

ARLECDON AND FRIZINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 6.00pm in St Joseph's Community Hall, Frizington

Present: Cllr L Jones-Bulman (Chair), Cllr K Hodgson; Cllr L Cass, Cllr W Felstead

Clerk: Ms S Stuart

Members of the public: 5

Meeting start 18:00

001/25 **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies received from Cllr Hoggarth.

002/25 **Exclusion of Press and Public.** No items.

003/25 **Declaration of Interest.** To be advised if appropriate on issues.

004/25 **Approval of Minutes of meeting of 7th January 2025.** The minutes were approved and signed.

005/25 **Public Participation.**

- A member of the public asked if there were any updates about the speeding restrictions. Cllr Jones-Bulman explained there was no update at the appropriate person has not been back in the office after the Christmas break; hopefully there will be an update by the next meeting.
- A member of public asked about dilapidations. Nick Hayhurst has been in touch with Cllr Jones-Bulman, the Griffin should be demolished in the next two or three months. Other buildings are private and the council can't do anything about them.
- A member of the public asked about the Jubilee Field; the clerk advised that people had been on holiday and there were no updates. Another member of the public asked if the Jubilee Field could have a line drawn under it as it is causing undue anxiety. It was explained that the issue with the Jubilee Field is now about the historical sale and is no longer about the people who purchased the land.
- It was also asked about access to the field if an ambulance needed to get in. It was discussed that the parish council might be able to help the current owners to install a gate that would allow emergency services access to the area. Cllr Cass stated that there used to be access at the other side of the field, unfortunately it now has a ditch that stops this from happening. Putting the original gate pillars back in place was also discussed.
- A member of the public spoke about a house on Dyke Street which has been empty for 38 years and is now overrun with rats. Cllr Hodgson confirmed that the council had been out and they will be taking over the care of the house and would be making it safe. Cumberland Council will be taking on the maintenance, Cllr Jones-Bulman will try to speed this along.
- A member of the public discussed how poor the pavements in Arlecdon are. Cllr Jones-Bulman confirmed she has spoken to Karl Melville at Cumberland Council about this. There are also issues with litter and dog fouling, this is an ongoing issue and we will raise this with enforcement.
- There have been issues with empty drug packets being left on pavements, etc. This will also be raised with enforcement. Video evidence is required before anything can be done about these issues.

- 006/25 **Reports from Cumberland Council and any others invited.** Cllr Jones-Bulman reported:
- Cumberland Council came to look around the playfield just before Christmas. They advised a community group is not the best way forward for this as they can fail. Cumberland are looking into the feasibility of the playpark and the costs of running it, with a view to taking it on, or the parish council. There is funding available for this.
 - There have been a lot of requests for grit bins. The clerk to look into whether we have a map of existing grit bins.
 - It was also discussed whether there was an emergency plan in place, as we legally need one of these.
 - There are issues with missing waste bins in Arlecdon and Frizington. The clerk will look into this.
- 007/25 **Clerk's Report.**
- The Clerk reported that we are one step closer to having a proper website.
 - Unfortunately the bank account still hasn't been sorted out, they have now decided that the ID the clerk provided is not suitable and the clerk is currently waiting for updated ID to arrive.
 - An email has been received about dog fouling; this has already been discussed previously at this meeting.
 - A response has been received from Paul Rowe at Frizington Youth Club regarding actions from the meeting in September. The clerk read out the email that was received. It was confirmed that they are willing to work one to one with residents and the parish council, but will no longer work in the previous format.
 - It was asked if we could enquire if they could review what they class as an incident.
 - Cllr Jones-Bulman is meeting with the police this month. Residents will have to report incidents to the police.
 - There was also a query about the possibility of privet hedges.
 - It was discussed that there has to be some effort if they want parish council funding to continue.
 - There was a discussion about police reporting and attendance to incidents. Cllr Hodgson is currently keeping an eye on the stats.
- 008/25 **Changing Rooms.** The wait period for the changing rooms is up at the end of January. Clerk to speak to previous estate agents to find out dates of auctions so a decision can be made. Clerk to also get in touch with the insurance company with a view to reducing the annual premium and the possibility of potentially paying this monthly.
- 009/25 **Grass Cutting.** There was no update on quotes for this because of Christmas holidays and bad weather. To be discussed again at the February meeting. Clerk to check with Arborscape for contact details for Cllr Hodgson to go and look at the items that have been bought for the fence previous.
- 010/25 **Financial.** The following payments were approved:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount (£)
TBC	Susan Stuart	Salary	637.40
TBC	HMRC	Tax	159.40
TBC	Eon (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	35.45
TBC	Water Plus (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	51.87
TBC	British Gas (Paid by clerk)	Changing Rooms	45.81

TBC	Hobans	218 Bus (December)	400.00
TBC	J Nicholson	Playpark Duties (December)	104.20

011/25 **Planning Applications.** Cllr Jones-Bullman informed the parish council that she was also on the planning committee.

Ref 4/24/2252/OF1 Erection of 18 2 bedroom dwellings, land between Griffin Close and Greenvale Court – No objections noted.

Ref 4/23/9006 Infill of disused railway, Kirkland Howe Farm, Arlecdon – No objections noted.

Ref 4/24/2413/OF1 New detached double garage, The Old Corn Mill – No objections noted.

012/25 **Councillor's Questions/Remarks.** Already dealt with elsewhere.

013/25 **Councillor Matters.** Agenda items for next meeting:

- Jubilee field
- Changing Rooms
- Grass Cutting
- Emergency Plan
- Bins and gritting bins

114/25 **Any Other Business.** Nothing.

115/25 **Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 3th February 2025.

Meeting Ends 19:14

Chair

Date