

Soulby Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th March 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, County Councillor Phil Dew (PD),

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None	
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None	
3.	MINUTES Minutes of the meeting held on the 23 rd January were signed by the chairman as a true and correct record.	
4.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/OPEN SESSION PD reported that the CRASH group would do a survey this year and possibly implement a 30mph speedlimit through Soulby. BW raised that the speed limit should be 30mph anyway due to the streetlights, although the village does not have any speed signs. A discussion was held and it was felt that whilst speeding generally isn't an issue in the village, signs would do no harm. PD has attended the first MASCG meeting in February. However it has emerged that all decision making is undertaken in sub-groups which D is not permitted to be involved in. A discussion was held regarding the proposals to place exclusion zones on parts of the A^*% and the request by EDC for any fields that travellers may use as a temporary stopping place. PD will be meeting Peter McCall, the Police & Crime Commissioner later this week and asked for any issues to be put forward. PD will also be meeting the Practice Manager of Upper Eden Medical Practice. It was raised by councillors that the opening times leave	

the surgery inaccessible to some people and also the pharmacy needs a late night opening

PD has organised a cultural evening in April which Billy Welch and Bill Lloyd will be attending. This is in an effort to show the local community is not against the gypsy and traveller community as a cultural group.

5. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

- Following confirmation from EDC, the Clerk confirmed that a co-option could occur prior to the election. Lesley Sanderson was forwarded by BW and seconded by JD. The chair welcomed LS to the council

6. APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

- None

7. DEVOLUTION & TRANSFER OF ASSETS

- **Play Area** – CFB has been unable to get an update from Paul Emerson regarding the ongoing works. BW gave an update as to what work he thought had been completed and was still outstanding. Clerk to follow up with Paul Emerson

8. FINANCIAL RECORDS

The following cheques were authorised for payment:

- £23.00 Website Fees
- £247.52 Clerks Salary
- £63.68 Clerks Expenses
- £150.00 Caretaker salary/expenses
- £466.66 Zurich Insurance

Receipts:

- £250.00 Burial Fees

- The bank reconciliation was noted to be correct and signed by the Chairman.
- The insurance renewal was received and discussed. It was confirmed that the street lights were covered under public liability but not for replacement costs. Council agreed this was fine. When the council take ownership of the play area, the clerk will confirm any additional fees. The council authorised renewal of the insurance

9. APPLEBY FAIR

- The Draft Appleby Fair Strategy was discussed. It was felt by councillors to be very vague and non-committal. Clerk to respond

- The letter received from Emma Brass regarding possible fields to use as stopping sites for travellers was discussed. No suggestions were made

10. VILLAGE ISSUES

- **Tree Risk Management** – BW has spoke with the tree surgeon who agreed to reduce the cost if the council could arrange removal of waste. The trees were discussed and it was agreed that work needed completing. It was agreed to have the village green dealt with this year with a view to having he cemetery done next year. Council agreed to let the tree surgeon complete all works and removal as per the original quote.
- **Recycling Centre** – this has been tidied by a parishioner. Clerk to do a letter of thanks.

11. ELECTION

- The clerk explained the procedure for the upcoming elections. The Notice of Election will given by EDC on 20th March and nominations may be submitted from this date until 4pm on 3rd April.

12. SCHEDULES OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES & PUBLICATIONS

All correspondence circulated to councillors

- The garden waste scheme renewal has been received from EDC. It was agreed to not go ahead with the skip scheme in Soulby

13. COUNCILLOR MATTERS

- MB raised a concern regarding a vehicle parked outside Croft House. He felt that with silage time coming up, the car may get damaged by tractors due to its position on the road. Clerk to write to the owner
- HB highlighted that the bench near the pump was damaged. This will be added to the next agenda for discussion and clerk to price up replacment

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – To be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed Chairman

Date

