

**FARLAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hallbankgate Village Hall on 13th November 2019 at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor S. Bowles (Chairman, in the Chair)  
Councillor R. Foster

Councillor S. Dalton  
Councillor R Hinton

**IN ATTENDANCE** – Clerk

**ALSO ATTENDING** – Councillors K. Meller and K. Mitchelson, Carlisle City Council

**65/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED** to note that apologies for absence were received and agreed from:-

Councillors Marsh, Murray and Skeates.

**66/19 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

**RESOLVED** to note that no requests for dispensation were received.

**67/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors were invited to record their interests in the register.

**RESOLVED** to note there were no declarations of interest made.

**68/19 MINUTES**

**68/19.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2019 WERE SUBMITTED.**

**RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meetings held on 11th September 2019, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**69/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**RESOLVED** to note that no members of the public were present and no items were raised.

**RESOLVED** to note that Councillor Meller updated members on the Central Plaza Hotel and St. Cuthbert's Garden Village.

**70/19 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS –**

**RESOLVED** to note there were no representatives' reports.

**71/19 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING - APPLICATIONS –**

**APPLICATIONS** – Applications for planning consent were considered.

**RESOLVED** to advise the appropriate Planning Authority of the Council's comments as follows:-

**71/19.1 FARLAM HALL COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL, HALLBANKGATE (19/0813)** – Reinstatement of original driveway access for use as entrance only; change of access to one way system for hotel; current access to be exit only.

**OBJECT** – Members raised the point that when this property was originally turned into a hotel, one of the conditions were that this entrance had to be closed. The original entrance is on the A689, this road is a 60mph road and is used on a daily basis by large quarry lorries.

Large delivery vehicles heading from Brampton to the hotel would have to pull out onto the wrong side of the road in order to turn in, the entrance is on a blind bend and could be dangerous for oncoming traffic. A residential property lies directly opposite which could also impact on access.

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## 72/19 NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS

A note of the decisions of the appropriate planning authority on applications on which the Parish Council had previously been consulted was submitted.

**RESOLVED** to note the notification of decisions.

## 73/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 73/19.1 BANK RECONCILIATION TO 14.10.19

There was submitted a report by the Clerk on the reconciliation of the Council's financial records with its bank account statements.

**RESOLVED** to receive and note the bank reconciliation and balance to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 of £6,674.77.

### 73/19.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE

**RESOLVED** to authorise the following expenditure for payment:-

Amount £	Payee	Detail	Cheque number
330.48	A Riddell	Net wage to 30.11.19	100774
60.00	City of Carlisle	Play Area Inspection	100775

### 73/19.3 PRECEPT 2020/21

Members considered the draft budget for 2020/21 prepared by the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** to increase the precept by 2.5% to £7,132.00 and include a provision of £500.00 for tree and verge maintenance, proposed by Councillor Bowles, seconded by Councillor Hinton and agreed unanimously. The Clerk would inform the City Council.

## 74/19 WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY REGULATIONS

Councillor Hinton had circulated information to members on the website accessibility regulations and the Clerk gave further details from an article in the Clerk magazine.

The Clerk had tested the website using powermapper and wave, the current website does not comply with the regulations.

**RESOLVED** to note that the Clerk would give further information to Councillor Hinton to make the website as compliant as possible. Following that, a draft accessibility statement would be drawn up to be agreed at a future meeting.

## 75/19 HEDGE AND VERGE MAINTENANCE


Councillor Hinton reported on costings received for hedge and verge maintenance.

**RESOLVED** to accept the costings received from Ross Farrimond in the sum of £150.00 for hedge maintenance at the play area and £220 for verge maintenance at Crossgates and Tarn Road.

## 76/19 TREE INSURANCE

Councillor Foster reported on public liability insurance for trees on private land.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to Greenside Estates and ask whether consideration could be given to planting trees in the field opposite the village hall to replace the ones that fell.

  
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## **77/19 CHRISTMAS TREE**

Consideration was given to the purchase and installation of a Christmas tree for Hallbankgate.

**RESOLVED** that :-

**77/19.1** Councillor Dalton would look for a suitable tree to purchase.

**77/19.2** Councillor Bowles would confirm the electric supply.

## **78/19 USE OF PARISH OFFICE**

**RESOLVED**, after consideration, that the village hall could make use of the parish office as the current clerk had use of the office at Brampton.

## **79/19 PLAY AREA –**

### **79/19.1 DOG FOULING**

Councillor Hinton reported on the dog fouling in the play area.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Bowles would include an article in the next Village News reminding parishioners to not permit dogs in the play area and not to use the play area bin for the disposal of dog waste.

### **79/19.2 ANNUAL PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT**

The annual play area inspection report was submitted to the meeting.

**RESOLVED** to note that Councillor Hinton would look at the matters raised and report back at the next meeting.

## **80/19 OUTGOING COUNCILLORS**

Consideration was given to whether tasks covered by outgoing councillors were still being continued.

**RESOLVED** that Councilor Hinton would speak to Mr. Shaw and confirm whether he wished to continue planting up the parish flower tubs. It was agreed that other flowerbeds would be planted up with bulbs and allowed to grass over.

## **81/19 CUMBRIA LIBRARIES**

**RESOLVED** to support a request from Cumbria Libraries to put on advice sessions for Falls Prevention and Winter warmth at Hallbankgate Hub sometime in the New Year.

## **82/19 GRASS CUTTING TENDER**

Members reviewed the current grass cutting tender.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk would wait for confirmation from Councillor Bowles whether work was required to an area on the roadside at the school field fence before sending the tender documents to contractors.

## **83/19 CALC**

The following correspondence from CALC was received and noted:-

**83/19.1 CALC CIRCULARS** – October/November 2019. (to be circulated when received)

**83/19.2 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING AND HEALTH AND WELL-BEING ARTICLE – LEGAL UPDATE**

**83/19.3 TRAINING SESSIONS**

**83/19.4 POLICY CONSULTATION E-BRIEFING 12-19 INDEPENDENT REVIEW INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT CALL FOR EVIDENCE.**

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**83/19.5 CPCA HEALTH AND WELL BEING CONFERENCE** (weekday evening preferred)

**83/19.6 CUMBRIA KINDNESS DAY AND VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

**83/19.7 ECO/SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS**

**83/19.8 VE DAY 75**

**RESOLVED** not to participate.

**83/19.9 CALC CLIMATE CHANGE EVENT**

**83/19.10 CALC ANNUAL REPORT**

**83/19.11 CUMBRIA RESILIENCE AND FLOOD GROUPS NETWORK**

**84/19 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK**

**RESOLVED** to note the following correspondence had been received: -

**84/19.1 CUMBRIA POLICE** – North Cumbria News.

**85/19 LITERATURE AVAILABLE FROM CLERK –**

**RESOLVED** to note the following literature was available from the Clerk:-

**85/19.1 NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS** – 18th October 2019

**85/19.2 RURAL SERVICES BULLETIN** – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**85/19.3 ACT GAZETTE** – Winter 2019

**86/19 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** to note that items for consideration should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**87/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Wednesday 15th January 2020, Hallbankgate Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

  
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