

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF  
CLEATOR MOOR TOWN COUNCIL**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 12th January 2021**

**At 6.30pm.**

Present: Cllr P Burns  
Cllr M Denwood  
Cllr O Dorgan  
Cllr N Ford (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr J Hully (Chair)  
Cllr M Messenger  
Cllr D Riley

Mr S Richardson (Clerk)

County Councillor Frank Morgan and County Councillor A Lamb.

**403/20. To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies received from Councillors M Eldon and L Jones-Bulman Cllr D Hully lost connection prior to the meeting commencing. Standing apology from Borough Councillor H Branney.

**404/20 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary/Virtual Meeting of Cleator Moor Town Council held on 8th December 2020.**

Resolved that the minutes be approved and signed.

**405/20 Declarations of Interest, on items of the agenda.**

Councillor Ford declared an interest in Cleator Moor Community Interest Company, Chamber of Trade, West Cumbria Community Foundation, West Cumberland Hospital Project Board, Health Watch, Town Hall, Stirling Place, Phoenix Youth, Town board. Cygnus Radio. Works4You and Home2Work. Healthwatch. Copeland Photographic Society. Town Board (Chamber of Trade) CMBB Podcast (Cygnus Studios)  
Councillor J Hully declared and interest in Planning (CBC Planning Chair) Rnec, Blue Skies.

**406/20 Applications to the Clerk, for dispensations.**

None Received

**407/20 Public Participation.**

No public participation

**408/20 To discuss Cleator Football pitch .**

Following discussion it was resolved due to the amount of dog fouling on the pitch for safety reasons Cleator Moor Celtic the leaseholder be allowed to secure the gate onto the pitch in between training and match times. The pitch is to remain available to other organisations for legitimate usage on arrangement with the Town Council and leaseholder.

**409/20 To discuss Todholes Road gardens and garage plot.**

None of the requested information has been received resolved to add this item to the next agenda.

**410/20 To discuss Mill Hill playing field.**

Information requested with regards to W4U project not yet received and will be added to an agenda when relevant information is available. The request from Environmental health to secure the perimeter fence and any gaps to prevent access to motorbikes was discussed and resolved that this work be carried out.

**411/20 To discuss install of extra CCTV camera to cover front of the Square.**

Resolved to investigate any possible funding opportunities and suitable position for an additional camera.

**412/20 To discuss Cleator Moor activity centre.**

Resolved to request from GLL full project costings and current funding available to this project. Clerk to contact GLL for the information. Noted that the Town Council remain in support of this project.

**413/20 To review planning applications.**

Cllr J Hully took no part in discussions.

CH/4/20/2483/001 Outline application for residential development for two dwellings including approval of access former Aldby coal yard Ennerdale Road

The above application was discussed with no issues raised.

CH/4/20/2472/OF1 Residential development for 115 homes land to the north of Cleator Mills, Gleeson Homes.

The above application was discussed and the following issues raised.

The land is on a flood plain level 3a and during the course of a previous application it was stated that the flood defences would need to be made sufficient before any developments takes place, this work has not happened and now with the removal of water from Ennerdale lake being ended the threat to flooding must be more severe given the likely rise in levels on the River Ehen. The previous application also stated no work to commence until the completion of the Cleator Mills Development which is still ongoing.

The likely increase in traffic from 115 houses plus the 600 space park and ride which was not a factor in the last application will put extra strain on an already busy road.

Lack of public transport in the area, currently there is no public transport operating through the village putting total dependency on travel onto private cars.

There are currently no pubs or other major retail services offered in the locality.

The Town Council view is that with the potential risk of flooding plus the increased traffic and lack of amenities locally that this application should not be given approval.

#### **414/20 To note receipt of Correspondence.**

<b>Correspondence for Town Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>				
	<b>Date Rec'd</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Regarding</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	In Cumbria	Am briefing	For Info
2	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CCC	Vacancies update	For Info
3	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CALC	Corona virus update	For Info
4	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
5	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CCC	Education job vacancies	For Info
6	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CBC	Copeland Survey	For Info

7	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CCC	Fire incidents update	For Info
8	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rural Net'	The Rural Bulletin	For Info
9	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
10	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CCC	Vacancies update	For Info
11	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
12	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CALC	LTN57 pdf	For Info
13	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CALC	Arts newsletter	For Info
14	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CALC	Letter Robert Jenrick	For Info
15	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CALC	GDF Newsletter	For Info
16	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	HMRC	Job retention scheme	For Info
17	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CCC	Job vacancies	For Info
18	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
19	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CALC	Coastal access update	For Info
20	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Allerdale	All/Cope Newsletter	For Info
21	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	NALC	CE Bulletin	For Info
22	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CCC	A5086 closure	For Info
23	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CCC	Jansen Travel	For Info
24	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CCC	Latest news	For Info
25	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
26	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CCC	Fire incidents	For Info
27	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
28	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
29	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	CALC	Christmas restrictions	For Info
30	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	CBC	Christmas project	For Info
31	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	CBC	Tourism Update	For Info
32	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Police	Covid Update	For Info
33	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
34	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
35	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	In Cumbria	Am Briefing	For Info
36	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
37	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CALC	Climate/Ecological Bill	For Info
38	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
39	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CCC	Fire Incidents	For Info
40	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Police	Vacancies	For Info
41	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	CCC	Fire Incidents	For Info
42	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
43	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	CCC	Vacancies	For Info
44	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	CALC	Tier 4	For Info

45	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	CCC	Education vacancies	For Info
46	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	In Cumbria	AM Briefing	For Info
47	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Rural Net'	Bulletin	For Info
48	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	NALC	Covid Update	For Info
49	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	CC F Morgan	Grit. In Clerk Report	For Info
50	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	CCC	Fire Updates	For Info
51	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	CCC	Latest restrictions	For Info
52	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	CCC	Vacancies	For Info
53	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Rural Net	Funding digest	For Info
54	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	CC F Morgan	Salt/grit. Clerk Report	For Info
<b>Copies of correspondence is available on request</b>				

Noted.

#### **415/20 To note receipt of the Clerks report.**

##### **Clerk Report January 12<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Vandalised bins Market Square.** CBC have again stated that they do not have the manpower or vehicle required to deal with the two bins which have now lay on the square since October. One option without committing to it would be to get quotes to have these repaired and put back in place. CBC have already stated they will not repair them and want to remove them. We also have the option of waiting for any improvement work starting which could see them laying there for some time. The final thing is if we leave them to CBC to deal with the bins will probably be removed at some time when their resources allow.

**Fly Tipping at Heather Bank.** The Fly tipping reported by Cllr Burns has been passed on to CBC who own the land and also erected the fence. This will be monitored for action.

**Memorial Bench.** After the request for a memorial bench was passed on to us from CBC I asked for further information as suggested in their email, to date I have received nothing and again will continue to follow this up.

**Rear of High Street 79-84.** A commercial food tub containing uncooked rotting waste was left at the rear of one of the take-away's. This has been reported to enforcement and environmental health on the 5<sup>th</sup>Jan logged as W/K202100128. I have asked them to visit and speak to any relevant parties as we have had ongoing problems throughout last year of food waste being left out and also evidence

of food and other waste being burned in commercial cooking oil canisters which has burned the surface of the back lane and the lane to the rear of the Houses on Birks Road.

*Checked on 7<sup>th</sup> Jan the raw food waste has been removed but canisters with Burnt waste are still evident.*

**Norbeck Park.** Cllr Ford had been contacted by a resident with concerns about a noisy pump operating near the culvert at Norbeck close to some of the houses. On checking with UU work had been in progress on a new culvert and this would have been the source of the noise. The work is now complete.

**Trumpet Terrace.** A resident has reported a bad smell in the stream at the rear of Trumpet terrace, Environmental health were informed and stated that it may be due to excess rain drawing more into the stream UU have been informed and asked to investigate.

**Footpath Millers walk over Blackhow Bridge.** A resident has raised concerns about the current state of the public footpath with standing water making access difficult. On making some checks on this with the help of CC Morgan it has been found that this path is not a public footpath but a permissive path with no recorded public status.

The CC have also informed me that it is possible to apply to change the status of a permissive path to gain public status by adopting the path, this may be difficult in this instance as the path does travel directly through the farmyard at the other end. I have however received an information pack and relevant forms to see if this may be appropriate in this instance and will report back to council and the resident.

**Waste collections.** I have received several complaints from residents regarding waste collections over the last few weeks, there appear to be a mixture of problems ranging from genuinely missed collects due to staff issues and some residents placing their rubbish out after the collection has been. The biggest issue is parking on the streets resulting in the wagons not being able to gain access, this was the issue at Prospect Row and Montreal close. Would some local signage help asking for roads to be accessible on collection days?

**Allotment site.** Notices had been placed around the site regarding the new regulations from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural affairs giving details of the new regulations for any bird keepers in England whether pet ,commercial or just a few birds. This info was about new regulations to prevent Avian Influenza and informed all keepers that England is now an **Avian Influenza Prevention Zone**. The notices have all been removed and will need to be replaced however the birds that did have free rein on a couple of allotments and were regularly on the paths appear to have been removed, this may be a temporary thing but I will monitor.

**Road gritting and salt bins.** Cllr Burns had raised an issue regarding the provision of salt bins in the town and some residents had raised complaints about their roads and pavements not being gritted.

The following info has been provided by CCC.

I have obtained the following information in respect of the various points made

Hi Steve

Gritting crews have been working right across the festive period with almost daily treatments to the priority 1&2 routes, and last week saw the first treatments to our priority 3 routes. In addition to this they have also been working to replenish salt bins and heaps as reports have been received.

Crews continue to treat the p3 routes and also treatment of the priority footway routes started this morning (list attached for reference).

I have also attached the current policy in regards to salt bin and heap provision.

*Correspondence point 49 see attachments.*

*Correspondence point 50 printed below.*

- Jacktrees Road is currently treated as a priority 3 route (these are the routes which a normally treated after 72 hours of continuous sub zero road temperatures, and forecast indicates a continues risk of ice/frost/snow, and once the P1&2 routes have been completed and are clear).
- Orgill Estate does have bins in situ, these have been in place for many years as it used to be a bus route and at the time they were considered necessary because of the bends and gradients of the road layout. Any requests for new bins under the current service procedure have to be assessed on the basis of need, such as treatment priority, collision history, gradients, severity of bends and whether a heap or bin can be placed so as not to cause an obstruction of the footway.
- Specific requests for St Patricks and Montreal (and I am assuming they are referring to the gradient of the roads and footways within the school grounds?) – if so these sections are not maintainable by the Highways Authority, however the schools can request provision of a filled bin which would have to be paid for or alternatively as some already do, they can purchase their own from a private supplier.
- Stafford Court/Mark Thompson Close – Not entirely sure what has happened to the bin at Mark Thompson Close. Often bins do get vandalised and are withdrawn, but are replaced. It may have been withdrawn for this reason, but I haven't been made aware. More than happy to look at this and replace. Similarly with Stafford Court, I can carry out the required assessment and install a grit bin if criteria can be sufficiently met.
- The bin up by the Whitehouse again has been in situ for many years, it would also meet current criteria given the severity of the bends and gradient up to the Whitehouse (note this road is not mechanically treated under the prioritisation scheme).
- The grit bin on Leconfield is not a CCC bin, as the estate is not adopted highway.
- Grit bin provision in Cleator Moor generally – there have been very few requests for provision of bins from members of the public over recent years. Often in more built up areas

grit bins can cause as many problems as they would solve, across Copeland many have been withdrawn because of vandalism where it becomes uneconomical to keep replacing them, some residents have asked for them to be removed because they seem to attract groups of young people (for what reason I have no idea), this in turn causes a nuisance to residents, and the bins often end up being used as rubbish bins. They can also be difficult to site because of the footway width etc, so a suitable location has to be found before a bin can be placed out.

Noted

**416/20 To receive reports from other meetings.**

Town Board various, report from Cllr Burns received and noted.

**417/20 Finance.**

- **To approve a schedule of payments for January 2021.** Approved
- **To note the bank reconciliations to the end of December 2020.** Noted

Due to the confidential nature of the following item, press and public were excluded at this point in the meeting. Cllr Ford left the meeting at this point. County Councillors Morgan and Lamb left the meeting at this point.

- **To discuss landscaping quotes for 2021/22.** Resolved to award CBC contract work as per 2020. Resolved to award W4U contract work as per 2020 and continue with JD contract due to continued illness. Ad hoc non contract work to be offered when the need arises.

Cllr Ford rejoined the meeting at this point

- **To Agree the budget for 2021/22.** Agreed
- **To agree the precept request for 2021/22.** Agreed.

**418/20 Items for Inclusion on the next agenda. Please note decisions cannot be taken on these items until formally included on an agenda.**

CCTV

Todholes Rd Gardens and garage site

Mill Hill playing field.

**419/20 To approve the date of the next meeting to be held virtually on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021.** Approved.

Meeting closed 7.40pm

Signed

Dated



