

Soulby Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26th November 2018 at 7pm at Soulby Village Hall.

PRESENT

Harold Birkbeck (HB) – Chairman

COUNCILLORS

Jonny Dinsdale (JD)

Barry Westgarth (BW)

Mark Bainbridge (MB)

ALSO PRESENT – Caroline Fancott-Beynon (CFB) Clerk, County Councillor Phil Dew (PD)

	<p>It is with sadness that Parish Councillor Georgina Hurcombe passed away recently. Harold Birkbeck requested a moments silence before the start of the meeting to pay respects to Georgina and her contributions and efforts to the Parish Council</p>	
1.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None</p>	
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTERSEST None</p>	
3.	<p>MINUTES Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th September were signed by the chairman as a true and correct record.</p>	
4.	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/OPEN SESSION – none</p>	
5.	<p>PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is with sadness that a vacancy has now arisen on the Parish Council. The clerk explained to the Council that given we are within 6 months of an election, he council could choose to leave the vacancy until the upcoming election, or could chose to advertise the vacancy and co-opt a new member.• Councillors discussed the options and felt it would be best to advertise the vacancy. CFB to put a Notice of Vacancy in the village.	

6. APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

- The clerk reported that the Eden Local Plan had been formally adopted by EDC on 11th October 2018. Training is taking place in Appleby this week should any councillors wish to attend.

7. DEVOLUTION & TRANSFER OF ASSETS

- **Footway Lighting** – The contract has been received from EDC and SPC now have ownership of the single agreed footway light. This years funding has been received from EDC. CFB to notify insurance. CFB still awaiting communication from EDC/CALC regarding the maintenance and electricity contracts for the upcoming year. MB stated that light 2 was still out, and JD reported that the light heading out of the village to Asby was also out. CFB to report to EDC.
- **Play Area** – CFB updated councillors on the current situation regarding the works required to the play area. A number of jobs have been completed by EDC with further to be completed by the end of the month. It is hoped that by January most of the work is complete and steps can be taken to take ownership of the play area from EDC. CFB to liaise with Paul Emerson at EDC.

8. FINANCIAL RECORDS

The following accounts were authorised for payment

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| i. | £23.00 | Website Fees |
| ii. | £247.52 | Clerks Salary |
| iii. | £74.06 | Clerks Expenses |
| iv. | £150.00 | Caretaker salary/expenses |
| v. | £4.09 | HMRC |

Receipts:

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| i. | £121.00 | Footway Lighting – EDC |
| ii. | £84.41 | Recycling Credits |

The bank reconciliation was noted to be correct and signed by the Chairman. The Clerks also gave an update on the budget ahead of the precept discussion at the next meeting.

9. VILLAGE ISSUES

- **Tree Risk Management** – CFB has spoken with Rob Sim, EDC who has suggested that good practice would be for trees in the village to be inspected annually by an arboriculturist. He confirmed that none of the trees on the parish land have a TPO in place. It was agreed that CFB would contact a tree surgeon to come and assess the trees.
- **Erection of Memorial** – the memorial stone in the cemetery should now be in situ and works completed

10. SCHEDULES OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES & PUBLICATIONS

All correspondence circulated to councillors

11. COUNCILLOR MATTERS

- **Rose Cottage** – the issue of the trees overhanging the road was again raised by councillors. The trees have been cut, however only to head height and it is felt that they are still causing an issue. In particular, they still overhang the road and would cause an issue for anything larger than a car, and also where they have been cut, it is felt that there are some sharp, bare branches that could cause injury to pedestrians in the dark. It was discussed that a further letter be sent to the occupants requesting the trees be cut back fully to the boundary line. CFB to send letter.
- HB asked if anyone was aware that Soulby Bridge was closed on 30/11 as per the notice in the Herald. CFB confirmed there had been no correspondence from EDC

Phil Dew reported on matters. He started that MASCG were due to meet and should be discussing member representation which is positive. He has met with Rose Rouse, new Chief Exec of EDC who is in support of this. PD also stated he had met with traveller representatives Billy Welch and Bill Lloyd who were in agreement that numbers need to be scaled down in the future. Stopping places were also discussed, with Council and police in agreement that the A685 is not suitable and hopefully measures will be put in place to restrict stopping here. There was also discussion of the suggestion by Cumbria Police of a coral being put in place in Kirkby market square. PD confirmed that the town council are very much against this.

PD reported that there is a new neighbourhood Police Team Inspector, Jo Walker. PD has requested the need for the police team to engage with the community at a local level and not just rely on

	<p>electronic communication.</p> <p>The winter resilience programme is underway and PD has requested that grit bins are full fro early in the season. PD also reported back that following the A66 works, Highways England have agreed to spend some money on improving the local road systems.</p> <p>12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – To be confirmed.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.55pm</p> <p>Signed Chairman</p> <p>Date</p>	
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