooded where the waters rise as the beck floods. It was proposed that a drainage survey would include the beck area at the bottom of Longbyre. CK mentioned that the culvert at the railway may not be big enough to take all of the beck water. Perhaps the beck/burn should be dredged? The gravel would be taken away to clear the Pow Charney river/beck. There was also a discussion regarding the camber of the road.

Cllr AS stated that he would provide the contacts for the Environment Agency/NCC/Highways as there had been a similar discussion about this at Haydon Bridge PC recently.

The owner of Four Wynds/clerk (CJ) also mentioned that reports had been received about many car parks along Hadrian's Wall having the problem of campervans parking overnight plus lots of litter being left to be cleared up.

The main focus then would be: drainage and a report from the Environment Agency as regards next steps with the carpark issue.

**80/20.02 Land at Stoneybeck/encroachment – comments and correspondence plus updates**

Relandscaping and planting has been done of the encroached area. There was bad feeling in the village by the encroachment as this had gone on for over 1 year. Cllr SS recapped TPC's position on the matter. An email had been received from the owners 11/11/20 and TG, LG and KG disputed TPC's position and claimed that the land belonged to them. All the councillors were unanimous (Cllr SS; Cllr JA, Cllr BB and Cllr PJ) that the owners of Stoneybeck should

put the land back as it was and pay the TPC compensation. The owners of Stoneybeck continued to dispute this but the clerk intervened to draw the discussion to a halt as other business had to be attended to in the meeting.

### **80/20.03 Dog Bin Location**

It was agreed that the cheapest option would be chosen from those provided by AK of NCC. The new bins (2) from Broxap Ltd were not to be used and were now surplus to requirements. The clerk would provide the relevant options for Cllr SS to see.

A location has been identified at the Longbyre woods, on TPC land, on the side of B6318 which is also agreeable to AK of NCC for waste disposal purposes on a regular basis. Clerk to send photo of this location to Cllr SS.

**PROPOSED: Cllr SS**

**SECONDED: Cllr JA**

**AGREED**

### **81/20 Grounds Matters** reports and updates and resolutions arising

State of roads: Longbyre: Greengate Well Farm and Moss Peteral Farm and the main road in Longbyre need to be resolved. Cllr AS to chase.

Leaves in Gilsland – leaves swept off footpath – Cllr AS to chase.

Clerk has written to Network Rail as regards Gilsland problem at top of public footpath beside playground. Awaiting their response.

### **82/20 Financial and Administration Matters**

**82/20.01** Bank Reconciliation and Accounts for Payments as at 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 – Appendix 1 – report delivered by clerk

**83/20.02** Income and expenditure as at 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 – Appendix 2 – report delivered by clerk

### **82/20.03 Appointment of New Councillor – Discussion and Admin**

MB of Gilsland has been identified as wanting to become a councillor. The individual is local and lives within the parish. Has access to telephone/email and is computer literate.

**PROPOSED: Cllr JA**

**SECONDED: Cllr BB, Cllr PJ and Cllr SS**

**AGREED**

### **82/20.04 Resignation of Clerk and Administrative Matters**

#### **Resolution to exclude the Press and Public**

To consider a resolution to exclude the public and accredited representatives of the newspapers from the following item relevant to a subject which affects the Council's area.

#### **Resolution**

"That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the Public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw."

This resolution is moved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

### **83/20 Correspondence**

COVID19 survey by the University of Southampton – on website.

### **84/20 Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Council – to receive a report**

Burials – less so income reduced. Employees are doing contract work for Haltwhistle and Henshaw Parish Councils. Van has been replaced. Staff contracts are signed. No VAT papers to be signed. Overall everything is going well.

**85/20**            **Matters for the next agenda and any other business:**

**86/20**            **Dates and time of next meeting**

Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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**Meeting concluded at 9.15pm.**

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