

ARLECDON AND FRIZINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd July at 6.00pm in St Joseph's Community Hall, Frizington

Present: Cllr L Jones-Bullman (Chair), Cllr B Hoggarth; Cllr W Felstead

Clerk: Ms S Stuart

Members of the public: 19

Meeting start 18:00

020/24 **Apologies for Absence.** Received from Cllr L Cass.

021/24 **Exclusion of Press and Public.** Agenda item 15.

022/24 **Declaration of Interest.** To be advised if appropriate on issues.

023/24 **Approval of Minutes of meeting of 7th May.** The minutes were approved and signed.

024/24 **Public Participation.**

- Gwynneth Everett and Gillian Moore spoke about the 217 Bus Group. Because Gwynneth has retired from Arlecdon and Frizington Parish Council, there needs to be a representative from the parish council for the 217 Bus Group. Gillian Moore explained the history of the 217 Bus Group. Bill Fellstead agreed to become a member of the 217 Bus Group going forward.
- Cllr Jones-Bullman explained there would be a Cumberland Council meeting with Stagecoach on the 18th of July, which would hopefully result in some support for the 217/218 bus. The ideal bus would be a 16 seater for this. It is hoped there will be an update on the service after the meeting on the 18th of July.
- A member of the public spoke to the council on behalf of the residents of Parkside. There are major concerns about vehicles speeding through the area; many cars are being damaged. The residents would like the speed limit to be reduced for this area. Cllr Jones-Bullman is working with Cumberland Council already about this, trying to reduce the speed in this area. Unfortunately the police will not put speed cameras in this area, so natural calming has been tried in the past.
- A separate member of the public asked about the space at Frizington Main Street, near the former council chambers, people's cars are being damaged regularly because of the vehicles speeding through the village. Cllr Jones-Bullman has been in touch with the police about this. It was asked if we could get a give way sign here? The traffic regulations are due to be reviewed by Cumberland Council in 2025/26 and at that time resident's parking may be implemented. Members of the public were advised to report every accident/damage to Cumberland Council through the Highways section of Cumberland Council website.
- A member of the public suggested forming a community speed watch group. Cllr Jones-Bullman has been part of one of these for Arlecdon, however, was warned to be very careful of doing this as it can be dangerous for the individuals doing the monitoring. It was pointed out by Cllr Hoggarth that Arlecdon and Frizington Parish Council didn't have much power to change this, as it comes under Cumberland Council. Cllr Jones-Bullman is trying to arrange a site visit for this.
- A member of the public discussed the pavements between Arlecdon and Frizington, which are cracked and broken. Cllr Jones-Bullman confirmed that pavements were in need of repair

and development plans were out now for 2025/26 and these should be upgraded with the levelling up money from the government.

- A member of the public asked if there were any updates on The Griffin. Cllr Jones-Bullman stated that the building was put on hold because of bats, but these have now been removed and work should start in the next 12 months. It is rumoured that it will be converted to a petrol station and work would start in the next 3 months.
- A member of the public wanted to speak about the Jubilee Field/dilapidations in the village/changing rooms on Main Street:
 - Cllr Fellstead met with a woman from Cumberland Council, as well as Johnny Walker, regarding the Jubilee Field. The field was sold by the Dixon Family in 2021. It was queried if someone on the parish council would have agreed to this, however, this information was not known. Cllr Fellstead has let Mr Walker have all of this information and he has accepted that the case is closed. The playing field is still owned by the children of Frizington.
 - Members of the public discussed putting the gates back up, when the current residents bought the land, the gates were as they are now. A member of the parish council will look at the area. It was discussed that Sun Belt should be contacted to put them back up.
 - Members of the public are frustrated by the dilapidated state of buildings in the village. It was requested that the parish council communicate better with residents in the future. Cllr Jones-Bullman talked about funding for shop fronts to be decorated, however, this is only for Cleator Moor, Whitehaven and Egremont and Frizington would not be part of that plan. Unfortunately a lot of the buildings are privately owned and do not come under the remit of the parish council, or Cumberland Council.
- Going forward, the parish council are trying to move these issues along and will be looking at community groups up and running with funding from Cumberland Council to help in the future. It is important that the community work with us.
- The clerk discussed the Changing Rooms:
 - The changing rooms are currently due to be going to auction in September 2024, they will be going online with the auction house in the next couple of weeks.
 - A member of the public talked about asking a sports group as to why they weren't using the changing rooms, they were told that the building had been condemned. The previous clerk stated that the building has not been condemned, but does need a new roof.
 - It was discussed that the running costs of the changing rooms seems excessive.
 - Members of the public asked if residents should not have been consulted on whether the changing rooms should have been sold or not?
 - It was agreed that the sale of the changing rooms would be put on hold and an extraordinary meeting of the council would be held on the 1st of August to discuss what could be done with it going forward, including looking at the costs of the changing room over a number of years.
 - It was discussed that if the changing rooms were sold, the proceeds could be spent on SID cameras.

025/24 Reports from Cumberland Council and any others invited. Cllr Jones-Bulman reported:

- Many of the issues raised in public participation regarding speeding in the area had already been discussed.
- Access for cycle path at Winder Gate. A gentleman got stuck in his mobility scooter and couldn't access the cycle path. Cllr Jones-Bullman looking to put in accessibility here.

- Cllr Jones-Bullman has discussed with the police to get a community group about the playpark. The police are happy to do this, they will keep a more in depth eye on it.
- Cumberland Community Panel – Crosslacon Church has been awarded £4295.00 to start a weekly parent group at St Pauls Church, as well as being a warm spot in the village. The next meeting is 15th July, Citizens Advice will be in attendance.
- Looking into the library, which is currently being used for storage, could be used for a warm spot and to be used more for the residents.

026/24 **Clerk's Report.** All matters in the clerk's report had been dealt with in other parts of the meeting, except to mention that Graham Sutherland had resigned from the parish council. It was also noted that the Facebook page is now up and running as a noticeboard for the parish council and is getting quite a lot of interest.

027/24 **Changing Rooms.** Already dealt with under public participation.

028/24 **Financial.** The bank accounts need to be changed over to the new clerk and councillors. The following payments were approved and will be paid when the bank has switched over:

Cheque No.	Payee	Details	Amount (£)
003529	Burnetts Solicitors	Sale of Changing Rooms	1,000.00
TBC	Steven Brownbridge	Internal Audit	300.00
TBC	Works For You	Occupation Lanning	783.14
TBC	Hobans	8 Seater Bus (April & May)	900.00
TBC	DM Payroll Services	Payroll (April, May, June)	50.00
TBC	HMRC	Payroll	159.20
TBC	Susan Stuart	Wages	637.60
TBC	Susan Stuart	Clerk's Expenses (Flowers)	25.50
TBC	St Joseph's School	Hall Hire 2 nd July 2024	30.00
		TOTAL	3,882.44

029/24 **Planning Applications.** Cllr Jones-Bullman informed the parish council that she was also on the planning committee.

- **Application 4/24/2203/0F1** Construction of single storage extension and garage, Rheda Park, Frizington. No objections were noted.
- **Application 4/24/2229/0B1** To reflect changes to site plan of north eastern boundary wall, adjacent to 25 Arlecdon Road. No objections were noted.
- There was discussion about a planning application for a shed that was refused. Cllr Jones-Bullman stated she would look into this.

030/24 **Councillor's Questions/Remarks.**

- A letter is to be sent to Graham Sutherland asking for the front of his house to be tidied up. This has been raised in the past, but we will try again.
- Cllr Fellstead spoke about the bench in Asby which has been moved. The bench is owned by the parish council. Cllr Jones-Bullman to get photos to get it moved back.

031/24 **Any Other Business.**

To Receive and Note the Annual Internal Audit Report:

- The Annual Governance Statement was read out, agreed by all members and signed.
- The Annual Accounting Statement was agreed by all members and signed.

032/24 **Councillor Matters.** Dealt with in other areas of the meeting.

033/24 **Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd September 2024.

034/24 **Parish Council.**

- The clerk's hourly rate was discussed and agreed.
- Discussion to install a noticeboard to increase the visibility of the parish council.
- Looking at which documents we need to be updated.
- Also looking at setting up the website, which is needed for publishing governance information.

Meeting Ends 20:04

Chair

Date