

Soulby Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 28th October 2019 at 7pm at
Soulby Village Hall.

PRESENT

Harold Birkbeck (HB) – Chairman

COUNCILLORS

Jonny Dinsdale (JD) Barry Westgarth (BW) Mark Bainbridge (MB) Lesley Sanderson (LS)

ALSO PRESENT – Caroline Fancott-Beynon (CFB) Clerk

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –Phil Dew (CCC)
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None
3.	MINUTES – Minutes of the meeting held on the 29 th July were agreed and signed by the chairman as a true and correct record.
4.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/OPEN SESSION – None
5.	APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT – Planning Application 19/0757 – Waterside Barn, Soulby – Variation of Condition 2 to include alterations to the byre attached to approval 10/0898 – <i>no objections</i>
6.	DEVOLUTION & TRANSFER OF ASSETS – The last update following the last meeting was that EDC’s position regarding the devolution of the play area was now unclear and a decision was to be made as to whether they were going ahead with it. The clerk has been unable to clarify if the devolution is to go ahead and as such at present the play area remains under the ownership and management of EDC
7.	FINANCIAL RECORDS – The following accounts were authorised for payment
	i. £23 Website Fees
	ii. £258.80 Clerks salary (Aug/Sept)
	iii. £258.80 Clerks salary (Oct/Nov)
	iv. £98.38 Clerks Expenses
	v. £300 Caretaker Salary (Aug – Nov)
	vi. £105 EDC Election re-charges
	vii. £27.26 Caretaker expenses

	<p>There were no receipts were noted</p> <p>The clerk updated councillors on the bank reconciliation, which was agreed.</p> <p>8. VILLAGE ISSUES –</p> <p>Road Closures – The clerk updated councillors on temporary road closures relating to the C3057 and the U3406. There was some confusion regarding the closure to the U3406 as the information received from CCC stating closure of the road from Sikeside lane to Row End, clearly differs from the signs in Soulby and Kirkby Stephen indicating the road will be closed between Soulby and KS itself. Clerk will contact CCC to clarify and ensure school buses are aware.</p> <p>Phone Box Consultation – BT and EDC are consulting with a number of parish councils regarding the removal of phone boxes. However, if the box is a traditional red box, councils can opt to adopt the box as a village asset. SPC unanimously agreed to adopt the red phone box in Soulby as a landmark within the village. Clerk to contact EDC to confirm this.</p> <p>Website – an update received from KSTCC indicates that there have been 224 hits on the Soulby PC website over the last 12 months</p> <p>30MPH Speed Limit Proposal – CCC are proposing to introduce a 30mph speed limit on all approach roads and roads within Soulby. Councillors discussed this and have no objections</p> <p>Old Pump – BW has received a quotation from Graham Alderson to undertake repairs to the damaged pump. A quote was given for both soft and hardwood options. The council agreed to go ahead with the hardwood option. BW will contact Graham Alderson to confirm.</p> <p>9. SCHEDULES OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES & PUBLICATIONS –</p> <p>I. Correspondence circulated to Councillors</p> <p>10. COUNCILLOR MATTERS – In his absence PD had sent a report through which the clerk read out to councillors (see attached). Councillors agreed to write to Matthew Neal and Rose Rouse in support of PD’s proposals regarding Appleby Fair.</p> <p>11. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – To be confirmed.</p> <p>12. Meeting closed at 7.40pm</p> <p>Signed Chairman</p>	
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Report to Soulby PC – 28 October, 2019

Highways

A proposed Soulby 30mph speed limit has gone out for consultation. It will come to Eden Local Committee on Monday, 18 November 2019, for discussion. I will be supporting the proposal unless I receive any strong objections.

We discussed winter resilience at a meeting of Eden Local Committee on 10 October 2019. I keep pushing for snow warning signs and clarification of the liability that local farmers face when clearing snow. There is an ongoing programme to fill grit bins and I have also asked for bulk supplies of grit to be provided in dumpy bags for outlying villages

Appleby Horse Fair

The Multi Agency Strategic Coordinating Group [MASC] met on Monday, 23 September 2019. Matthew Neal was ill and Rob O'Connor chaired the meeting. The meeting discussed at length my request for: (1) an economic impact study to calculate the financial benefit of the Fair (2) a group to investigate the development of an income stream(s) to offset the costs associated with the fair (3) the purchase of land for temporary stopping places to relieve pressure in villages and on roadside verges. No firm decisions were made but gypsy/traveller representatives Bill Lloyd and Billy Welch supported my position. **I would appreciate Soulby PC writing to Matthew Neal and Rose Rouse in support of my proposals.**

Rose Rouse the CEO of EDC visited KS on Wednesday, 2 October 2019, and she is aware of my views.

I met Peter McCall the PCC on Friday, 18 October 2019, to discuss the matter further. Mr McCall has said that he will write to the Leader of EDC [Virginia Taylor] and the Chief Executive stating his support.

Chief Superintendent Rob O'Connor has been in conversation with academics at the University of Cumbria and they have offered their help to carry out an economic impact study. I am meeting with them in Carlisle on Thursday, 31 October 2019.

Chief Inspector Rob Melloy of the RSPCA has emailed me to say that there will be an RSPCA presence in KS next year.

Chief Superintendent Rob O'Connor has said that the police presence in Kirkby Stephen and along the A685 will be maintained in 2020.

Astro

I attended the opening of the new Astro pitch on Saturday, 28 September 2019. This was a tremendous achievement and I congratulated all those who played a part in bringing the project to completion. EDC gave a grant of £75,000 and CCC £5,000.

EDC Council Plan 2019-2023

The Council Plan consultation concluded on 4 October 2019. I attended an open meeting at Rheged on Tuesday, 1 October 2019, to hear what EDC had to say in greater detail – which was very little.

Borderlands

I was unsuccessful in my bid for an award of three million pounds [£3m] from the Borderlands Place Fund which would have been spent on projects in and around Kirkby Stephen. Penrith was chosen instead – much to my annoyance!