

Minutes of Meeting held on 11th July 2013

Present: Councillors: Mr John Graves, (Chair),  
Messrs: F Armstrong, R Coy, I Currie, I McCambridge W Nixon  
Mrs Nicki Cockburn, Allerdale Borough Council Representative

Apologies: Mrs C Fossey, Mr S Dumbill

Minutes: The Chairman signed as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13th June 2013.

Police

No report received.

Tallantire Wind Farm

Recent meeting held was very acrimonious. Mr Ben Clark of Gilcrux presented, on behalf of the village, photo evidence that wells were no longer running with water. The Fish farm in the early 70's had no problems with the water courses, now they are losing approximately 70 dead fish per day due to lack of oxygen and are very stressed. Due to this the fish are too small to sell. The Hydrologists report is due in August.

Have heard nothing from the Cumbria Community Fund. Have asked RES to contact to ascertain the position.

Over 100 TV aerials in Tallantire need replacing due to the interference of the turbines.

Electricity discount scheme - this is based on the amount of electricity the wind turbines produce.

Next meeting on 5th September.

Streetlights

Mrs Carol Fossey attended the meeting of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils held at Embleton Village Hall where the removal of street lights from electricity poles was discussed - David Bryuden wanted Parish Councils to let him know when villages receive notice of removal. Cumbria County Council and Allerdale Borough Council and Electricity Boards are trying to come up with a solution. Allerdale Borough Council thinking is that they will do the work for a new lamp standard and the Parish Councils will pay for the column and fittings - we await further information.

Mr Ian McCambridge also met with Mr B Bryden of Allerdale Borough Council to discuss the situation in Tallantire. There are 6 street lights which are attached to electricity poles, if these poles are removed or replaced, the streetlights will not be attached again. There will therefore be no streetlights unless these are replaced by Cumbria County Council or Allerdale Borough Council.

Letter to be forwarded to Allerdale Borough Council Streetlight Department expressing our concerns at this turn of events by Electricity Northwest.

## Vacancy

Have advised Allerdale Borough Council Democratic Services Department of the Vacancy on the Parish Council. Have acknowledged this and will advise us after 10th July if anyone has applied.

## Public Rights of Way

E-mail received from Hazel Wainwright, Countryside Access Officer for Cumbria County Council in response to our e-mail of 7th June.

I have now completed the survey of Bridekirk parish and identified a number of mainly minor repairs.

I have put up waymarks in all the locations you have mentioned as far as I can tell and cut back round most of the stiles in the parish. The footpath between Bridekirk and Tallentire has an overgrown section at the Tallentire end but other than that is quite clear. It would be difficult to improve the waymarking any further as this would involve installing waymark posts in the middle of fields, something we avoid unless absolutely necessary as they get in the farmers way and are often destroyed by stock in the field. If walkers set off in the direction indicated by the waymark on each stile and keep going they should be able to see the next stile ahead.

The ladder stile on the Dovenby - Tallentire path and the stile on the A595 to Bridekirk paths will be replaced.

My next step is to contact the landowners to agree the work and access for the contractor, I think I have found most of the landowner details I need, the only one I am struggling with is the stile that needs repairing on the path from Tallentire to Row Brow via Low House. The path runs behind the houses on Rook Farm Close and then down an enclosed track by the wood out through a gate into the field and continues beside the wood to a stile - it is this stile which needs the bottom step repairing.

## Hole in road outside Miekle Rigg

Email received from Tim Shield, Better Highways Area Leader advising that he will contact the Streetworks Inspector for him to arrange a meeting with UU representative. The 'hole' has now been repaired.

## School Governor

No one was able to take on this position at the moment.

## CALC

CALC - July Circular, Local Planning and Onshore Wind - Letter received from Rt Hon Eric Pickles. Training Courses, Street Lighting, Parish Polls - NALC is seeking to change the law governing parish polls. Await further information. Good Councillors Guide - can be obtained via website.

## Emails received

West Cumbria Bus Users' Group - recently formed Group concerned with promoting and encouraging bus use throughout Allerdale & Copeland.

Cumbria Highways - Emergency Road Closure u2092 Bridekirk Hall - burst water pipe.

Cumbria Highways - Traffic Regulation Order C2003 - U2350 Tallantire - repair to property known as Fernbank House.

Cumbria Highways - Response received re articulated lorries using the Tallantire Hill to Bridekirk road (U2092) - are to check the signs and hopefully improve the situation.

## Correspondence

Grasscutting - Invoice of £98.00 received. Clerk to arrange payment.

Nature Lakeland Small Grants - small grants available for community based conservation projects.

J Parker Wholesale Catalogue Dutch Bulbs received.

Vodafone Invoice received - payment made by DD - £29.88.

## Allerdale Borough Council

Meeting at Embleton - The Police and Crime Commissioner spoke at meeting saying that he had asked that the local Police Constable attend Parish Council meetings and would Clerks let him know if this was not happening.

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Notice of Appeal - Mr Kari Clouston Infinergy Ltd, Land at West House Farm, Dearham, Maryport - Appeal Ref: APP/G0908/A/13/2199471. Planning Application Ref: 2/2012/0914 - Response - Would give Tallantire Village the appearance of being in a wind farm.

## A O B

In Tallantire the one way signs have been removed and new ones put in place - should these be lit. Notice obscured by tree at Burton Cottage. Mr Ian McCambridge is write to Philip Crome of Allerdale Borough Council.

The Notice Boards are looking a 'bit shabby' - Clerk to ask John Bradshaw for a price for paining/varnishing these.

Footpaths - Mr Mike Rollison has requested that the public footpaths be put on the web page. Councillors agreed. Also spoke with Mrs Margaret Thorpe who, along with her husband, produced a leaflet for the Parish Council several years ago. She also had no objections to this being placed on the web page.

## Planning Applications

Notification of Scoping Opinion Request: Michelle Graham Renewables Unlimited LLP, Scoping opinion request for proposed wind turbine, Grange Farm, Bridekirk, Cockermouth. Response: 'A full assessment of the impact on the surrounding environment is needed. Is within 500 mtrs of St. Bridget's Church, Bridekirk and other listed buildings. Within 700 mtrs of

Bridekirk Dovenby School and also ABC proposed 800 mtrs set back distance. Cumulative effect is a significant factor. Its dominance in this low lying area will be significant and unacceptable'. Mr Frank Armstrong declared an interest in this Opinion Request.  
Consultation on planning application: Mr Ray Seavers, Bush Inn, Tallantire, Cockermouth, -  
Installation of domestic satellite dish on single storey extension - No Objections.

#### Costs

£50.00 Mrs N E Boyes - Audit of Accounts

£13.00 C C C

£98.00 GE Morgan - Grasscutting

£29.00 C P R E

Meeting closed 9.00 p.m. Next Monthly Meeting on 12th September 2013

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