

# WAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors George Girvan (Chairman), Mike Johnson (Leader – Allerdale Borough Council), Linda Graham, Tony Huntington, Stephen Peile, John Spark.

**015/21      Election of Chairman.**

George Girvan agreed to continue as Chairman for 2021/22.

**016/21      To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Done.

**017/21      Election of Vice-Chairman.**

William Paterson has indicated his intention to step down from the post. George Girvan proposed and Stephen Peile seconded Tony Huntington for the post. Passed unanimously.

**018/21      Apologies.**

John Dixon and William Paterson.

**019/21      Minutes.**

Authorised unanimously for the Chairman to sign the previous minutes.

**020/21      To agree Standing Orders.**

Proposed George Girvan and Seconded Stephen Peile. Agreed unanimously.

**021/21      To Appoint Representatives to Outside Bodies.**

Parish Hall Committee – Proposed George Girvan and Seconded Stephen Peile for Linda Graham to be appointed. Passed unanimously.

Wigton Burial Joint Committee – Proposed Linda Graham and Seconded by Stephen Peile for George Girvan and Tony Huntington to be appointed. Passed unanimously.

Internal Drainage Board – George Girvan Proposed and John Spark Seconded for John Dixon to be appointed. Passed unanimously.

**022/21      Declarations of Interest.**

No requests were received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

**023/21      Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion).**

None present.

**024/21      Reports from Outside Bodies.**

**Report from the County Councillor.** None received.

**Report from the District Councillor.** Mike Johnson updated the meeting with details of:- Allerdale Borough Council's AGM which took place in person;

Malcolm Grainer was elected as Mayor; Local Government restructure affecting the present two-tier arrangements with a decision expected shortly;

Allerdale Waste Services Limited;

Maryport Town Centre redevelopment under "future high streets" initiative funding confirmed;

£4m for Wigton awarded through Cumbria County Council's Borderland Scheme initiative;

funding awarded to Workington through "levelling up" initiative should see reduced numbers of HGVs carrying timber using the A596 through the village.

**Report from Wigton Burial Joint Committee.** George Girvan and Tony Huntington updated Members on the running of the cemetery:- The Committee has entered into a Service Agreement with Allerdale Borough Council who will provide curating services at the Cemetery; Cemetery House is presently vacant but should be re-let shortly; the Committee has agreed a schedule of repayments to be made to its three funding Councils.

**Report from Village Hall Committee.** George Girvan reported the Hall has been closed since the start of Lockdown Three but expects to reopen in line with easing of restrictions.

The Hall was briefly opened in September and received a second grant from Allerdale Borough Council.

The Hall floor is damaged and will need repairs.

**Report from the Internal Drainage Board.** – Nothing to report.

**025/21      Correspondence.**

**Resignation of Clerk:** Alison Paterson has resigned from the position of Clerk to the Council after 16 years. It was unanimously agreed Alison has provided tremendous support to the Council and her contribution will

be greatly missed. George Girvan will send a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Council to acknowledge their appreciation.

George Girvan will advertise for a replacement Clerk in The Grapevine Magazine on the CALC website as well as approaching possible candidates.

**Rural Broadband Consultation:** Tony Huntington provided an update on the Aikbank Broadband Scheme and initial discussions with BT Openreach.

**026/21      Payment of Accounts.**

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	
<b>100560</b>	<b>CALC Sub</b>	<b>£136.55</b>
<b>100561</b>	<b>BHIB</b>	<b>£174.66</b>
<b>100562</b>	<b>E Bell</b>	<b>£28.00</b>
<b>100563</b>	<b>A ward</b>	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>100564</b>	<b>AM Paterson</b>	<b>£205.53</b>

Payments authorized unanimously.

**027/21      Financial report.**

George Girvan Proposed and Tony Huntington Seconded the appointment of Elizabeth Bell as Internal Auditor.

Statement of Accounts were noted and Agreed unanimously.

The Council's bank reconciliation was noted.

The Annual Return for External Audit was discussed and Agreed unanimously.

Certificate of Exemption – has been submitted as we are eligible.

**028/21      Financial Regulations.**

George Girvan Proposed and Stephen Peile Seconded the Adoption which was approved unanimously.

**029/21      Planning Matters.**

The planning application for Approval for Wannop Waverton Silage Pit Roof was noted.

**030/21      Highway Matters.**

Linda Graham advised potholes at Field End Cottage had been reported. Requests for "Slow Down" signs at Field End Cottage and Woodlands at Waterside have been made.

The culvert works on Silloth Road are ongoing.

**031/21      Parish Website & Email Address.**

<http://www.wavertonpc.org.uk/>  
[parishclerk@wavertonpc.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@wavertonpc.org.uk)

**032/21      CALC.**

No items of particular interest were noted.

**033/21      Items for inclusion on the next Agenda.**

Usual Agenda items

**034/21      Date of Next Meeting.**

It was noted the date of the next meeting and the deferred Annual Meeting will be on the **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021** in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.