

Soulby Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 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), Lesley Sanderson

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None	
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None	
3.	MINUTES Minutes of the meeting held on the 26 th November were signed by the chairman as a true and correct record.	
4.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/OPEN SESSION PD reported to the council that there would be a vote on Monday for a CCC representative seat on MASCG. Karen Greenwood is now sitting on MASCG as an EDC representative and is from the Appleby area. PD feels he would be the obvious choice to represent the Kirkby Stephen area. PD has had a meeting with the MASCG Highway Working Group where the draft transport management plan for Appleby Fair 2019 was discussed. Soulby should have the same support as previous years. The main focus is going to be along the A685 to try and prevent racing Insp Jo Walker has confirmed that there is an increase in staffing levels for the fair on last year but will not confirm numbers. PD is hoping to meet with Michelle Skeer, Chief Constable. KSGS has discussed reducing its intake numbers from 89 to 64 per year. However the Headteacher states this shouldn't have any effect until after the 2024/25 intake.	

EDC have recently voted to agree a bid of £75,000 towards the AstroTurf and lighting at KSGS.

5. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

- Following the publicised vacancy on the parish council, Lesley Sanderson has applied for co-option. However, CFB has spoken to CALC who are now giving the advice that co-option cannot take place within 6 months of an election. This is different to the advice originally provided by CALC. CFB to clarify

6. APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

- The clerk reported that The YDNPA have formally adopted the Eden Local Plan

7. DEVOLUTION & TRANSFER OF ASSETS

- **Footway Lighting** – An invoice has been received from EDC for maintenance and supply to the agreed light, number 5. Light number 2 has been reported to EDC who will still maintain until 2022
- **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 just two outstanding at the moment. CFB to continue to liaise with Paul Emerson at EDC.

8. FINANCIAL RECORDS

The following cheques were authorised for payment:

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| i. | £23.00 | Website Fees |
| ii. | £247.52 | Clerks Salary |
| iii. | £84.65 | Clerks Expenses |
| iv. | £150.00 | Caretaker salary/expenses |
| v. | £83.73 | EDC Footway Lighting |

Receipts:

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| i. | £7.61 | United Utilities Wayleave |
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- The bank reconciliation was noted to be correct and signed by the Chairman.
- The budget was discussed ahead of the new financial year. It was agreed that there has been no precept increase for a number of years, however with increasing costs, and the possibility of an election, it was felt that the precept should be increased this year. It was unanimously agreed that the precept will be set at £5000 for 2019/20.

<p>9.</p>	<p>VILLAGE ISSUES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Risk Management – CFB has met with a tree surgeon to come and assess the trees. A quote has been received for works to both the trees on the Village Green, and also to trees in the cemetery. The quote was discussed and it was agreed it might be prudent to split the work over the next few years. BW to meet with the tree surgeon to further discuss this • Cemetery – Following a recent burial, CFB to arrange necessary paperwork • Village Hall Committee - Due to the passing of Cllr Georgina Hurcomb, the village hall committee have asked if the parish council would be willing to put forward another representative. Lesley Sanderson kindly offered should she be co-opted on to the parish council 	
<p>10.</p>	<p>SCHEDULES OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES & PUBLICATIONS All correspondence circulated to councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request has been received from KSTC for pledges towards Kirkby Stephen Community & Council Centre. SPC currently donate £100 to the centre every year and it was agreed that this would continue • It has been highlighted that some dog poo bags have been left at the recycling centre. CFB to liaise with Paul Emerson at EDC regarding the cleaning of the recycling centre, and will also arrange for a sign to be put advising people to place dog poo bags in the relevant bins. 	
<p>11.</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD brought it to the council's attention that there is currently no speed limit through the village, but the Community Speedwatch, working alongside the police are keen to have a 30mph speed limit imposed. 	
<p>12.</p>	<p>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – To be confirmed.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.10pm</p> <p>Signed Chairman</p> <p>Date</p>	

