**TEBAY PARISH COUNCIL**

*Chair – Mr. A. Todd, Honeypot House, Gaisgill*

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

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2018 AT**

**THE METHODIST HALL, TEBAY AT 7.30PM**

Present: Cllrs A. Todd (chair); S. Hodgson; K. Wharton; A. Meadowcroft; J. Nugent; D. Morland

County Councillor P. Dew and two members of the public

The Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr K. Kelly

**2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 31st October 2018**

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting of 31st October 2018.

**4. Highways and Rights of Way**

It was reported by County Councillor Phil Dew that Gallaghers were negotiating with Network Rail to have a 50 metre strip of land at the highway verge leading to The Sidings Industrial Estate for use as a layby and for vehicle parking. There would also be an additional mirror to aid visibility at the junction of the public and private roads. That firm would also be able to assist with snow and ice clearance of the road during the winter months. The Chair asked for the thanks of the council to be recorded as this would be of great assistance to residents.

**5. Budget for 2019/2020**

A draft budget was circulated for discussion. It was noted that there would be additional expenditure for the period as elections were due and also the parish had taken on responsibility for the footway lights. There would be an increased insurance premium to pay. It was agreed to ask for an increased precept.

Cllr K. Wharton suggested an increase of £750 for the year, and this was seconded by the chair and carried unanimously. The precept for 2019/20 would, therefore, be £12,400.

**6. Correspondence**

6.1 The likely increase in insurance premium for the year 2019/20 was noted.

6.2 It was agreed to apply for a grant from the Lake District National Park of £250 to assist with the consideration of planning applications, as details were no longer being sent by post to the clerk. It was agreed that this money could be spent of the acquisition of large scale maps so that the location of the various planning applications, and the likely effect on the locality, could be more easily assessed at council meetings.

**7. 106 Bus Meeting**

The Chair had attended the AGM of the 106 Bus Partnership and reported that usage was slightly up and that finances were secure for the immediate future. It was agreed that the parish council would consider some fund raising activities in the new year.

**8. Finance**

The following bills were approved for payment:

M. Longworth – salary for November £140.00

HMRC – PAYE for November 35.00

Cumbria Payroll Services – fee for November 14.40

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M. Longworth – ink for printer 26.95

The cash book for September and October was circulated for information.

**9. Public Participation**

Parking issues were discussed, including the possibility of parking on the hatched lines by the bus stop by the recreation ground. It was thought this would be too close to a junction to be permitted.

**10. Reports of District and County Councillors**

County Councillor Phil Dew reported on the placing of the speed awareness signs and discussions that had taken place with County Highways. The missing grit bins would be replaced and consideration was being given to the use of “Keep Clear” markings at North and South Terraces. Work was ongoing to find out who owned the land adjacent to Cocklake Bridge where there was a large spoil heap. He reported that the action group responsible for organising the Appleby Horse Fair would, in future, include a locally elected representative. He also reported on the local policing teams and it was agreed that a police officer should attend parish council meetings at least once a year. He also reported on the integrated social care initiative whereby the NHS would work with local care providers and the local authority to ensure timely and safe return home after hospitalisation. He said that a grant application to renew the astro-turf at the Kirkby Stephen School had been successful and an application had been made to the District Council’s Signature Fund for a grant for the lighting.

Cllr S. Hodgson reported on the new tourist attraction to be opened at Appleby Castle and Cllr K. Wharton reported that the road sweeper had been seen in the village, but the gulley-sucker had not been round.

It was proposed by the Chair and agreed by the meeting to ask Martin Lawson to attend the January meeting to speak about the B4RN initiative (bringing faster broadband to rural areas).

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 30th January 2019 at The Methodist Hall, Tebay at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.10

Signed as a true record of the above meeting

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