**TEBAY PARISH COUNCIL**

*Chair – A. Todd, Honeyport House, Gaisgill*

*Clerk – Mrs. M. Longworth, Yew Tree Farm, Greenholme*

**MINUTES of a MEETING held on Wednesday, 26th September 2018 at**

**The Methodist Hall, Tebay**

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*The Meeting commenced with a presentation by County Councillor Peter Thornton who addressed concerns that had been expressed at the closure of several residential care homes for elderly people in Eden. He said that there was no current shortage of bed spaces, largely because of the provision of home care for the elderly. However, there is a shortage of nursing care for the elderly and the County Council was working with the NHS to address this problem. Councillor Thornton answered questions from the floor, particularly about recruiting care staff, who often were employed on a low wage, and retention of staff. County Councillor Phil Dew mentioned that this was not a political issue as all parties acknowledge that there is not enough money in the system to provide an ideal level of care for rural communities, and he had arranged a meeting with Councillor Thornton to consider how to address this problem.*

Present : Cllrs A. Todd (chair); K. Kelly; S. Hodgson; G. Murphy; J. Nugent; D, Morland.

County Councillor P. Dew

4 members of the public and the clerk.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. K. Wharton and Cllr. A. Meadowcroft.

**2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest in any item on the Agenda.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 29th August 2018**

The Minutes were signed as a true record of that meeting.

**4. Planning**

Application 18/0760 (Eden District Council). An application for outline consent for residential development on land adjoining Church Rise, Tebay. No objection, but some concerns about the adequacy of the surface water drainage.

**5. Highways and Rights of Way**

County Councillor Phil Dew was pursuing the issue of the “keep clear” lines at the school. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with Dan Evans of Cumbria County Council to discuss highway line marking generally.

The chair reported on the progress with the Speedwatch project and Phil Dew would enquire to whom application should be made to place the sockets needed on the highway for four information signs.

The clerk will continue to ask Network Rail for a meeting to discuss making some parking available on the verges owned by them.

**6. Progress Reports**

6.1 The MUGA project had been completed. The Chair updated the meeting on the grant application to be made to Eden District Council to meet the cost of resurfacing the tennis court and the provision of fencing.

6.2 Advertisements on the roundabout. The clerk reported that planning consent would probably not be forthcoming and it was mentioned by Cllr S. Hodgson that the signs could be described as sponsorship signs, not advertisements.

6.3 Litter bin and light at Old Tebay. The clerk reported that EDC would provide a new bin, but it was unlikely that a new light would be purchased, due to the cost involved.

**7. Footway Lighting**

The current position was noted and a quote from the insurers was awaited to cover the cost of possible damage to the lights.

**8. Finance**

The clerk circulated the cash book for information and mentioned that the parish council might have to meet part of the cost of refurbishing the tennis court.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

M. Longworth – salary for September £140.00

MHPG – PAYE for September 35.00

Cumbria Payroll Services 14.40

North West Arboricultural Services (grasscutting) 498.00

North West Arboricultural Services 366.00

**9. Public Participation**

It was noted that Gallagher’s had received their vehicle operators’ licence and there were continuing difficulties in getting vehicles down the road to the industrial estate. It was agreed that the police should be informed if parked vehicles were obstructing the highway.

The situation with the dumping of horse manure on the right of way at Cocklake Bridge was noted and it seemed likely that the land belonged to the County Council. County Councillor Phil Dew undertook to make some enquiries about this.

It was noted that there was no locally elected representative on the MASCG board responsible for organising the Appleby Horse Fair, despite representations from parish councils and others.

Concerns were expressed about the lack of maintenance of the play area and the clerk was asked to write to EDC about this.

The clerk was asked to write to Eden Housing about inappropriate car parking at Whinfell Terrace.

**10. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 31st October 2018 at 7.30pm at the Methodist Hall, Tebay.

Margaret Longworth (clerk)

Signed as a true record of the above meeting

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