

## ALSTON MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Alston Moor Parish Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 at 7pm in Garrigill Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs: A. Martin (Chair), B. Aves, J. Glendinning, P Godwin, E. Grew, C. Harrison, H. Ho, R. Miller, D. Phillips, E. Stewart.

**Apologies:** Cllrs: T. Haldon, S. Hill, G. Wright, D. Athey.

**Absent:** Cllr A. Green

**Declarations of interest:** listed under specific agenda items. As a district councillor, Cllr PG declared an interest in planning matters.

### **1. Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June be adopted as a correct record with the following amendments: 3a/JUN/17 the next ward meeting will be Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 and 2c ... if the chair does not elect to use the casting vote the proposition fails.

#### **1a Request for representative to discuss re-vitalising the Friends of the Town Hall**

A report was received from the secretary to the Friends inviting a representative from the trustees to a meeting to discuss its future. At an earlier meeting it was decided that when the numbers serving on the committee dropped to three or less a decision would have to be made on whether to carry on in a supporting role, hand over to a new committee or fold. Over the last few years the Friends have raised money when the opportunity arose, including showing live streams of sporting events, and working with the monthly markets.

The parish council was asked at a Town Hall meeting to invite a representative from the Friends of the Town Hall to a council meeting, and to request a copy of the minutes from the last AGM, their constitution and details of committee members. The request was made in the hope of generating support for a re-launch; since there are no meetings at present, the council are unable to appoint a parish representative. There are now only two committee members remaining, so a decision has to be made. While the best option is to revive it, if it is to be dissolved all funds should be passed to the Town Hall. It was reported that funds are still being raised to renovate the clock.

**Resolved** that Cllr AM will contact a representative from the Friends to discuss further.

### **2. Progress Reports**

#### **2a/JUL/17 Appleby Fair**

Re 2b/JUN/17 Representatives from Eden District Council and the police, who both sit on the multi-agency Appleby Fair group, attended the meeting to ask how Alston had got on this year.

It was mentioned that the traveller's representative commented that there were more travellers coming this way, and from different areas than in other years, which might be due to restrictions on the Durham side. The police officer pointed out that they hold inter-force meetings with forces from all surrounding areas, so should have been told if there were any issues. He agreed to check. **Action police**

Tyne Willows saw fewer horses than in other years, but large numbers of caravans came on site after the bow tops moved on, which may have been partially in response to heavy rain which turns the field into a mudbath.

The EDC representative reported that the informal stopping point may not be available next year. She had counted 58 caravans on site at one time, so thought has to be put into how to deal with a potential issue next year, especially if Melmerby continues to restrict opening times for their site. The parish council were told they would need to see if any other landowners would be willing to allow the travellers onto their land. EDC will provide toilets, but do not litter pick, although they have helped by collecting larger items and the refuse collectors will take bagged rubbish. They cannot provide a skip.

Members said they were grateful to the landowner for opening up the site, but were doubtful if other landowners would be willing to provide an alternative. This year there had been a problem collecting money from the travellers, as the person doing this had dropped the list in the mud.

**Resolved** that Cllr CH would speak to the landowner to see if he would be willing to continue if some support, such as covering the cost of skip hire could be offered.

EDC agreed to inform highways that some of the Appleby Fair signs are still up. **Action EDC**

#### **2b/JUL/17 Henderson's Wood trees**

Re: 2e/JUN/17 The clerk reported that the trees overhanging the road are in poor condition; one appears to have died and the other has put out very few leaves.

**Resolved** to advertise for a tree surgeon, and include a request to lift and replant any saplings that may be damaged during operations. The work is to include lopping the trees overhanging the road on Garrigill village green.

#### **2c/JUL/17 Nenthead noticeboard**

Re: 2d/JUN/17 The new noticeboard has gone up, and keys given to the Community shop.

### **3. Progress reports from working groups and council representatives**

#### **3a/JUL/17 Extraordinary Traffic Management meeting**

It was reported that the County Council only want to replace the cobbles in the area around the market cross from just above Church Road to below the Co-op, as this would reduce costs and disruption to businesses and road users. They were advised that Alston Moor Business Association members were prepared to accept the closure, in the long-term interest of the town, provided there was some support while the road was closed.

Highways were asked to carry out a cost benefit analysis before the next meeting, as there was no consensus of support for their proposal.

As with the Traffic Management meeting members had differing views on what should be done. Alston has heritage at risk status, but the road has to be safe for users and tarmac costs less and needs fewer major repairs. There is a concern that visitor numbers to the town are dropping, raising the question of whether it is important to try and save the cobbles which are an unusual and memorable feature.

#### **3b/JUL/17 Report from Alston Moor Care Alliance**

Cllr AM reported that there was nothing further to add. Some representatives have changed, but she still has to discuss the implications with other local representatives

### **4 County Councillor's Report.**

*Apologies from Cllr Driver:* the following report arrived too late for the meeting, but has been included for information.

**County Council member's board appointments** – Cllr CD is a member of the Scrutiny advisory board for children and young people, and a separate board for adults; she is chair of the Cumbria Health Scrutiny board and a member of the Scrutiny Management board. She also attends the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing forum and is working with the Alston Moor Healthcare Alliance on the development of the alternative plan for health and social care provision on the Moor.

**Local events** – she attended 'The Big Night Out' event in the Town Hall which raised in excess of £1,000 for resettled refugees in Eden. The event was enjoyed by all ages, and highlighted the local desire for similar events, although not necessarily fund raisers, in the future, and gave a good basis for future planning.

### **District Councillor's Report**

Cllr Godwin reported on the following

**Eden Local Plan** – Cllr PG has received a briefing note about the Local Plan which will shortly be coming back for consultation on the Main Modifications requested by the Inspector. Some of the modifications will impact upon Alston Moor, with the reduction in the housing and land allocations.

### **5. Planning**

**5a/JUL/17** 17/0429 Full application. Proposed side extension and front porch. Foul Loaning, Alston CA9 3BD for Mr & Mrs J. Brown.

**Recommended** for approval.

**5b/JUL/17** 17/00451 Full application. Proposed garage/workshop. Willow Fell, Nenthead, Alston CA9 3LP for Mr S. Oakes.

**Recommended** for approval.

**5c/JUL/17** 17/0446 Listed building consent for the replacement of single glazed top opening windows with timber double glazed sliding sash windows. Ivy House, The Row, Nenthead CA9 3PE for Mr & Mrs Taylor-Lynch

**Recommended** for approval.

#### **Decision Notices**

No decision notices were received.

#### **6 Request for support from the parish council for entrance signage to include the wording 'First Social Enterprise Town'**

An e-mail was received from the Cumbria Social Enterprise Partnership to ask for the parish council's support in including the above wording on entrance signage to Alston. Alston was the first town in the country to gain Social Enterprise town status, with the highest density of social enterprises, one for every 60 people, and one aim is to maximise the marketing potential of Alston.

**Resolved** to support the proposal for entrance signage to include the wording 'First Enterprise Town'.

#### **7 Request for litter bins – A686 junction with Brampton and Park Lane road ends**

The clerk reported that the dog walking community requested a litter bin along the Penrith road, and that she has contacted Eden District Council to set up a meeting to look at potential sites. The officer will also look at the footpath to Hill top in Nenthead to see what can be done about the problem with leaves.

It was suggested that a site near the post box on the Brampton road might be preferable as it could be used by people on their way to the Wardway, and to and from town. A site at the end of Park Lane could make it difficult for the local resident who cuts the grass, unless the bin was well away from the mowed section.

**Resolved** that Cllr Godwin, the clerk and an EDC officer would discuss potential sites for a litter bin, with the Brampton road being the preferred location.

#### **8 Consultations and Correspondence**

##### **8a/JUL/17 Complaint about horse muck on Front Street**

A resident wrote to complain about horse muck dropped on Front Street, with a request that riders be asked to remove it.

The request was noted as the parish council do not have powers to deal with this.

##### **8b/JUL/17 Nomination to recognise contribution to the community**

A letter was received from Eden District Council inviting nominations for people within the community who should be recognised for their hard work. Nominations need to be in by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 and a Chairman's Dinner held in May 2018.

Agenda item for next month. **Action CI.**

##### **8c/JUL/17 Notices of events/meetings**

Coal Authority drop in events – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July in Nenthead Village Hall from 8am – 9pm to see details of the short listed sites

EDC Hustings – to be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

EDC Planning meeting – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 7pm – 9pm to discuss Neighbourhood and Community Planning, Eden Local Plan main modifications, affordable housing, housing need and demand, community housing fund and development management update.

##### **9c/JUL/17 Information received**

Alston Area Police Team newsletter

ACT – Household Emergency Planning leaflets

Local Council Review

#### **9 Administration**

##### **9a/JUL/17 Examination of Alston Moor Standing Orders**

Cllr DP was thanked for producing the Standing Orders.

**Resolved** to accept the Alston Moor Standing Orders, which supplement any legislation listed in the model standing orders required by law.

##### **9b/Jul/17 Recommendations from the CALC training session**

**Resolved** to continue to record the proposer and seconder of proposals, but to remove this information for publication on the website.

It was decided against following the recommendation to only record resolutions in the minutes and to put all other information in a separate report, as it would make it harder to follow for anyone without access to all the papers. The agenda item 'Cllrs Matters' was thought to be covered effectively under 'items for next month's agenda and urgent business'.

It was agreed that the training provided some useful nuggets of information, but may have been more useful if there had been enough time to answer some of the questions relevant to our specific circumstances.

#### **9c/JUL/17 Protocol for public participation sessions**

It was suggested at the training session that the council have a standing agenda item for the public to speak, instead of adjourning the meeting for specific agenda items.

**Resolved** to include a trial agenda item early on in the meeting for public participation for up to 15 minutes.

Cllr DP pointed out that the Standing Orders would need to be amended and offered to update the section on public participation. **Action DP.**

### **10. Items for next month's agenda, Traffic Management meeting and urgent business**

#### **10a/JUL/17 Garrigill matters**

Cllr EG reported that there are a lot of potholes around Garrigill. The request for rumble strips in Garrigill is for the Traffic Management meeting

### **11. Finance**

#### **11a/JUL/17 Bank statements**

The statements as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were as follows:-

Alston Moor Parish Council tr/ac	£39,434.90
Alston Moor Parish Council bus/ac	£12,679.07
Eden Credit Union	£7,008.58

#### **11b/JUL/17 Accounts for Payment**

The following accounts were for payment:-

<i>Summary of accounts for payment: -</i>	£2,489.35
<i>Summary of income received since last meeting: -</i>	£4,819.79
<i>Summary of accounts paid since last meeting: -</i>	£804.84

**Resolved** that sufficient funds are held in balances for the clerk to be authorised to settle all the accounts listed in appendix 1.

#### **11c/JUL/17 Bank signatories for the Credit Union**

**Resolved** to update the bank signatories for the Credit Union. Cllrs: TH, AG, AM and RM who are already signatories for HSBC and Cllr DP.

*The meeting closed at 9.05 pm*

Signed: .....

Dated: .....