

Minutes of Waberthwaite & Corney Parish Council Virtual Meeting held via Zoom at 7.30pm on Monday 8th June 2020.

Item		Action
1 Present	Cllrs. N Southward in the chair, A Hadwin, M Steele, A Clegg, J Varden & R Thornton	
2. Apologies for absence	Cllrs A Pritt and E Wilson.	
3. Why are we having a virtual meeting	<p>This briefing document has been produced in light of the continued restrictions on social gatherings imposed as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>Although the peak of the infection appears to have passed and government is now relaxing some restrictions, it is still not possible for councils to meet in person and it is not known when they will be able to meet. This is due to the fact that public buildings are still closed and the public are not allowed to join a physical meeting currently. There may be a limited re-opening of village halls in July but that currently appears to be for very specific purposes only.</p> <p>Many councils have agreed a scheme of delegated powers to manage the essential business of the council. However, as time goes by, it is becoming more important that parish and town councils do not continue to rely on their powers delegated to clerks. CALC has been advised by NALC that all councils, where possible, should be putting in measures to return to council meetings but held remotely via video or telephone. Government has passed legislation that gives councils the power to meet virtually and expects councils to be using this power.</p> <p>Under the 6-month rule, if any councillor has been absent from meetings without sending apologies, they will cease to be a councillor after 6 months. If no meeting has been held, they will also cease to be a councillor after a total of 6 months.</p> <p>Government is expecting end of year accounts (the AGAR) to be signed off in a</p>	

	<p>meeting with a minute reference of the resolution. It may be that this meeting will have to be held remotely. We have until the end of August to agree this.</p> <p>At the beginning of ‘lockdown’ many councils were asking for support on how to adopt delegated powers, and CALC circulated a template policy with the title High Consequence Infectious Disease Policy. We issued instructions that each council should amend the details to fit its needs. We have now been informed that Covid-19 was subsequently downgraded and is no longer classed as a ‘high consequence’ disease but it is nevertheless an infectious disease. However, it is our view that relying on emergency infectious disease policy schemes are no longer appropriate as we move into the recovery stage of the pandemic. Meeting virtually enables the council to carry out its role in serving your community in a transparent and democratic manner whilst achieving the important aim of keeping councillors, staff and the public safe.</p>	
4. Virtual Meetings	To consider the implementation of virtual meetings of the council until the change of Government Legislation – it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the council should implement virtual meetings as from this meeting	
5. Declarations of Interest	None	
6. Minutes	It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the chairman sign the minutes of the council meeting held on 9 th March 2020 as a true record.	
7. Public participation, 20 minutes allowed	None	
8. District & County Councillor’s reports	Nothing to report	
9. Progress Reports		

9(a) Flooding at Broad Oak	The work is now finished. With there being no rain since the work was finished it has not been tested.	=
9(b) War Memorial	Following a long discussion about the complexity of the application forms and the lack of a substantial amount of information Cllr. Clegg said he would be happy to leave the decision as to what should be done until the pandemic eases.	Clerk to put on the September 2020 meeting
9(c) Parish Plan	On going	
10. Finance		
10.(a) To consider the statement of accounts – current a/c £363.23, deposit a/c £7,584.02	It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the accounts be accepted.	
10.(b). To consider the application for a Certificate of Exemption -Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2019/20-part 2	It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the clerk should send the form to the External Auditors.	Clerk to respond.
10.(c) To consider the AGAR Annual Governance Statement 2019/20	It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Annual Governance Statement be accepted	
10.(d) To consider the AGAR Accounting Statement 2019/20	It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Accounting Statement 2019/20 be accepted	
10.(e) To consider the AGAR Annual Statement of Accounts 2019/20	It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Annual Statement of Accounts 2019/20 be accepted	
10.(f) To consider the AGAR Annual Internal Audit 2019/20	It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Annual Internal Audit 2019/20 be accepted	
10(g)To consider the confirmation of the payment of the insurance invoice for £196.20	It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Insurance invoice be paid electronically	
10.(h) To consider the confirmation of paying the annual GDPR fee of £40.00 electronically	It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the payment be made electronically	
10.(i) To consider the payment of the Calc invoice for £112.389	It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the payment be made electronically	
10.(j) To consider the payment of the invoice	It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the payment should be made electronically	

from the Internal Auditor for £50.00		
11. Clerk's report on any actions taken under delegated powers not otherwise mentioned	None	
12. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Pot holes at Lane End b) Footway down Ally Hill needs cutting back and the hedge cut back c) The hedge up Broad Oak footway needs cutting 	Clerk to take these issues up with Cumbria County Council Highways department.
13. To consider exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items	None	
14. Date of the next parish meeting	It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the next meeting would be Monday 13 th July 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom Virtual meeting.	

The meeting closed at 8.13pm