

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of St Bees Parish Council held on
Monday 20 December 2021 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllrs D Sim (in the Chair), N Bettinson, G Gilmour, C Hale, A Kaldos, A Linton,
J Mellor & the Clerk

201/21 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed councillors to the meeting. He explained that, in view of concerns about the rapid rise in Coronavirus cases, he would be proposing that non-urgent business be deferred until the next meeting to keep the duration of the meeting as short as possible.

202/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Argyle, Bowler, Millington, Monaghan, Ritson, Robson & Taylor. Apologies had also been received from Cllr Hailes, CBC Ward Councillor and Cllr Whiteside, County Councillor.

203/21 DISPENSATIONS & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman declared an interest in the discussion of allotment rents as part of the budget for 2022/3, as his wife was an allotment holder.

204/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no matters raised.

205/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2021

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 15 November be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

206/21 FINANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT

(a) Financial Report

The summary of accounts at 30 November was received and noted.

Approval was needed to purchase a new supply of bags for the dog bag dispensers as usage had proved to be higher than expected. The dispensers did seem to have had a positive impact on dog fouling in the village but it was reported that bags were being left in hedgerows and around Priory Paddock rather than being put into litter bins. It was suggested that brighter coloured bags could be considered and the Clerk would check whether alternative colours were available.

It was RESOLVED to purchase a further supply of bags at a maximum cost of £250.

(b) Budget 2022/23 to 2024/25

Cllr Sim took no part in the discussion or decision on allotment rents

The Finance & Risk Advisory Group had met on 14 December to draw up a draft three year budget. The notes of the meeting and draft budget had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that FRAG had recommended a precept of £52,000 for 2022/23, a 4% rise on the current year.

It was RESOLVED :

- to increase rents by £2 in 2022/3
- to approve the budget (copy attached to the minutes)
- to set the precept at £52000 for the year 2022/23

(c) Payments

It was RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:

- Chq 002805 CALC -course fees (health & safety course course) Total £30.00
- Chq 002806 St Bees PCC – room hire (AED course) Total £11.25
- Chq 002807 J Donaldson –reimb for stamps £7.92, Webex costs £12.50 + £2.50 VAT, printer ink charge £8.32+ £1.67 VAT, renewal of antivirus software £38.74 +£7.75 YNH hosting renewal £211.00, key cutting £12.75 Total £303.15
- Chq 002808 J Donaldson – salary December Total £491.12

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- Chq 002809 CPRE – annual membership £36.00
- Chq 002810 HMRC -PAYE Qtr 3 £895.77
- Thomas Milburn Property Ltd – toilet service (Dec) £583.33 + £116.67 VAT Total £700.00

The following payments made since the last meeting were noted:

- Chq 002796 St Bees PCC – donation to parish magazine £720.00
- Chq 002797 Village Hall Committee – donation £600.00
- Chq 002798 Royal British Legion – donation to poppy appeal £125.00
- Chq 002799 Great North Air Ambulance -donation £100.00
- Chq 002800 Calderwood House – donation £100.00
- Chq 002801 Friends of the Priory – membership/donation £50.00
- Chq 002802 Furness Line Action Group -membership/donation £50.00
- Chq 002803 Works 4 You Ltd –grass cutting/pruning £523.68 + £104.74 Total £628.42
- Chq 002804 CCC – contribution to Outrigg pavement extension Total £5000.00
- Water Plus – allotment water £18.41 (direct debit 9/12/21)
- Water Plus – water/wastewater to beach toilets £255.63 (direct debit 7/12/2021)
- Answer4-U– answering service £ 10.50 + £2.10 VAT Total £12.60 (direct debit 17/12/21)

207/21 MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

The Chairman put forward a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Cllr Gilmour.

It was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at this point and other business be deferred until the next scheduled meeting on MONDAY 17 JANUARY 2022.

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