

Milburn Parish Council - 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Due to Coronavirus – Covid-19 – The Parish Council held a zoom meeting

Present

Councillors D Richardson (Chair), R. Healey, M Armstrong, N Cresswell and P Moran Clerk Mrs J Todd Eden District Councillor A Armstrong and Councillor A Connell plus ten guests

21.01.01 Election of Chair

None received

21.01.02 Register of Interests

None

21.01.03 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 had been circulated prior to this meeting. All agreed this was a true record and were signed and approved.

21.01.04 Matters Arising

The sign placed on the waste bin in the bus shelter has been very helpful  
Due to current restrictions, the seat has still to be painted

21.01.05 Discussion regarding the procurement of the Village Green

Guy Heelis was invited to speak and provided a brief history to Corlands and the Appleby Area.

Corlands are proposing to transfer ownership & title to the Parish Council at no cost but with the agreement that the Parish Council pay for Corlands legal fees incurred in this transfer. (estimated to be approximately £750 plus VAT for both sides). The green was registered with land registry approximately 6-7 year ago.

Regarding the School, the footprint is owned by Cumbria County Council  
The transfer is for the Green and cart roads, this does not include Fell Lane, Cotlands and the Back Lane, all are classed as common land.

The Chairman thanked Guy Heelis for speaking.

After much debate, there was a positive response to the proposal and the Councillors resolved to proceed with the takeover.

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*Addition The Clerk checked the following day and was advised that the same solicitor could not act for Corlands and the Parish Council, therefore after email communication, it was resolved to use a different solicitor, the Parish Council will be using Alex Birtles of Hewitson and Harker of Kirkby Stephen. The Clerk has contacted and confirmed.*

#### 21.01.06 Milburn Village Green Perimeter Roads

The Councillors accept that potholes, either on the highway or the cart roads are a huge problem.

The Chairman invited members of the public to speak and these were the main points

Suggested contacting CCC to enquire if there are grants available to help improve the cart roads, as to being unable to get out because of the potholes.

Concerns were voiced regarding the road up to the left of the green towards Fell Lane, from the Holly Bush to the Culvert, this, it was stated, was a CCC highway and as such they should be responsible for filling the potholes. There is a huge question mark over the ownership of this piece of road.

Should a flat surface be laid on all the cart roads, drainage etc is an enormous problem, the flow of rain water has to be taken into consideration so that it does not run in to properties, as it has in the past.

A large problem for the cart roads is the number of vehicles using them, i.e. delivery vans, oil wagons etc, although it was pointed out that the pot holes do slow down the vehicles, which does make it safe for the properties on the side of the cart roads.

Prior to this meeting Councillor Healey spoke to a Director of a local company for advice and asked for a rough estimate for a solution and received the quote of £60k +vat for a tarmac topping only, no excavation or removal of spoils and no sub base. This did not include any additional work required to maintain access to properties or a solution for drainage, all of which would require a detailed survey.

The Councillors pointed out that they usually meet up a couple of times a year to fill pot holes and carry out general maintenance of the Green but last year they were unable to carry out these repairs. This was beyond their control.

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The Councillors propose filling the pot holes as soon as possible, Councillor Healey to order Scalpings. Some guests of this meeting offered to help when a date is set. Obviously this is dependant of the relaxation of the current restrictions.

Councillor Connell offered to contact Highways regarding the potholes on the highway in the village. The Chairman thanked him.

The Councillors resolved that any alterations to the surface of the Cart Roads, must be the consensus of the whole village

#### 21.01.07 Village Hall Defibrillator

The Parish Council has been asked to take over the payment of the replacement pads for the defibrillator which will be due in 2023. The cost is approximately £80, lasting for 2-3 years.

After discussion, as this is of a huge benefit to the village, the Councillors resolved to take over these payments.

#### 21.01.08 Planters at the Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee asked the Councillors for their thoughts on the possibility of planters being placed outside the village hall.

The Councillors thought this was a good idea but having had problems in the past with planters being placed in inappropriate places and they also had concerns regarding the fire regulations should planters be placed near exit doors.

The Councillors agreed they had no objections to window boxes or hanging baskets.

#### 21.01.09 Finance

The new layout 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 draft budget had been emailed to Councillors prior to this meeting. This layout makes it easier to compare years.

The budget allows £1000 to cover legal fees and £500 to cover the cost of cart road repairs.

After discussion it was resolved to apply for £4500 precept.

Resolved to pay M Joyce for website fees of £45.00

#### 21.01.10 Correspondence

There are two Clerks & Councils Direct November 2020 and January 2021, no other correspondence. Emails are forwarded at the time of receipt.

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#### 21.01.11 Public Participation

It was reported to the Councillors the gullies are blocked down the side of the village green. The Councillors will check and clean out as necessary. A guest to the Zoom meeting thanked the Councillors for all their hard work throughout this difficult past year, which was very much appreciated.

#### 21.01.12 Any other Business

The drains down Mill Lane are totally blocked, there are painted lines on the highway but nothing has been done.

The drain at The Mill was repaired a while ago by CCC but now a lot of the stone has washed out and the concrete they put in has now broken and could be dangerous.

Councillor Connell offered to contact Highways to report these two issues, but did advise the Councillors and the public to report any problems directly to the Highways Dept via their website.

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