

# Thirlwall Parish Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Gilsland Village Hall

## Approved Minutes

**Present** – Sue Seymour, Chair; Judith Armstrong (Vice-Chair), Paul Jameson (Councillor), Bev Barwick (Councillor), Alan Sharp (NCCouncillor), Susan Saunders (Clerk to stand in for C. Jarvis from September 2018 – July 2019), Catherine Jarvis, Clerk

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

**48/18** Apologies – Steven Warren, Cllr. Declaration of interest: B. Barwick Cllr (Gilsland Nursery)

**48/18.1** Introduction of Susan Saunders as clerk from September 2018 until July 2019 as C. Jarvis will be away on a course (PGCE)

**49/18** Last meeting minutes (30<sup>th</sup> May 2018) signed by Sue Seymour. Seconded by JA.

### **50/18 Gilsland – Matters arising**

S. Warren's (Cllr) comments about state of village read out by C. Jarvis. Irthing Park – the residents trim it themselves. Grass bank – done by HW Trail people.

#### **50/18.1 B6318 – pavements and roads/villages appearance**

Speed warning sign now in place.

Samson Bridge Traffic calming scheme discussed. It has been agreed by the Parish Council.

Chris Westerby (NCC) met with Alan Sharp – not going to spend any money on roads before timber extraction. (SS, Chair, demurred.) LTP program: work will be done in this financial year.

NCC has done some of ditches and bad pot holes. Street light outside GG's area/yard.

Village appearance: the local parish councils do a lot of maintenance – perhaps TPC can pay.

Sue Seymour, Chair, does not want wild flowers to be out with in village. JD used to cut bank and V to cut it. J Armstrong (Cllr) to speak to V.

#### **50/18.6 Hadrian's Wall Trail through Gilsland**

HW Trail: trenched out gully in beck. DM, farmer, wanted to put pipe in/soil across it. Then Cumbria County Council took him to court. Potentially unsafe for walkers. Hence Hadrian's Wall Trail diversion.

- a) DM – possibly could finish off what he was going to do.
- b) COGS (Campaign to reopen Gilsland Station) – unhappy about walkers on rail crossing. DN, present, commented on all of this as regards the numbers of walkers being assessed. Railway. CCTV – Play area in school/nursery at Gilsland. Roman Rest – comments from walkers. Lorna Lazzari, HW Trail Manager, invited to discuss HW Trail. LL sent comments via email instead: Rail crossing – she visited with Ranger and they also added new way-marking to install to the south of children's play park and new acorns at the Willowford farm entrance. Diversion is now more evident. They are due to have a Partnership meeting where the diversion through Gilsland would be discussed. Cumbria County Council: could replace foot bridge across the beck/stream. Alan Sharp (NCCllr) proposed meeting with Lorna Lazzari on site. Discussion of: Diverting trail through the village. Japanese/Chinese walking on railway. 1000 people pass the Willowford Gate.

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Tourist sights e.g. Roman Bridge at Willowford and the Milecastle (No.48) at Poltross/King's Stables should be seen by visitors. Crossing on the Throp on railway. Problems with diversions through the village and footpaths. – villagers do not want narrower road. Problems with restricted width of road footpaths. Suggestions from COGS – money from Lawrence Fisher, Cumbria CCllr. Recommended that there be new/fresh signs for Poltross/King's Stables and beside Gilsland Playground.

Standardised signs (acorn signs) for National Trail.

Legal right to go over railway unless Network Rail. Network Rail cannot prevent walkers from doing this. Positive effect of diversion – increased trade for House of Meg.

**Overall councillors in favour of route reverting to original HW route.**

Someone to engage with DM: to improve drainage in that area. Water coming out of school area onto his land. Lorna Lazzari looking for a meeting with Network Rail. Time to talk to Lorna Lazzari on site (Lorna is based at The Sill, Northumberland National Park). Alan Sharp to talk to Lorna Lazzari – a meeting to be fixed up very soon. DM no longer a Councillor on Upper Denton Parish council.

### **50/18.2 Pumphouse - update**

Pumphouse – AS last finished project and forward planning to see what is to be done with it. Does someone want to buy it? Check clean title on it? Clerk to check and action.

### **50/18.3 Tilhill/Crammel Rigg update**

NCC not happy with risk assessment. Iggesund submitted revised risk assessment. Not accepted by NCC. Meeting with villagers affected by it. Chris Westerby to meet with Iggesund. Another meeting with GS and the village.

### **50/18.4 Play Area/S106 monies**

Successful in applying for funds S106. No grant offer received by M. Dixon. Kompan will install the equipment early August or early September.

Date of 23/7/18 – for all claim documentation to be submitted to M. Dixon/NCC.

31/7/18 – spend and claim S106 monies. AS to loan £5K. Put it in as a loan.

TPC happy to proceed with this. All agreed. £6.50 cash received from SM and weekly report.

#### **50/18.4.1 SW's report/working with Haltwhistle Cemetery Team – deep clean**

Report from Steve Warren. £440.80 cost for a deep clean. TPC agreed and date to come.

Further detail: email M. Ridley and ask for clarification and cc. Karen Little, clerk, re: 12 hours x 2 = what staff.

Labour	12 Hour x 2	@ £15.00 per hour
Pressure washer	2 days	@ £35.00 per day
Travel	24 miles	@ .45p per mile

Total £440.80 cost

MG and S @ Haltwhistle – MG lives at cemetery lodge. DB to paint once cleaned and fencing. SW's report to cemetery staff and full report.

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### **50/18.4.2 Paying Kompan by 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**

AS £5K – loan. Accepted by TPC with gratitude. To be repaid once monies received from NCC.

### **50/18.4.5 Defibrillator Training – 2<sup>nd</sup> Session TBA**

Defib training – Bev Barwick. Youth Group. Daisy (7-13 years max 20) group

Bev Barwick, Cllr, to send details to book with Youth Club.

Daisy: 2 hour course for adults with discount. £25 per person.

Possibility of arranging 2<sup>nd</sup> training session for Gilsland parishioners who were not present at first training session.

### **50/18.6 Hadrian's Wall Trail through Gilsland**

HWT – all discussed (as above).

### **51/18 Haltwhistle Joint Burial Committee**

Next meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.

### **52/18 Longbyre**

#### **52/18.1 Signs regarding the disposal of dog waste**

Dog signs to be given to TPC clerk by Susan Saunders

#### **52/18.2 State of vegetation and trees along Cyclepath 72**

Vegetation and trees getting very high along Cyclepath 72

For sale signs – Sue Seymour, Chair, to approach residents of Longbyre and estate agents as regards these. Too many signs are being put on green which belongs to TPC.

### **53/18 Parish Council Grant Giving Policy**

To go on website – agreed and adopted by TPC Councillors.

People/organisations to send accounts and documentation – if it is useful/necessary.

### **54/18 Internal auditor's report - update**

Certain follow-up points still to be done and VAT to be reclaimed for last three years.

#### **54/18.1 Risk Assessment**

Insurance covers all assets including defibrillators. Adequate cover maintained.

### **55/18 COGs/PC Website/Training - update**

Training provided by Steve Gibbon to Catherine Jarvis, Susan Saunders and AH – uploading of certain documents to be done.

### **55/18.1 Assets and liabilities List/Land Registry name change from previous clerk**

Assets and liabilities list to go on website – agreed.

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TPC land – Longbyre land/Playground/Pumphouse – clean title and transferred into name of C. Jarvis, Clerk at Land Registry

### **56/18 Accounts**

**56/18.1 New bank mandate to be signed** – updating councillor signatories (done)

**56/18.2** £48.77 agreed. (printer ink – retrospective agreement)

**56/18.3 Clerk's expenses** - £159.06 – agreed.

### **57/18 Planning**

**57/18.1 Confirmation of planning decision at Stoneybeck 18/01133/FUL and 18/00987/FUL**

AS spoke with NCC. Cannot object to cars parking in that area. Noise – there has to be a noise order.

### **58/18 Correspondence and 58/18.1 EH Invitation to Birdoswald**

1.30-4.30pm Birdoswald fort visit – EH invitation on 16/07/18.

#### Correspondence re: Local Transport Policy (LTP)

More sensible bus times – 185; COGS – station to reopen; Resurfacing B6318

Sue Seymour, Chair, to draft reply and circulate

N.B.: Bus timetables – nothing on display

Susan Saunders to follow up on this point.

### **59/18 Matters to be placed on next agenda/any other business**

AOB: letter of request received from Gilsland Nursery

Grant re: some equipment for outdoor equipment, e.g. playhouse – small pieces of equipment

TPC requested that a covering letter is required from a teacher, Yvonne Weir.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

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