

Soulby Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7pm at  
Soulby Village Hall.

**PRESENT**

Harold Birkbeck (HB) – Chairman

**COUNCILLORS**

Jonny Dinsdale (JD)

Barry Westgarth (BW)

Georgina Hurcombe (GH)

Mark Bainbridge (MB)

Phil Dew (PD), Cumbria County Council

**ALSO PRESENT** – Caroline Fennell (CF) Clerk

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> </ol>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – None</p> <p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> – None</p> <p><b>MINUTES</b> – Minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October were signed by the chairman as a true and correct record.</p> <p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/OPEN SESSION</b> – No one present</p> <p><b>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</b> – None</p> <p><b>FINANCIAL RECORDS</b> – The following accounts were authorised for payment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i.     £225.00     Caretaker Salary</li> <li>ii.    £325.00     Clerk Salary</li> <li>iii.   £45.10      Clerks Expenses</li> <li>iv.     £11.50      KS Community &amp; Council Centre website fees</li> <li>v.      £33.50      DM Payroll Services</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Receipts received - £98.82 Recycling Credits</li> <li>3. The Parish accounts were presented to the council and a discussion was held regarding the budget for the Parish precept. It was not proposed to increase the parish precept from its existing level. The clerk was authorised to apply on the council's behalf for a precept of £3039.</li> </ol>	
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**SCHEDULES OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES & PUBLICATIONS –**

- I. Correspondence circulated to Councillors
- II. Letter of thanks received from Kirkby Stephen Community & Council Centre thanking the Parish Council for the donation.
- III. The council has received recycling credits to the sum of £98.82 from EDC. However a letter has also been received regarding inspection of the site falling below expected standards. It was agreed that the councillors would take it in turns to regularly inspect the recycling site.
- IV. EDC Devolution & Transfer of Assets – further information has been received from EDC regarding the devolution of footway lighting and the play area within Soulby. EDC having reviewed facilities in the Parish, have provided a list of ‘agreed’ and ‘non-agreed’ lights. EDC will run and maintain the ‘non-agreed’ lights until they fail at which time EDC will remove them. The Parish Council have the opportunity to take ownership of the ‘agreed’ lights. These will be replaced by EDC to new, low cost lights. EDC have now agreed to cover the cost and upkeep of lighting and the play area for 2018/19. Following this, EDC will reduce its contribution by 25% per annum until 2022/23 when the Parish will take on full costs. 3 street lights have been ‘agreed’ by EDC however one of these it has been found cannot be replaced due to underground cables, leaving only two lights. The council discussed these and felt one of the lights wasn’t necessary, and would like the clerk to enquire if this ‘agreed’ light could be swapped with a ‘non-agreed’ light outside the village hall junction, which the council felt was more necessary. Similarly, the same process would occur with the playground, with EDC taking full costs for 2018/19, with this reducing over time. Discussion was held as regarding the cost of taking on the play area and ensuring that if the parish council went ahead, that EDC had done a full inspection and ensured everything was sufficiently maintained prior to this. Clerk to re-contact EDC for clarification on a number of issues, and this will again be discussed at the next meeting.
- V. It was passed to the parish Council that Adrian Bamford; a resident of Soulby had agreed to represent Soulby in the Upper Eden Community Plan Steering Group. However, it would be beneficial for a second representative from the village to attend. GH agreed to take on this role. CF to pass details on.

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