

ASKHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MARCH 14th 2016

Present.

Mr Lowther (in the chair), Mr Cann, Dr Smith, Mrs Harker.
 Mr Slee (EDC), Mrs Drinkwater (Clerk)

63.1 Apologies for absence

Mr Tallis - working away.
 Mr Ireland - working away.
 Mrs Robinson - prior engagement.

63.2 Declarations of interest in agenda items.

None were made.

63.3 Minutes of the meeting held on January 11th.

Having been circulated the minutes were taken as read. They were approved as a correct record and signed as such by Mr Lowther.

63.4 Public comments and concerns.

No members of the public were present but Mrs Harker raised comments from a parishioner regarding parking during a recent cycling event in the village. She was assured that there had been adequate stewarding to avoid parking on the greens. Askham will be used frequently in the future for similar events.

63.5 Reports from EDC and CCC councillors and LDNPA representative.

CCC and LDNPA were not present.
 Mr Slee (EDC) spoke about Cumbria Deal, a Government initiative to give money to local authorities to run devolved services. Only Eden in Cumbria was in favour of the scheme so it collapsed. EDC devolution of discretionary services to parishes is to go ahead eg waste bin provision, public toilets, footway lighting. Questions were asked about funding for these devolved services and Mr Slee said that councils could use the precept.

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63.6 Finance.

Bank balance at 29/2/16 7336.81

The cheque issued at the last meeting had been cleared.

To be paid;- SLCC sub for clerk (1/2)	38.00
Petty cash	30.00
	68.00

Payment was authorised and the cheques signed by Mrs Harker and Mr Cann.

Bank balance at year end 7268.81

63.7 Risk management assessment.

The Clerk reported that the mower was currently insured for 6000.00 with declared value of 5000.00. She had requested a quote from Zurich.

Mr Lowther and Mr Tallis would check the papers that had been circulated and the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

63.8 Community Centre.

a) Pool progress.

Mr Cann explained that a new management system had been put in place and the pool would be opening for the season.

b) Refurbishment plans.

Mr Slee distributed copies of the development plan (attached).

63.9 Village greens.

a) Tree survey.

Mr Cann and Mr Will Lowther had inspected trees on the greens and their report is attached.

Mr Cann will contact LDNPA tree specialist for advice on what work is permissible.

b) Parking on greens and related damage.

Mr Lowther said that when ground is wet it takes very little to cause damage. The situation would be reviewed when the weather was drier.

It was reported that some damage is being caused by vehicles involved in building work in the village. It was decided that potential damage to greens could be mentioned when responding to planning applications in future and that restoration of

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damaged areas following completion of work should be made a condition of consent.

Mr Lowther would speak to the people involved in the current situation.

63.10 Action plan.

There was some discussion of the action plan drawn up by Mr Tallis (attached)

63.11 Updates on matters discussed at previous meetings.

a) Lighting.

Mr Cann reported that efforts had been made to source lights but no conclusions had been reached on the best suppliers. Suitable sites need to be identified - Helton Cottage and the Old School in Askham were the most possible initially.

It is still a work in progress.

b) Bus shelter refurbishment.

Nothing has been done to date because of the bad weather.

c) Public transport.

Mr Lowther would attend the meeting of the 106 Partnership.

d) Web-site.

Mr Ireland had made some progress but there were still some problems to be sorted out.

63.12 Defibrillator

Equipment was now in place for public access outside the village store.

63.13 Annual Parish Meeting.

It was decided that it should be held on Monday May 23rd with a speaker from the Environment Agency talking about flooding; impact on landscape and mitigation measures. Dr Smith would investigate.

63.14 Items for next agenda.

AGM - annual reports.

Risk management assessment.

63.15 Date of next meeting.

Monday May 9th

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm.

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