

## HUTTON ROOF PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hutton Roof Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30 pm  
in Hutton Roof Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr R D Read - Chairman  
Cllr D J Travis - Vice Chairman  
Cllr P Huntington

**Also Present:** Cllr R Bingham  
Mrs A Huntington - Hutton Roof Press Officer  
Mr N Hall  
Mr J Powers  
Mr & Mrs Helliwell

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Cllrs Cooper, S Travis, Matthews, PCSO Coleman, Eve Simpson, Ian and Cynthia Gibson, Alison Newton.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr D Travis declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 and Cllr Read in Agenda Item 9.

### 3. Minutes of the last Hutton Roof Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the last Hutton Roof Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 were signed by Cllr Read as a true record of the proceedings.

### 4. Matters Arising

The following matter arose from the minutes of the last meeting;

- It was noted that the bridge at Badgergate had not yet been repaired and Cllr Bingham explained that this was due to the unprecedented number of repairs required on the A and B roads within the county as a result of the flooding in December 2015, which took precedence over the minor roads.

### 5. Police Report

Cllr Read delivered the police report. Cllr Bingham questioned the layout of the report and the content of which only included one "Key Crime" incident and advice, rather condescendingly, telling people to drive only if absolutely necessary in inclement weather and to set the alarm ten minutes early to de-ice cars and not leave them running. Cllr Bingham agreed to look into the costs involved in producing what was considered a very unsatisfactory police report.

### 6. Finance

Cllr Travis re-iterated his interest in this agenda item.

The Clerk reported that the balance at the bank, of today's date, was £1,773.93. Recent transactions included a wayleaf receipt for £30.44 and a funeral donation of £40.00 following the sad passing of Christen Morch.

### 7. B4RN Superfast Broadband

Prior to Mr Hall delivering the installation update, he thanked the Parish Council for subscribing to Parish Mapping Online.

Mr Hall then went on to inform the Meeting that the works to install the broadband had progressed very well and had now reached the Village Hall. The Council, as custodians of the Village Hall and plot of land it stands on, discussed the wayleaf agreement produced by B4RN to allow the cabinet to be installed and it was unanimously agreed to authorise the Chairman to sign this once the drawings, maps etc showing the exact location of the cabinet had been produced and received by the Parish Council. Mr Hall confirmed that once broadband had been installed throughout the Parish, the Council would receive all the documents appertaining to the whole installation.

Cllr Read asked whether inquired whether he could be connected to superfast broadband taking into consideration that his property was not in Hutton Roof Parish but just over the border into Whittington. Mr Hall confirmed that this should not be a problem as long as it was possible to install the cable around the quarry.

Finally, Mr Hall confirmed that Hutton Roof Parish had one of the highest “take-ups” for B4RN.

## **8. Hutton Roof Village Hall**

There were no matters for discussion in the absence of Village Hall Committee members.

## **9. Parish Highways**

The Chairman reminded those present that Cllr Huntington could be contacted regarding any highway matters.

The following highway matters were discussed;

### **a) Road at Lupton Mill**

Since moving into Lupton Mill, the current residents have undertaken an extensive tree excavation exercise within the boundaries of the property, including those at the side of the road which has resulted in opening up a steep drop into the mill pond covering a distance of approximately 50 yards. The Clerk reported that she had emailed the Lupton Parish Council Clerk but had not received a reply. The obvious dangers of this were discussed and Cllr Bingham agreed to look into this serious matter which he believed could become a legal matter.

### **b) Mealrigg Farm**

Cllr Read reiterated his declaration of interest in this matter.

Cllr Read reported that the roadside gully on the Mealrigg Farm side had been cleared out but this work had either been completed or halted approximately 50 yards above the farm entrance. In periods of heavy rain the gully floods and, consequently, the rain water along with the silt and rubbish overflows on to the farm road and fields on both sides of it. Cllr Read went on to report that £1,500.00 had recently been spent to repair the road as a result of water running of the main road and it had suffered further damage. Cllr Read asked Cllr Huntington to look into this.

### **c) Sealford Lane**

Cllr Bingham confirmed that Sealford Lane would be completely resurfaced sometime this year.

### **d) Road Grit**

Cllr Bingham agreed to arrange for grit to be delivered into Newbiggin.

## **10. Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications presented for discussion.

## **11. Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence for discussion

## **12. Open Forum**

### **a) Victoria Cross War Veterans**

Cllr Bingham reported that a flag stone was to be laid near Ulverston to commemorate a Cumbrian war veteran who had been awarded the Victoria Cross. He went on to say that even though the Rev Hardy from Hutton Roof Parish, who had also been awarded the Victoria Cross, CCC had decided he was not entitled to a flagstone because he was not born in Cumbria.

Cllr Bingham was prepared to donate towards a flagstone, provided he still had his allowance from CCC, if a place could be found for it in the path up to the church. Mrs Huntington advised that she knew of an ideal place for such a stone. Mrs Huntington also expressed disbelief that the Rev Hardy was not to be commemorated because he was not born in Cumbria especially when there were only two war veterans awarded the Victoria Cross. Those present were off the same opinion along with Cllr Bingham who agreed to take this matter up with CCC.

### **b) Queen Elizabeth’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Cllr Bingham reminded the meeting of the Queen's upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Mrs Huntington confirmed there would be events in the Village Hall and Church to commemorate the occasion.

### **13. Any Other Business**

#### **a) Refuse Collections**

Cllr Bingham explained the whole debacle surrounding the ongoing issues with the refuse collections.

#### **b) Christen Morch**

Cllr Travis gave a brief summary of the Service of Reflection held for Christen.

### **14. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

It was resolved to hold the next Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm

There being no further business to discuss, Cllr Read thank everyone for their attendance and input and the meeting closed at 8.20 pm