

**ROCKCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Rockcliffe Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday 21<sup>ST</sup> November 2016 in Rockcliffe Community Centre at 7:30 p.m.**

**RO 44/11/16 Apologies for absence**

Cllr S Sidgwick.

**RO 45/11/16 Present**

The Chairman, Cllr J Harper, H Graham, G Moss, G Mounsey-Heysham, R Park, G Percival & J Twentyman.

**RO 46/11/16 In Attendance**

County Cllr V Tarbitt, City Cllr J Mallinson, City Cllr R Bloxham and three members of the public.

**RO 47/11/16 Declarations of Interest or Requests for Dispensations**

Cllr G Mounsey-Heysham declared an interest in North West Connections Project - due to being a landowner on which pylons maybe situated.

**RO 48/11/16 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**RO 49/11/16 Public Participation**

A Rockcliffe resident advised the council on his concerns regarding the proposed route of the new electricity line by Electricity North West (ENW). This included:-

- The proposed route and pylons are to be situated to the west of Cargo, running alongside the Carr bed & Paddy hills (below Shapwath), behind the Courtyard & Lanning Foot, before looping round to the north side of Harker sub-station – where connection to the National Grid is to be made. This route also skirts the River Eden Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and an Area of Outstanding National Beauty (AONB);
- querying why the route could not follow the existing line and why such a 'loop' was necessary. This was advised as being necessary by ENW due to entry to the Harker sub-station being via the north side;
- the detrimental effect that having 50ft pilons (equivalent in height to Rockcliffe church spire) would have on visual and residential amenity and would be highly visible as you enter Rockcliffe;
- querying if the line's could be buried underground, as in other areas of the route;
- that when requested, ENW had not been able to provide detailed photographs or a 'mock-up' of how the pylons would appear against the local landscape and that this was thought to be unusual, for such a large scale consultation.

The resident urged the council to object to the proposed route corridor, for the reasons outlined above.

Discussion was then undertaken as to how residents could be made more aware of the impact that the proposed route would have on the village and to publicize the presentation roadshow to be held by ENW at the Rockcliffe Centre on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November between 2-8 pm. O also raise awareness of the on-going consultation that ended on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the presentation giving residents an opportunity to raise objections and make their opinions known.

Consideration was then given to Agenda item 5.1 North West Connections Project – Proposed Route Corridor.

**Resolved:** to object to the proposed route for reasons outlined above. PC to undertake a leaflet drop, advising residents on the public consultation and concerns raised on the proposed route. Cllrs to advise the Clerk on reasons for objection before the 18<sup>th</sup> December, so that a formal response can be formulated and submitted for the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**AM/  
ALL**

## RO 50/11/16 Administration & Governance

### 50.1 Consultations Received

#### Cumbria Success Regime- The Future of Healthcare

Notification of the above consultation was considered.

**Resolved:** no response to be made.

### 50.2 Reports of Meetings Attended

#### Northern Resource Park Liaison Meeting

Cllr J Harper & J Twentyman reported on a presentation by the site manager that had included current developments and maintenance being undertaken on the site.

#### Rockcliffe Community Liaison Committee

Cllr J Twentyman reported that items discussed included that controlled burning in the area was not being undertaken by Brampton Skips and that plans were being made to landscape the entrance to the site and create a 'settlement' pond. Discussion was undertaken on how some tree screening from the road would be welcomed and it was **Agreed:** to request that additional screening of the site is raised as an agenda item at the next Community Liaison meeting.

Also advised that some un-recyclable materials was likely to be transported from Brampton Skips to the proposed waste incinerator at Kingmoor. Advised that this material had previously been transported south. Wagons are scheduled to use the CNDR route to do this and any drivers found to be diverging from this route are dismissed.

#### Community Right to Bid Workshop

Cllr S Sidgwick attended the workshop on behalf of the council, but due to his absence Cllr R Bloxham (who also attended) gave the report. This included that:-

- If a community is interested in pursuing an application, staff at Carlisle City Council are able to advise and over-see the process;
- that although more bids appeared to be failing than succeeding, this is due to the facility i.e. village shop, pub being bought by private individuals who wish to run the establishments as going concerns, which keeps the facility open.

JT/AM

## RO 51/11/16 Clerks Report

### Highway Items

*No-through road sign, The Boathouse* – now replaced;

*Faulty Streetlight, Todhills* – reported and now fixed;

*Tidal Waste removal* – discussions on the possibility of placing a tidal boom on the green had resulted in being advised that this could not be undertaken - due to objections from Natural England. Cllr Val Tarbitt advised that she would continue to get the area cleared by highways of debris, when advised by Cllr J Harper.

*Cast Iron Signpost* – Clerk advised that highways had encountered problems with it's repair – due to closure of the local foundry. Cllr V Tarbitt advised that she would progress this issue on behalf of the parish council.

JH/VT

### Registration of land at Blencarn Park as a village green

Clerk advised that the representation period for the application had now expired and no objections had been received from members of the public. The application will now go to the County Council Development Control Committee for approval.

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### Replacement Footpath Bridge

Cumbria County Council Countryside Access Officer has advised that they are still awaiting confirmation from the Rural Payments Agency that a bid for funding had been successful - but they are hopeful that it has been. Aiming to get the bridge replaced inside the environmental window which runs from now until the end of May 2017, but this requires removing the remains of the existing bridge and in-river works – which requires Environment Agency permission.

### RO 52/11/16 Correspondence

Clerk advised that notification on the formal adoption of the Carlisle City Council District Local Plan had been received.

### RO 53/11/16 Financial Matters

**53.1 Resolved** that the following payments be approved:-

A McCallum – Oct & Nov salary of £153.65 (D/D 1/10 & 1/11)	307.30
A McCallum re-imbursements for Sept/Oct 2016	59.06
HMRC - PAYE – Oct/Nov 2016	1.40
Royal British Legion – Remembrance wreath	20.00
J Harper – Chairman’s expenses	25.00
Envirocare – grass cutting October 2016	74.40
St Cuthbert Without PC – Annual computer charge	25.00

As no other cheque signatories were in attendance at the meeting, it was agreed that Cllr J Harper was authorised by the council to sign the Chairman’s expenses cheque.

### 53.2 Financial Statement

A financial statement for the period up to the 31st October 2016 was received and approved:-

Opening balance 1st April 2016	4,157.56
Income to 31st October 2016	4,873.53
Expenditure to 31st October 2016	3,459.15
Bank reconciliation at 31st October 2016	5,571.94

### 53.3 Income Received

Reported that no income had been received.

### 53.4 Budget & Precept 2017/18

A report had been circulated alongside the agenda with a recommended budget for 2017/18. Cllrs were asked to determine the precept to be set and the Clerk advised that a shortfall between expenditure and income existed of £758.

**Resolved:** Precept to be increased to £4,800 for 2017/18.

### RO 54/11/16 Village Matters

#### 54.1 Beck Burn Wind Farm Community Fund

Due to his absence, Cllr S Sidgwick had circulated a report of the meeting held by EDF Energy and Cumbria Community Foundation on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017. This included that:-

- the objective of the meeting had been to discuss and agree the fund’s Terms of Reference (ToR) and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU);
- the meeting had been chaired by a representative of the Cumbria Community Foundation. Cllr R Bloxham advised that he had questioned this and been advised that the election of chairperson was to be an agenda item for consideration at the November meeting;
- a vote was undertaken to determine the maximum grant funding that could be awarded by PC’s, from their fund of £5,000/annum. The result of the vote was that individual grants up to £1,000/project could be determined, with anything above this amount to be decided by the Cumbria Community Foundation. However, Cllr S Sidgwick felt that to have undertaken and overturned a decision taken at the September meeting (without prior notice, as this had not been included as an agenda item) meant that he was left with no-choice but to remove himself from the meeting – as he felt that he had no-remit to agree these changes on behalf of Rockcliffe PC.
- other attendees of the meeting advised that they also felt that the meeting had not been ran constitutionally, i.e. no agenda issued, no elected chairperson, changes being made to the MoU & ToR which had been previously agreed, etc.

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Cllrs R Bloxham, J Mallinson & V Tarbitt also reported that they were unhappy with the current administration of the fund and would be pursuing this matter as individuals. It was then considered as to if Rockcliffe PC wished for Cllr S Sidgwick to continue as representative on the fund – at his request.

**Resolved:** that Cllr S Sidgwick remains the Rockcliffe PC representative (with Cllr J Twentymen as reserve) and that Cllr S Sidgwick has the mandate to make decisions regarding the fund, on the PC's behalf.

SS

### 54.2 Edenlyne News

Concerns were raised over the future of the Edenlyne News, due to a lack of recent circulations having been received. Chairman reported that subscriptions had been paid by residents and local businesses for advertising and that the PC had previously given grant funding to the publication. It was also reported that efforts to contact individuals now responsible for it's publication by residents had not received responses.

**Resolved:** Clerk to write to the current editor to try and gain clarification on future productions of the newsletter. To also determine what funding had been awarded in the past by the PC, towards production of the publication.

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### RO 55/11/16 Councillor Matters

**Cllr H Graham** advised that a collapsed highway drain at Blencarn Park was of concern - a resident having recently nearly fallen into it. Highways were aware of the problem but no repairs had been undertaken to date.

**Agreed:** Cllr H Graham to forward highways report reference number to Clerk who will then forward to Cllr V Tarbitt to pursue, on behalf of the PC.

HG/AM  
/VT

**Cllr G Mounsey-Heysam** advised on the following:-

#### Proposed Agricultural Access – Rockcliffe

Advised that Castletown Estates would be submitting an application in December/January for an agricultural access road to be built. This was for access to farmland owned by Castletown, situated between Rockcliffe village & Heathlands was made easier and so that tractors, etc. would no-longer have to use Lady Lonning.

#### Tree's

Advised that tree pruning had been undertaken on the tree near the public house and that a tree survey is undertaken every year by a qualified arboriculturalist.

#### Plaque to Commemorate the Floods

Wondered if anyone thought it a good idea to erect a plaque to show the level of previous flooding in the village? Cllrs to consider further.

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**Cllr R Park** reported that a large landslide seemed to have occurred at Redhills and that he would take pictures of the damage that had occurred.

**Agreed:** Clerk to forward pictures to Cllr V Tarbitt to pursue. Highways to determine if this was considered any danger to the stability of the public highway.

RP/AM  
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**J Harper** advised again that HGV's were a problem travelling through the village – foreign drivers appearing lost. Suggested that an 'unsuitable for HGV' sign was erected to alert vehicles entering the village from the Gretna side.

**Agreed:** Cllr V Tarbitt to pursue this through highways.

VT

**RO 56/11/16 Planning Matters**

**56.1 Applications**

*The following applications have been agreed or commented on by the Clerk under Delegated Powers and after consultation with members by e-mail, in view of the time constraints for submission of observations:-*

**16/0738 Former Highland Laddie, Todhills** – erection of 3No. dwellings (outline). ‘No comments’ submitted 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Permission granted 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016;

**16/0809 Wood View, Blackford** – erection of detached garage. ‘No comments’ submitted 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**16/0866 The Hill, Blackford** – erection of 1No. detached 6 bedroom holiday letting house; 5No. holiday units; replacement stable block and amenity spaces including pool hall and associated access. ‘No comments’ submitted 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**16/0860 Land North of Oakwood, Harker Park Road, Harker** – erection of 1No. dwelling with garage/store building, stable & equestrian paddocks.

**Resolved:** to ‘object’ to the development due to concerns over the proposed access/exit arrangements – due to the equestrian activities that are to be undertaken at the property and the risk of livestock escaping onto the A7.

**Permission Notices Received:-**

**14/0901 Land adjacent to Memorial Hall, Rockcliffe** – residential development (outline). Granted subject to legal agreement.

**16/0754 High Harker Farm, Harker** – residential development (outline). Granted.

**RO 57/11/16 Date of Next Meeting** The next meeting will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in Rockcliffe Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9:20 p.m.