

Soulby Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.15pm at  
Soulby Village Hall.

**PRESENT**

Harold Birkbeck (HB) – Chairman

**COUNCILLORS**

Jonny Dinsdale (JD)

Barry Westgarth (BW)

Lesley Sanderson (LS)

Mark Bainbridge (MB)

Phil Dew (PD) (CCC)

**ALSO PRESENT** – Caroline Fancott-Beynon (CFB) Clerk, 2 parishioners

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> – Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> March were read out for the meeting and signed by the chairman as a true and correct record.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/OPEN SESSION</b> – Some discussion was held regarding the recent Traveller/Gypsy Cultural Evening hosted by PD in Kirkby Stephen. PD reported that the evening was a success and very informative. Billy Welch provided some history of gypsies and answered questions on the culture before a short film was shown. Traditional music was played and traditions discussed. The evening lasted approximately 2 hours and was felt to be a worthwhile event by those who attended.  PD has attended the MASCG meetings through Feb, March, April and May where the level and style of policing has been discussed. The A685 has large sections closed off for this years Fair, however there are no alternative campsites so camping will still be permitted in certain sections. A specific manned 101 phone line is to be put in place solely for Appleby Fair. CCTV cameras are in place and Police Officers will be wearing bodycams.  PD has had regular contact with Billy Welch who is keen to work with him to improve this years Fair. PD states that he is well aware that if there is no improvement on behalf of the travelling	

community this year then strong action will be taken in the future.

Following on from issues raised at the last meeting, PD met with Upper Eden Medical Practice who state that they offer a late surgery on a Tuesday evening until 8pm. Any prescriptions can be collected from Greentree Pharmacy on a Tuesday evening until 8pm.

PD informed the meeting that the EDC councillor for Soulby is Angela Meadowcroft. CFB will obtain contact details and invite her to the next meeting.

Following a meeting with Peter McCall, the Police & Crime Commissioner, PD stated that a more proactive stance is being taken regarding HGV violations on the A685 with the Constabulary approaching haulage companies who are serial offenders. Eric Tulley from the Eden Problem Solving Scheme is taking a lead on this and can be contacted on 101@cumbria.police.uk

5. **APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT** – The clerk has received notification from a company called WPH that a planning application will be submitted for the instalment of a smart meter at Sikeside Lane, Soulby. Plans were presented, but as yet no notification has been received from EDC

Councillors thanked PD for his input

A parishioner raised that the pump on the village green may require some attention with a re-paint and possibly some work done to tighten the handle. Councillors will have a look.

6. **DEVOLUTION & TRANSFER OF ASSETS** – Paul Emerson has been in touch to state that all works are now complete and he would like to meet with a council representative on a site visit. CFB to arrange a meeting with BW

7. **FINANCIAL RECORDS** – The following accounts were authorised for payment

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| i.    | £11     | Website Fees          |
| ii.   | £258.80 | Clerks salary         |
| iii.  | £147.04 | Clerks Expenses       |
| iv.   | £150    | Caretaker Salary      |
| v.    | £102.46 | CALC Subscription     |
| vi.   | £50     | Internal Auditor fees |
| vii.  | £714    | Tree Surgery          |
| viii. | £30     | Hall Hire             |
| ix.   | £???    | Caretaker Expenses    |

	<p>The following receipts were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £5021.00 EDC Precept</li> <li>• £85.56 Recycling Credits</li> <li>• £91.00 Footway Lighting Grant</li> </ul> <p><b>8. APPLEBY FAIR</b> – An update was given by the clerk regarding police drop-in sessions that will be held in the village on 29/5, 01/06 and 04/06. Parishioners are invited to visit and speak with police regarding any fair related issues.</p> <p>Posts and signs are now in place in the village to prevent unauthorised camping</p> <p><b>9. VILLAGE ISSUES –</b>  <b>Trees</b> – work has now been completed to the trees on the village green. It was agreed to look at getting the work done to cemetery trees in September. Following a CALC workshop on tree management, the clerk informed councillors that trees should be checked on an annual basis by a qualified arboriculturalist</p> <p><b>10. Village Green Bench</b> – The clerk had priced up a number of options for a replacement bench for the village green. The Village Hall Committee have recently purchased a heavy duty bench, enquiries to be made in to the bench they purchased and price confirmed., It was agreed by councillors that subject to cost, to go ahead with the purchase of the bench</p> <p><b>11. SCHEDULES OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES &amp; PUBLICATIONS –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Correspondence circulated to Councillors</li> <li>II. CALC Summer Conference to be held on 22/06/19 at Stoneybeck</li> </ul> <p><b>COUNCILLOR MATTERS –</b>  It was brought to the councils attention that bats were roosting in trees that the council had approached a resident to cut back due to overhanging branches, now preventing them being cut any further.</p> <p><b>12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b> – To be confirmed.</p> <p><b>Meeting closed at 8.15pm</b></p> <p><b>Signed .....</b> <b>Chairman</b></p>	
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