

Milburn Parish Council - 5th September 2017

Present

Councillors D Richardson (Chair) R Healey, M Armstrong and P Moran Clerk J Connelly
Mr D Bellsham, Mr M Dixon, Mr G Johnston & Mr S Johnstone

17.09.1 Apologies

A Armstrong, EDC

17.09.2 Register of Interests

No interests declared

17.09.3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th July 2017 had been circulated prior to this meeting. All agreed this was a true record and were signed and approved.

17.09.4 Matters Arising

Low Street Drainage, no meeting arranged as yet with Highways Dept.

17.09.05 Village Green

Chairman Richardson invited Mr S Johnstone to attend this meeting to explain the boundaries of the Village Green, as there are some misunderstanding as to what is private property and what is Village Green, ruling out the possibility of someone claiming part of the Green.

Mr Johnstone explained Common Law and Statutory Law to help the Councillors understand the basics.

In 1968 the Village Green passed from Westmorland to Milburn Parish Council, with the registration dating 30th May 1968. The definition of Village Green is usually used for public recreation. Common land is usually grazing land for animals.

There was a dispute in 1971 regarding the grazing rights up Fell Lane, this was resolved by the decision that Fell Lane would also become Village Green.

The Parish Council administer the Village Green and are able to request the removal of any object/obstruction placed within the village green boundaries.

A map of the Village Green boundaries was passed to all councillors and a copy is available from the Clerk, should anyone wish to have a copy.

The Chairman thanked Mr Johnstone for all of the enlightening information regarding the Village Green.

With the above information noted by all Councillors it was resolved a letter should be sent to two residents of the Village to ensure they understand which is private property and which is village green.

The Clerk to draft letter and forward to Councillors for approval.

17.09.6 Seat under Chestnut Tree

To date the repairs have not yet been carried out, the wood is being stored and hopefully a working party will repair the seat before the next meeting.

17.09.7 Finance

Draft Two of the 2017/18 budget accounts were passed to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

Clerk to ascertain how to transfer monies from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

17.09.8 Correspondence & Emails

A letter was received from the Village Hall Committee asking if the Parish Council would like to appoint a Councillor on to the Village Hall Committee, after discussion it was resolved that there was no-one able to do this, but the Parish Council would like to be kept informed of

The Clerk has collected the Projector from EDC for use for planning applications

While the Councillors were discussing Planning Applications, the Clerk asked how long they wish to keep the planning applications already received, as the guidance notes from CALC state that there is no requirement to keep these, as EDC already have copies of all correspondence. The Councillors resolved that all planning applications previously received may now be destroyed.

17.09.9 Public Participation

Mr G Johnston brought up the matter of the drains within the Village Green, they are still not working correctly. The tiles were repaired last year and have worked reasonable well to date.

The drainage was again discussed, but due to cost and the huge undertaking to replace the drains, it was resolved to see how the existing drains cope this winter.

17.09.10 Any Other Business

The Councillors resolved to hold a pothole day, as there are potholes appearing on the cart tracks up the side of the Green, probably carry these out on the same day as repairing the seat under the chestnut tree.

The 5th November is on a Sunday this year, but the bonfire will be held on Saturday, 4th November. Mr S Johnstone will liaise with the Police and Fire etc. The Youth & Communities run the Bonfire. A risk assessment will be carried out.

Re the Councillor Vacancy - Chairman Richardson asked Mr Michael Dixon if he would be willing to fill the councillor vacancy, upon which Councillor Healey proposed and resolved by the remaining Councillors. Clerk to complete paperwork and inform EDC and CALC.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Next Meeting Tuesday, 7th November 2017

The Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 9.05pm