

HUTTON ROOF PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hutton Roof Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 29th June 2016 at 7.30 pm
in St John's Church, Hutton Roof

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

Also Present: Cllr R Bingham
Cllr B Cooper
Mr M Burrows
Mrs A Mundy

Cllr Bingham opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mrs Simpson, Mr & Mrs Helliwell and Mrs Huntington.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr D Travis declared an interest in Agenda Items 5 & 6.

3. Minutes of the Hutton Roof Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th May 2016

On the understanding Agenda Item 2 "Election of Vice Chairperson for the 2016/2017 Council Year" was corrected to read "It was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Read as Hutton Roof Parish Council Vice Chairman", Cllr Travis was authorised to sign the minutes as a true record of the proceedings.

4. Matters Arising from those Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Financial Report

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

- The balance at the bank as of today's date stood at £2,437.01.
- Since the last meeting, the Clerk had paid £12.00 to the Village Hall Association for the hire of the hall for the last Parish Council Meeting and £106.00 for the annual CALC subscription.
- The Clerk reported she had received the renewal documents for the Parish Council Insurance. The renewal premium was £251.85 which was an increase of £8.05 on the past two years. It was resolved to authorise the Clerk to renew the Council's insurance.
- The Clerk informed the meeting she had received an invoice for £30.00 from Parish Online Mapping for uploading and processing B4RN data. She went on to remind those present that Messrs Hall and Powers had requested the Parish Council subscribe to this service in order to assist with route planning and fibre installation. It was resolved that the Clerk should settle this invoice.
- The Clerk confirmed that the Council had purchased two trees (ref Queen's Diamond Jubilee trees) and it was agreed to pay £67.98 to reimburse the Clerk for them.

6. Financial Annual Return

Cllr Travis reiterated his interest in this agenda item.

The Clerk presented the Financial Annual Return to the meeting and explained what was involved in completing this mandatory document. It was resolved to authorise her and the Chairman to sign and date Section 1, the Annual Governance Statement and Section 2, The Accounting Statements.

7. Police Matters

The Clerk reported that she had not notified the local PCSO's of today's meeting since she had not received a reply to any of the previous monthly email invitations. The Clerk went on to report that there had also been no police reports in AKL for the months of June and July.

- **Non-Emergency Police Contact No 101**

Cllr Travis informed those present of an incident at Hutton Roof Post Office whereby it was only the quick thinking of Mrs Huntington that prevented what could have been an extremely serious crime from taking place. Mrs Huntington did not dial 999 as she felt it was not a "real emergency", however, she did try contacting the police service 101 only to be greeted by "options" and, consequently, was unable to speak to anyone.

Cllr Bingham reported that he had a similar experience of contacting 101 and had been made aware of other residents within the surrounding parishes who also had experienced similar problems.

Cllr Travis informed the meeting that he had received an email, which he believed to have been a scam, from Cumbria Community Messaging Service. This was reported to 101 and Cllr Travis was told the matter would be looked into. As of today's meeting, Cllr Travis has not received a response.

Cllr Bingham confirmed he had already spoken to the Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Peter McCall regarding these issues and it was resolved by those present the Clerk should make representation with the above mentioned concerns.

8. Hutton Roof Village Hall.

- The Clerk reported that Parish Council had purchased two trees, as agreed with the Village Hall Association, to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
- The Hutton Roof Village Hall Association Annual General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 5th July 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

9. Parish Highways

Cllr Bingham reported that he, along with the CCC Highway Engineer, Mr Hoskin had inspected the Hutton Roof Parish Highways and could confirm that the road to Sealford would be resurfaced sometime in the future. Cllr Bingham also acknowledged other highway matters presented to him at the meeting, these being at Lowther Court, Rose Cottage, Southview and Buttle House.

10. Planning Applications

- **Planning Application SL/2016/0537 / Dwelling for Agricultural Worker/Land on North Side of Newbiggin Lane**

The Clerk presented the above mentioned planning application to the meeting.

The Clerk went on to say she had received numerous emails from local residents who had confirmed their intention to oppose the application and a planning consultant had been engaged to assist with this.

Cllr Bingham confirmed that he had met with local residents and Mr Simon Fawcett, the SLDC Planning Officer. Cllr Cooper went on to explain that agricultural workers' dwellings would be considered under Section 106 of "The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) commonly known as 106 agreements". These are mechanisms which make a development proposal acceptable, in planning terms, that would not otherwise be acceptable."

After those present at the meeting had had the opportunity to look at the application Cllrs Bingham and Cooper withdrew from the meeting whilst the Hutton Roof Parish Councillors discussed what had been presented before them. After a lengthy discussion, it was resolved the Council would submit its observations/objections for the following main reasons;

1. The location – Green Field Site
2. Proposed design and materials not in keeping with the surrounding area
3. Design and layout does not seem appropriate for a single agricultural worker

Cllrs Bingham and Cooper were then asked to rejoin the meeting.

- **Proposed Planning Application Presented by Mrs A Mundy and Mr M Burrows**

Mrs Mundy and Mr Burrows requested the opportunity to present a drawing/plan to the Council of a proposed eco-friendly camping/glamping structure on land associated with Kelker Well adjacent to Hutton Roof Crag. Mrs Mundy explained that all materials would be locally sourced and it would not be connected to mains services. In addition it was hoped to be able to offer people an insight into farming and other countryside activities.

The Councillors thanked Mrs Mundy for introducing the proposed application to the meeting and looked forward to discussing it further once the whole plan had been received from SLDC.

11. Correspondence

B4RN

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received an email from Mr Nick Hall regarding the installation progress of B4RN hyper fast broadband. The email went on to say that those who had signed up to receive broadband in Hutton Roof were almost ready to have the fibre installed and “go live”. Work had begun in Newbiggin as far as Rose Bank but this would be rolled out into the rest of the hamlet once Hutton Roof had been connected.

Cllr Read expressed his concern at the actual cost per household for connection to B4RN which included a one-off connection fee of £150.00 and a monthly subscription of £30.00. It was acknowledged that there are numerous other broadband providers at a fraction of the cost. However, it was pointed out that households connected to B4RN would be able to secure telephone and television services through the fibre.

12. Open Forum

There were no items for discussion.

13. Any Other Business

- Cllr Travis took the opportunity to express his regret for not thanking Cllr Read at the Hutton Roof Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th May 2016 for his work as Parish Council Chairman for the past twelve months. Cllr Travis proceeded to thank Cllr Read.
- The Chairman reported that on his way into St John’s Church this evening, he had witnessed two young ladies, staying at the Old School with Outward Reach, run across the Graveyard. It was resolved that the Clerk should contact Outward Reach requesting that those stopping at the Old School are reminded to respect the Church and its grounds.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was resolved to hold the next Hutton Roof Parish Council Meeting towards the end September 2016.

There being no further business, Cllr Travis thanked everyone for their input and attendance, and the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

COUNCIL NOTE

The above minutes have been approved by Hutton Roof Parish Council as a true record of the proceedings on 21/07/2016 due to a request from a member of the public.