

**ASKHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**Present**

Mr Lowther (in the chair), Mr Cann, Mrs Harker, Dr Smith, Mr Ireland  
 Mr Slee (EDC), Mr Hughes (CCC), Parishioners Mr Wiegmann, Mr Perryman  
 Mrs Drinkwater (Clerk)

**68.1 Apologies for absence.**

Mr MacInnes (LDNPA parishes' representative)

**68.2 Declarations of interest in agenda items.**

None were made.

**68.3 Minutes of meeting held on September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**68.4 Co-option of councillor to replace Mr Tallis.**

Anja Phoenix was proposed by Mr Cann, seconded by Mr Ireland and co-opted unanimously in absentia.

**68.5 Public comments and concerns.**

Mr Perryman raised the need for a mirror at the junction opposite the shop because of the danger the junction posed for drivers joining the main road. Mr Lowther said that he had spoken to CCC Highways about this but CCC will not erect them. The PC could put one up but would need to consult with the owner of an appropriate site.

Mrs Harker proposed that the PC should look into the siting of a mirror opposite the Queen's Head and fund its purchase.

Seconded by Dr Smith and agreed.

Mr Perryman said that he would get quotes for a suitable mirror. He left the meeting.

Mr Weigmann spoke about the lack of working lights in Coopers Close. They had been adopted by EDC which has not carried out necessary repairs. Mr Cann explained the PC's plans to install LED

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lights and he would discuss the possibility of using one at Cooper's Close with Mr Weigmann.

Mr Weigmann also mentioned a drain in the road opposite Cooper's Close which is not taking water off the road so it is flooding down into Cooper's Close.

Mr Hughes would look into the situation.

Mr Weigmann left the meeting.

#### 68.6 EDC and CCC reports.

Mr Slee (EDC) had nothing specific to report.

Mr Hughes (CCC) reported that work had been scheduled to strengthen Askham Bridge after damage in the winter floods.

Mrs Harker informed him of mud on the Celleron road and he said that he would report it to Highways.

Mr Hughes left the meeting.

#### 68.7 Finance.

Bank balance at 30/9/16 10,836.75

To be paid;- Community Centre grant 1,500.00

Mr Cann proposed that this should be paid as agreed at a previous meeting.

Mr Ireland seconded.

Payment was agreed and the cheque signed by Mr Cann and Mrs Harker.

Mr Slee informed the council that the money necessary for the improvements to the Community Centre had been raised and the work would start in the very near future.

b) The half yearly report drawn up by the Clerk had been circulated to councillors. It had been approved by the internal auditor and was approved by the council.

c) Budget for 2017/18 and precept requirement.

Figures drawn up by the Clerk had been circulated.

After some discussion it was agreed that a working party should meet to discuss the budget and report at the next meeting. The members would be Mrs Harker, Dr Smith and Ms Phoenix.

Mrs Harker proposed that in future the Clerk should be paid at every meeting instead of four times a year. Mr Ireland seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously.

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Mr Lowther and Mr Ireland would get information regarding signage for the information project.

#### 68.8 Mower.

Mt Lowther had applied to EDC for a grant towards the cost of a new mower but had not heard whether it had been successful. The Clerk would forward the letter from EDC when it was received.

Mr Lowther reported that he had received an offer of 850.00 for the old mower. After some discussion Mrs Harker proposed that the offer should be accepted. Mr Cann seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously.

#### 68.9 Highways

Mirror by the Queen's Head had already been discussed.

#### 68.10 Updates.

##### a) Street lighting.

There was nothing to report.

##### b) Information/interpretation boards.

Mr Ireland reported that he had contacted people who might be able to produce information for the boards and asked them to proceed. Information about the project would be put on the village web-site. Progress is being made but more work is necessary on funding etc.

##### c) Bus shelter.

Concern was expressed over an overhanging branch on the tree adjacent to the bus shelter which would cause damage if it fell. Lowther would sort this out with the LDNPA as it is a conservation area.

There is also work requiring to be done to repair a hole at the back of the shelter which is causing water to leak in. The roof and gutter are also in need of repair and quotes would need to be obtained for this work.

A tree on the green which was reported as being in a dangerous state some time ago is still there and it was also reported that there was a branch lying on the roof of an old shed at West Croft. These matters would need to be addressed.

##### d) Other notice boards.

Nothing had been done to check their condition.

Mr Ireland would get quotes for tidying them up.

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**68.11 Planning.**

Permission granted;- 7/2016/3106 Beech House, Askham.

Conversion of barns and alterations. Erection of a small outbuilding.

7/2016/3060 Scales Farm. Steel portal frame building over existing yard and store. Solar panels on barn roof.

New application;- T/2016/0155 Fellgate Farm, Helton

Reduction and felling of several trees.

**68.12 Councillors' concerns.**

None were raised.

The Clerk was asked to remind councillors of the things that they had agreed to do.

**68.13 Items for the next agenda.**

Budget and precept.

**68.14 Meeting dates for 2017**

Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>

March 13<sup>th</sup>

May 8<sup>th</sup>

July 10<sup>th</sup>

September 11<sup>th</sup>

November 13<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.45pm.

**Actions agreed.**

JC - discuss lighting at Cooper's Close with Mr Wiegmann.

NH - report the state of the drain opposite Cooper's Close and mud on the Celleron road.

LH and DS - budget and precept working party.

RI - interpretation boards.

RI - quotes re notice boards.

TL - mower, sale of old machine. Talk to landowners re placing of mirror opposite Queen's Head.

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