

ARLECDON AND FRIZINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September at 6.00pm in St Joseph's Community Hall, Frizington

Present: Cllr L Jones-Bullman (Chair), Cllr B Hoggarth; Cllr L Cass, Cllr K Hodgson

Clerk: Ms S Stuart

Members of the public: 10

Meeting start 18:00

035/24 **Apologies for Absence.** Received from Cllr W Felstead.

036/24 **Exclusion of Press and Public.** Agenda item 16.

037/24 **Declaration of Interest.** To be advised if appropriate on issues.

038/24 **Approval of Minutes of meeting of 2nd July 2024 and 1st August 2024.** The minutes for both meetings were approved and signed.

039/24 **Co-Option of Councillor.** Kevin Hodgson was co-opted to the parish council, all members in agreement. The acceptance of office form was signed by Kevin and he joined the meeting.

040/24 **Public Participation.**

- A member of the public asked about clarification about the sale of the Jubilee Field. It was discussed that this land was potentially sold without consulting the public. Cllr Hoggarth suggested we might need to contact a solicitor about this. It was agreed that the clerk would try to find mention to this in the historical minutes and to speak to the insurers regarding using legal expenses cover to work out what has happened.
- A member of the public asked if there had been any updates from highways about the speed limit all the way through the area. Cllr Jones-Bulman has a meeting with Highways on the 24th of September to discuss speeding and parking issues and will update on this at the next meeting.
- A member of the public stated that the new streetlights on Mill Street are too tall and too bright and are actually positioned in a way that bypasses the pavement. The member of the public has spoken to Highways about this, but gotten nowhere. Cllr Jones-Bulman agreed to look into this.
- A member of the public asked about traffic calming measures. Cllr Jones-Bulman advised that that is what is happening while they are working on the main road. Carl Melville from Cumberland Council has been out to visit the site. Cllr Jones-Bulman has concerns about members of the public being in danger while the works are going on. There are also concerns about the constant changing of bus stops and access. It was also discussed that the communication from Cumberland Council about these roadworks has been lacking.
- Members of the public complained about concerns and damages in regard to the Youth Club. There are issues with parking, litter and antisocial behaviour from the older children attending the youth club. Members of the parish council will join members of the public at the next meeting with the Youth Club to discuss the way forward with this. The meeting is on the 24th of September. Cllr Jones-Bulman suggested inviting the

police to discuss this also; members of the public should contact the police when the antisocial behaviour is happening, so they are aware that there is a problem.

- Cllr Hodgson brought up the lonning behind Main Street. The work should be done by Works 4 You. Cllr Jones Bullman has contacted Mr [Gremmins] at Cumberland about this. The Clerk advised that a member of the public had contacted about working with the parish council to make Occupation Lonning more accessible.
- A member of the public enquired about the fence at Weavers Avenue. Cumberland Council had yet to advise who has responsibility for this. Cllr Hoggarth has some information that he will bring to the next meeting. A mesh fence could potentially be put in place for safety from the community panel.
- A member of the public said there was a brown wheelie bin filled with rubbish at the playpark.
- Cllr Jones-Bulman reiterated that getting a community group together could be good for the area and be more productive for getting things done.
- A member of the public asked about the playpark. Home Group currently look after basic maintenance, but the playpark is not under anyone's control.
- A member of the public queried what was happening with the pencil fence. The clerk was under the impression that work should already have been done on this, but would enquire as to the current situation. It was discussed that funding isn't available from local businesses because it is work for the Parish Council. It was discussed that children from the school could decorate the fence. Cllr Cass declared an interest because she works at the school and says there wouldn't be time in the day for the children to do that.
- Cllr Jones-Bulman said there was renewed energy from the police and there was now a hub which should improve things.
- Cllr Jones-Bulman informed those present that there was now a Facebook page for the parish council which was being used as a virtual noticeboard. There is also a plan to get a physical noticeboard in place at the Spar. Cllr Hoggarth has asked about this and Spar would be willing to keep that for us.
- A member of the public asked about dog bins at the bottom of Frizington. Cllr Jones-Bulman said she had been trying to get a new bin also, this has been requested but nothing has happened so far. The former clerk had previously said there was no money for this.
- There was a small discussion about SIDs, however, there is an issue with these getting their batteries stolen. It might be possible in the future, however, there is no enforcement with these.

041/24 **Reports from Cumberland Council and any others invited.** Cllr Jones-Bulman reported:

- Everything already covered in public participation.
- Nothing really happens in August because of holidays.

042/24 **Clerk's Report.**

- The gas safety check has been done for the changing rooms without any issues.
- Letter from the external auditors to say that the return for the year end has been passed. Two issues were raised, one being the system of minutes and secondly, the need for a website. Cllr Jones-Bulman asked if there were any issues with accounts having been done by pencil, but this was not an issue.

043/24 Changing Rooms.

- Cllr Hodgson got an estimate for the changing rooms to be brought to a good standard. This came in at £19,000 approximately.
- The clerk said that there were savings to be made on the utilities, however, we would need to commit to a fixed term, which is not a good idea right now.
- Cllr Jones-Bulman asked how much the changing rooms were costing, which has been over £20,000 in the past four years.
- Cllr Hoggarth suggested finding out the renewal date for the insurance on the changing rooms, so a decision can be made before that time. Clerk to check the date.
- It was noted that rates for hire would need to be increased substantially to use it.
- There has been no interest in using the building from any sports teams.
- There was a query about using the changing rooms for parish council meetings, but they are too small to fit members of the public.
- The clerk advised that Sellafeld would not be willing to fund repairs on the building because it belongs to the parish council.
- The garage across the road from the changing rooms has expressed interest in purchasing them. The owner has just built a wall next to the changing rooms and would be keen to add to his land.

044/24 Financial. The following payments were approved:

Cheque No.	Payee	Details	Amount (£)
TBC	Susan Stuart	Printer Ink/Paper	73.98
TBC	Water Plus (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	60.71
TBC	Eon (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	47.95
TBC	British Gas (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	67.13
TBC	British Gas (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	98.88
TBC	British Gas (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	16.80
TBC	Arborscape	Grass Cutting	4188.00
TBC	Hobans	218 Bus	400.00
TBC	Hobans	218 Bus	236.42
TBC	Hobans	218 Bus	400.00
TBC	Moore	External Audit	252.00
		TOTAL	5841.87

The clerk explained the problem with changing the bank accounts over to the next council/clerk. We are currently waiting for a decision to be made, there is no way to speed them up.

045/24 Planning Applications. Cllr Jones-Bullman informed the parish council that she was also on the planning committee.

- Application 4/24/2269/0F1 had no objections.
- Application 4/24/2252/0F1 had no objections.
- Cllr Jones-Bulman had looked into the previous query about the shed that was refused, but could find no information about it. Cllr Hodgson said the member of public was consulting a solicitor about this and he would report on any developments.

046/24 **Councillor's Questions/Remarks.**

- Cllr Cass declared an interest because she works at the school. Last year it was agreed that a bench could be provided for the secret garden at the school. Clerk to look into this and get back.
- Cllr Jones-Bulman discussed planting wildflower areas in the village, which has been tried before and nothing came of it. Residents complain when they grow too tall.

047/24 **Any Other Business.** The clerk's contract was agreed and signed.

048/24 **Councillor Matters.** Dealt with in other areas of the meeting.

- One point about dilapidations in the village. Cllr Jones-Bulman is trying to get Cumberland Council to meet and move this forward. The council building is currently privately owned and the parish council can do nothing about it. The current owners are having issues with antisocial behaviour in/on the building.

049/24 **Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 1st of October 2024.

050/24 **Parish Council.** The clerk discussed potential adoption of new policies and procedures, as well as the noticeboard and possible new website.

Meeting Ends 20:23

Chair

Date