

## Bridekirk Parish Council

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### Minutes of the meeting of Bridekirk Parish Council held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Present: Mr S Dumbill (Chair); Mr R Stenson,; Mr D Hodgson; Mr M Rollison; Mr M Buckley; Mr F Armstrong; Mr R Coy; Mr B Crosby**

- 1.3.21** Apologies for absence received Mr W Nixon; Cllr J Farebrother; Cllr N Cockburn
- 2.3.21** The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were (virtually) signed as a true record.
- 3.3.21** There were no declarations of interest in matters on the agenda.
- 4.3.21** There were no members of the public present at the meeting
- 5.3. 22** Accounts approved for payment -
- Microsoft 365 £59.99 Cheque Number 100970
  - Memorial Cherry Tree for Tallentire - £52.73 Cheque Number 100971
  - Zoom costs approved on receipt of invoices
- 6.3.21** Reports from outside bodies
- Nobody present from CCC – no apologies
  - Cumbria Constabulary – No report or correspondence
  - Allerdale BC – Cllr Janet Farebrother tendered apologies. Report to follow re Unitary Authority consultations
  - Cllr Cockburn – Apologies given, no report this time.
- 7.3.21 Planning Applications –**
- Solar panels for M Sport, this is not deemed to be an issue in the overall scheme of things. Screened with trees. No objection
  - Parishioner requested support for a forthcoming application to the planners relating to a property in Tallentire. It was suggested that the appropriate body to discuss with is the planning department.
- 8.3.21 Clerks report -**
- If a Parishioner contacts any of the Parish Councillors directly to make a complaint they will ask him to put his concerns in writing to the Parish Clerk, this follows verbal abuse to one of the PC who went to give a parishioner an update on the complaints he had made. Clerk to report back to PC.
  - Information on the forthcoming Census has been provided to go on the website and copies of the information have been circulated to all the Parish Councillors.

### 9.3.21 Flooding updates

- **Tallentire** –No flooding. Some of the gullies have been filled with mud from the development at The Chestnuts and need to be cleared. Mr Rollison is reporting this.
- **Dovenby.** – The culvert that goes under the A594 near the BT box had to be reported as it was overflowing. This is worse than it has been before. Photographs were sent. Also going to raise this with the Rivers Trust too as the volume is quite high.

### 10. 3.21 Parish Maintenance –

- United Utilities (UU) had been doing some work at the Tallentire end of the one way system and had sent traffic the wrong way around the system, but not put appropriate signage up. This has been reported to UU to deal with in the future.
- A parishioner has been doing litter picks around the area and requested that there might be signage provided by the Parish Council. Any signs put on to the road have to be approved by the Highways Department each time they are used. Concerns about encouraging pedestrians to litter pick on an A road, with no pavements was deemed to be too dangerous. It was appreciated that people want to do a service for the community, but this was not something that could be supported by the Parish Council due to the relative risks associated.
- Parish website. Is now live and running. It is going well and Mr Rollison has added a lot of information on to it. Clerk will be shown how to add information on and any other Councillor that is interested in doing so.
- A plaque is to be placed under the tree, to indicate what it is there for, so that it can be read by future generations. Clerk to put a message on Facebook group to ask for community views on it.
- No further word received from Highways re the No HGV signage for Tallentire Hill.

**11.3.21 M Sport** – Mr David Clare who has been really supportive with moving forward with the bridge is now on sick leave and unlikely to return. His manager is not approving anything until he has had time to look at his workload. Mr Hodgson will keep a watching brief on this and follow up as appropriate.

**12.3.21 Defibrillators in Parish** - It was suggested that those who have been monitoring the defibrillators might receive a small annual token gift – **supported**.

**Dovenby.** In good working order.

**Tallentire** – No luck in finding a new home for it as yet. Work continues to be undertaken to resolve this issue.

**Bridekirk** – In good working order.

**13.3.21 Cumbria Community Foundation** –..Nothing about further meetings as yet. Follow up with CCF to let them know we have been in touch with the parishioner with regard to his request for grit bins and the decisions taken.

**14.3.21 Noted date and time of next meeting: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 7.15pm APM and 7.30pm via Zoom if required by any national lockdown or at Bridekirk School if permitted.**