

Irton with Santon Parish Council Meeting

Minutes

Monday 8th October 2018 @ 7.30 pm

Santon Bridge Village Hall

Present: Chairman Richards Vicars
Parish Clerk Tonia Duffy (TD)

Members Ian Warren (IW)
Trish Adams (TA)
Ken Noakes (KN)

Apologies:

Approve Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of the 9th July 2018 were approved and signed. Minutes of 20th August 2018 were approved and signed. **Action: TD to put on website.**

Planning Matters - Possible Right of Way Obstruction

Local resident Gary Bullivant (GB) attended the Parish Council meeting and spoke to express his concerns in that in his opinion there were obstructions across the churchways and six separate obstructions across the Public Right of way within 30 metres of GR NY 1032. GB advised that Nick Thorne Countryside Access Adviser for LDNP had attended and inspected the site and confirmed that the obstruction was taking place. GB had received a copy of notice from the LDNPA of **FORM 3 (Notice by a Local Highways Authority, to a Person who served Notice in FORM 1. That the Authority have served Notice in FORM 2)**. GB showed this to the meeting and maps showing the footpaths. The notice was dated the 18.9.18 however there was not a date where the removal of the obstruction had to be completed by. GB requested the Parish Council support him by making a representation to the LDNPA, as the highway authority in this case to take proper proceedings in its own name to assert and protect the right of the public to use the public right of way. GB left the meeting. Councillors considered the above and agreed that the only course of action to be taken was to contact Nick Thorne Countryside Access Adviser for LDNP to establish what date the removal of the instruction had to be completed by. **Action: TD to contact Nick Thorne to find out date for completion.**

Highway Matters:

Cautionary signs – Santon Bridge to Hallflat Farm
Santon Village – Road Markings and Speed of traffic
Blocked Culverts

IW had been in contact with Highways but had not received a response so far. When he originally contacted they advised the possibility of addressing the issues at the end of the financial year this had then moved to the end of summer. RV commented that a local resident had taken it upon himself to clear some of the blocked culverts. RV said that Eskdale Parish Council had been advised of a new initiative that advised that smaller Parish Councils needed to join together to address the Highways issues of winter roads, blocked culverts etc. IW will be attending the mid-Copeland meeting on 15th October, 2018 and this may be an opportunity to progress this. TD to forward information received. RV said that a grit box had not been replaced after an accident at Bower Bank 4 months ago. **Action: TD to forward info to IW and contact Highways re Grit Bin IW: To chase Highways re the above**

World War One – 100th Anniversary

IW had been in communication with St Pauls Church, Irton with regards to their views in how the war memorial refurbishment should progress. St Pauls had expressed that the existing war memorial should be cleaned and tidied up. As previously mentioned there is a high risk of further damage if this route is taken. The alternative was a small plaque - a slanted stone memorial making reference to the centenary, the parish council and referring to the memorial list in the church. All agreed that the latter would be the best way forward. TD suggested a bench of memorial all agreed this needed to be looked into and if appropriate to agree with the church where it should be placed. IW had also progressed further the Book of Honour and Remembrance all agreed this should be produced and presented at the Church Service on the 11th November 2018, TD & KN agreed to represent the Parish Council at this service.

Action: IW to find source for smaller plaque/memorial. IW to progress Book of Honour. TD to get costs of benches and timeframe

Financial Matters:

TD had received the annual Insurance reminder from Came and Company which was £330 This takes into consideration the Council's long-term agreement which expires on 23rd November 2020. All agreed this should carry on until the agreement expires.

Cheques Written: Chq No 100047 £29.95 Spanglefish - Website Payment
Chq No 100048 £330 Came & Company - Annual Insurance
Chq No 100049 £100 Parish Clerk Salary for September 2018

Mid-Copeland Meeting

It had been agreed in the past that one member should be in attendance at the Mid-Copeland meetings. The next meeting was the 15th October, 2018 at Santon Village Hall and IW was going to attend.

Defibrillator

IW The Parish does not have Defibrillator. This could be placed externally at a central location i.e. outside the Bridge Inn. Research was needed to find out cost and if any grants were available to assist in financing this. **Action: TD to research and report back**

Parish Council Website/Facebook

TD advised that Parental Controls were now set up on the internet and the telephone line had been changed to incoming calls only except for emergency telephone numbers. Action: TD to source a telephone and signage to advise that the telephone can be used in an emergency. If telephone calls were to be made by the Parish Council then a code could be provided. Action: TD telephone & signage
Internet access was discussed but it was felt that it warranted more time at the next meeting to cover the following areas.

1. Access for Groups that use the Village Hall - ongoing
2. Applications from parishioners for use – ongoing
3. Possible regular internet cafe for local residents to gain access to the internet with volunteers to help with basic lessons. **TA/TD to progress this in the new year**

AOB

Quarry

TD had been approached by Phil Claque from Lake District National Park who is looking into carrying out some improvements to the footpath from Irton Church towards Hewrigg, via Stock Bridge. Work would be carried out by contractor. Lake District National has asked if they might be able to use stone from the quarry next to Irton Pike for the work that is due to take place in the spring/summer 2019. IW/TA/RV In the past LDNPA had advised that Planning Permission was required to take large amounts out of the quarry. IW had been approached by a local resident in respect of retrieving small amounts from the quarry. Both of the above raised questions in respect of

- 1. Safety
- 2. Amounts of material taken/required and how the quarry is kept in good order
- 3. Boundary of Quarry
- 4. Is Planning Permission required?

Action: TD to contact the Forestry Commission for Boundary Map of Quarry

Action: TD to contact Phil Claque to request that he attends the site with members of the Parish Council to address the above.

Vice Chairman

RV said that the Parish Council needed to look at appointing a new Vice-Chairman now that Robert Davis had left. Further Councillors were also needed. IW had place advertisement in Parish Magazine but no response had been received. **Action: All to ask local people to see if interested.**

Comments from the public: Gary Bullivant – please refer to Planning/Possible Right of Way Obstruction

Date of next meeting: Monday, 12th November 2018 7.30 pm Santon Village Hall

Signature.....Date.....

Richard Vicars

Chairman

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