

ROCKCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Rockcliffe Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 16th January 2017 in Rockcliffe Community Centre at 7:30 p.m.**

RO 58/1/17 Apologies for absence

Cllr G Mounsey-Heysham.

RO 59/1/17 Present

The Chairman, Cllr J Harper, H Graham, M Irving, G Moss, R Park, G Percival, S Sidgwick & J Twentyman.

RO 60/1/17 In Attendance

County Cllr V Tarbitt, City Cllr J Mallinson, City Cllr R Bloxham and four members of the public.

RO 61/1/17 Declarations of Interest or Requests for Dispensations

City Cllr R Bloxham declared an interest in planning, due to being a member of Carlisle City Councils Development Control Committee;

Cllr S Sidgwick declared an interest in planning, due to his wife being a member of Carlisle City Councils Development Control Committee;

Cllr G Moss declared an interest in planning application No. 17/0025, due to it being adjacent to his property.

RO 62/1/17 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st November & Extraordinary Meeting held 12th December 2016

The minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on the 21st November 2016 & 12th December 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment:-

- Minute No. 49/11/16 - to amend to read that pylons were 50 'metres' in height, not feet.

RO 63/1/17 Public Participation

A Rockcliffe resident advised the PC on their concerns regarding planning application No. 16/1038 - Land north of Rockcliffe School. Cllr R Bloxham & S Sidgwick left the meeting at 7:35 pm.

The resident advised that:-

- they wished to urge the PC to object to the application, as none of the concerns raised within the original application (No. 15/0350) had been resolved and were considered still valid;
- they felt that issues raised in the original application had been ignored by highways and planning officers i.e. concerns regarding highway safety at the entrance/exit to the development, surface water drainage issues, etc.

Consideration of application No. 16/1038 Land to the north of Rockcliffe School – residential development (outline) (revised application) was then undertaken.

Resolved: to 'object' to the development due to un-resolved issues outlined within the PC objection to application No. 15/0350 and any subsequent revisions. To also request that highways re-visit the site to re-consider safety issues regarding the right turning of vehicles into the proposed development and to also request that additional information is provided on surface water drainage arrangements.

Cllr R Bloxham & S Sidgwick re-entered the meeting at 7:40 pm.

A resident advised the PC that he had witnessed test holes being dug in fields behind Shapwath for the purpose of pylon siting. Expressed his disappointment that, despite the public consultation having recently closed, that the North West Coast Connections (NWCC) project appeared to be 'pushing ahead' with its original route and showing disregard to the objections of the community. Also advised that the positioning of the test holes revealed how close to the village the pylons would be situated - if the original route proposed by NWCC was selected.

Agreed: Clerk to write to NWCC to advise on residents and the PC's concerns that their views are being disregarded and to determine future timescales on the project. A copy of this letter to also be sent to Rory Stewart, MP.

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DRAFT MINUTES TO BE AGREED AT MEETING TO BE HELD 20th MARCH 2017

City Cllr R Bloxham reported that Carlisle City Council's Chief Executive had praised the PC on their response to the consultation and in particular, the suggestion of alternative routes. Three members of the public left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

RO 64/1/17 Administration & Governance

64.1 Consultations Received

None received.

64.2 Reports of Meetings Attended

None attended.

64.3 Councillors Code of Conduct

Councillors were reminded of their obligation to update their '*Pecuniary & Other Registerable Interest Forms*' following any changes in their personal circumstances, membership of society's, etc.

RO 65/1/17 Clerks Report

Highway Items

- *Collapsed Drain, Blencarn Park* – advised that a temporary cover had been erected and that BT were being held responsible for the damage by Cumbria County Council. Cllr V Tarbitt to progress repair of the drain.
- *Redhill's Landslide* – Cllr V Tarbitt advised that a geological survey was to be undertaken by highways on the area in the near future;
- *Unsuitable for HGV's Sign* - Cllr J Harper & V Tarbitt to progress the placement of a sign.

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RO 66/1/17 Correspondence

Clerk advised that no correspondence had been received that required attention.

RO 67/1/17 Financial Matters

67.1 Resolved that the following payments be approved:-

A McCallum – Dec & Jan salary of £153.65 (D/D 1/12 & 1/1/17)	307.30
A McCallum re-imbursments for Nov/Dec 2016	63.55
R Terpilowski – website hosting fee 2016/17	100.00
D Malley – half year payroll services	29.00

67.2 Financial Statement

A financial statement for the period up to the 31st December 2016 was received and approved:-

Opening balance 1st April 2016	4,157.56
Income to 31st December 2016	4,873.53
Expenditure to 31st December 2016	3,970.51
Bank reconciliation at 31st December 2016	5,060.58

67.3 Income Received

Reported that no income had been received.

67.4 Quarterly Monitoring Statement

A report of income and expenditure for the period 1st April to 31st December 2016 was considered, the Clerk advising that no concerns were noted.

Resolved: Approved.

67.5 Clerks Salary

The Clerk left the room at 8:03 pm while consideration of this item was undertaken. Chairman advised the council that a salary review was due to be undertaken and that the Clerk had recently successfully obtained the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA).

Resolved: Clerks salary to be increased from SCP 19 to SCP 23 (Three points awarded for annual reviews and one point awarded for gaining the CiLCA qualification) from 1st February 2017.

Consideration was also given to the payment of additional hours worked in November & December, due to the drafting of the NWCC consultation response and administration required for additional meetings held.

Agreed: This item to be reviewed in March 2017 as further additional hours may be required.

RO 68/1/17 Village Matters

68.1 Beck Burn Wind Farm Community Fund

Nominations were invited from Cllrs to represent the PC as a reserve member on the Beckburn Advisory Panel.

Resolved: Cllr R Park was unanimously voted to be the reserve member.

Advised that the next meeting was due to be held on the 24th January and Cllr J Twentyman indicated that she would attend on behalf of the PC. Further discussion was also undertaken on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), that would be required to be signed at the meeting. Cllr R Bloxham advised that a revised MoU had been circulated and that it contained the required amendments.

68.2 Edenlyne News

Correspondence received was considered which related to the future of the Edenlyne News. A Cllr advised that a resident of the village had indicated that they would be happy to re-launch the magazine if some financial backing was obtained from the PC.

Agreed: to invite the resident to the March meeting and advise the council on his plans.

RO 69/1/17 Councillor Matters

Cllr J Twentyman advised that she had nominated Ann Hay for an award in the New Year's Honours list and was delighted that Ann had been awarded the British Empire Medal. Recognition of this achievement and Ann's services to the parish were considered. Cllr J Twentyman was also thanked for her efforts in submitting the application.

Agreed: letter and card of congratulations to be sent to Ann Hay.

Cllr R Park advised on correspondence he had received from Dr B Irving, Manager of the Solway Coast AONB Partnership and suggested that he was invited to the March meeting to discuss the possibility of an extension of the AONB boundary which would include Rockcliffe.

Agreed: Clerk to invite Dr B Irving to the March meeting to discuss the benefits of AONB inclusion and how this could be progressed if wished.

Cllr J Harper advised that he had previously reported fly-tipping of tyres in the area, but these had not yet been removed. Cllr R Bloxham agreed to progress this item on behalf of the PC.

Also reported that Envirocare did not intend to increase the cost of grass cutting for 2017.

Discussed then followed on how delivery vans and large vehicles were causing damage to areas of grass that belonged to Riverside Housing on School Lane. Possible solutions to the cause of the damage were discussed and it was agreed to monitor the situation.

Cllr H Graham advised that she had spoken to the Skipton Building Society regarding a change of Trustees and a further letter from the PC was required. Clerk to action.

Cllrs V Tarbitt, J Mallinson, R Bloxham & S Sidgwick left the meeting at 9:17 pm.

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RO 70/1/17 Planning Matters

70.1 Applications

16/1025 Land adjacent to Waverley, Station Road, Harker – removal of condition 3 (provision of footway) & 6 (land drainage/ordinary watercourse consent) of previously approved permission 16/0315;

Resolved: to comment that the PC does not consider that it has the necessary knowledge and expertise to authorise discharge of the conditions and leaves this to discretion of the Planning Officer.

16/1052 1 Becksid e Cottage, Harker – erection of detached garage.

Resolved: to comment that the PC wishes to draw the Planning Officers attention to the comments and objection submitted by an adjacent resident regarding the design, size and appropriateness of the garage - given its location to a Grade II listed building.

17/0025 Land between the Old Forge/Becksid e and No. 1 Lonning Foot – formation of vehicular access to serve 1 Lonning Foot and Agricultural land;

Resolved: to 'object' to the development due to highway safety concerns on the proposed access/exit point; that no footpath exists in this area - creating safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists and that it is considered that sufficient access exists to the land for the landowner from other points.

Due to the late receipt of the application, it was agreed that any further comments relating to the objection could be forwarded to the Clerk by 31st January 2017.

Permission Notices Received:-

16/0860 Land North of Oakwood, Harker Park Road, Harker – erection of 1No. dwelling with garage/store building, stable & equestrian paddocks. Permission granted 6th January 2016.

Cllr J Harper & J Twentyman advised that they had attended a Development Control site meeting for 15/0812 - Land at Harker Industrial Estate, Kingmoor Park. Reported that the application was due to be refused.

RO 71/1/17 Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th March 2017 in Rockcliffe Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9:55 p.m.