

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EGREMONT TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 16th APRIL 2019 AT 5.30PM IN THE SUPPER ROOM OF EGREMONT MARKET
HALL**

Present:

Mr Neil Ferguson (NF)	Chairperson
Mr Sam Pollen (SP)	Vice-Chairperson (who arrived at 5.40pm)

Also:

Mrs Lena Hogg (LH)	Mrs Jean Lewthwaite (JL)
Mr Wilf Sibson (WS)	Mr Michael McVeigh (MM) (who arrived at 5.35 pm)
Mr Tom Higgins (TH)	Mr Ryan Fitzwilliam (RF)
Mrs Jacqui Smith (JS)	
Mrs Geraldine Pritchard (GP)	Town Clerk
Mrs Cheryl O'Pray (CO)	Assistant Clerk
Mr David Southward (DS)	County Councillor (who arrived at 5.55pm)
J Allonby	Moor Row Jubilee Club
B Rennonldson	Moor Row Jubilee Club
R Baty	Moor Row Jubilee Club

272.18.19	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RESOLVED to accept apologies (with reasons noted) from J Burns & County Councillor C Whiteside	ACTIO N CO
273.18.19	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA RESOLVED to be noted that: MM declared an interest in all planning applications. TH declared an interest in planning application 4/19/2100/0E1 JL declared an interest in planning application 4/19/2127/0F1	
274.18.19	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NF welcomed R Baty, J Allonby & B Rennoldson from the Moor Row Jubilee Club who were presented with a cheque of £100 from Egremont Town Council to spend on plants for their planters in Moor Row. NF noted that their hard work was very visible and had made a massive improvement to their village & he thanked them for their hard work, a photo was taken of the presentation & they duly left the meeting. C Whiteside (though absent) had emailed all an update as follows: Extensive resurfacing works had now been completed in Egremont. He continued to chase up problems with regards street lighting. Still awaiting a response regarding traffic calming at Scalegill Road, Moor Row. The planning application for West Cumbria mining had been unanimously approved. The proposal by the fire service integrated risk management plan to change the full sized tenders to rapid response vehicles in Frizington and three other stations had been passed as proposed by the County Cabinet with an uncontroversial additional clause also passed to monitor the effect on the fire service of climate change. NF welcomed DS who covered the following: The LLP is evolving but the 12 sub-groups may be too many The Borderlands – Copeland will receive approximately 1/5 of the overall over 10 years and there would be funding for isolated communities to which DS would be suggesting Egremont & Millom.	

	<p>SP said that he & NF had been speaking to our nuclear partners with regards investing in Egremont & making use of the dilapidated buildings but nothing had come to fruition.</p> <p>NF stated that the Town Council had made suggestions with regards improving our town & it was RESOLVED that these suggestions are sent to DS to see if they could be included in a scheme if funding was made available in the future.</p> <p>LH stated that the highways hotline was a great service for reporting faulty street lights.</p> <p>DS was then thanked for attending & he duly left the meeting.</p>	GP
<p>275.18.19</p>	<p>CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS</p> <p>NF stated that it is now coming to the end of his year as Chairperson & he thanked Councillors for their support but he was sorry to be losing Councillors Jacqui Smith & John Burns, RESOLVED that a letter of thanks for all their hard work during their time as Town Councillors is sent to both JS & JB.</p> <p>NF said that the upcoming parish elections had resulted in a non-contested election thus saving the Town Council approximately £4,500 which was good news & following the May AGM there would be 5 Town Councillors representing the North & 5 representing the south. In the meantime, NF reminded Councillors that they were still in purdah.</p>	GP
<p>276.18.19</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER, APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 19th March 2019.</p>	NF
<p>277.18.19</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER & REVIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>MM & TH left the meeting</p> <p>4/19/2100/0E1 Lawful development certificate for the continued use as a highways maintenance depot Highways maintenance depot, Baybarrow Road, Egremont No objections</p> <p>4/19/2101/0A1 Installation of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building Kings Arms, 41 Main Street, Egremont Egremont Town Council welcomes these much needed improvements & have no objections as long as the signs satisfy Copeland’s conservation criteria rules.</p> <p>4/19/2126/0F1 Erection of 194 dwellings with associated landscaping, open space, sustainable urban drainage and vehicular and pedestrian access Land between Westlakes Science & Technology Park & Summergrove, Whitehaven Egremont Town Council have concerns regarding the increased traffic this development will create and would request to attend a planning site visit</p> <p>4/19/2127/0F1 Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of extension – retrospective amendments to application no 4/15/2143/0F1</p>	

<p>278.18.19</p> <p>279.18.19</p>	<p>Corrie House, Woodend, Egremont No objections</p> <p>4/19/2131/0L1 Listed building consent for change of use from bank premises to bar/restaurant and erection of flat roof single storey kitchen extension (amendments following approval 4/18/2101/0L1) Former HSBC, 58 Main Street, Egremont No objections</p> <p>The following application was received after the agenda had been sent out but as it would be too late to submit comments if taken to the next meeting it was agreed that they would be considered at this meeting & ratified at the May meeting.</p> <p>4/19/2044/0F Creation of three flood storage areas, landscaping and associated works. Land at How Bank Farm, Whangs Beck, Falcon Club, West Lakes Academy and West of Croadalla Avenue, Egremont. Egremont Town Council welcome these works and the benefits it will bring to areas prone to flooding</p> <p>TO RATIFY COMMENTS WITH REGARDS PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS RESOLVED there were no planning applications to be ratified MM & TH returned to the meeting.</p> <p>TO CONSIDER ANY REPORTS INCLUDING FINANCE, PERSONNEL, CEMETERY, BOWLING GREEN, MARKET HALL, WEBSITE, ALLOTMENTS, DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS, HEALTH & SAFETY, CUMBRIA IN BLOOM, PUBLIC REALM & WC PARTNERSHIP_ <u>Personnel</u> NF had received further information from CALC which means that another personnel meeting needs to be organised to discuss ongoing matters.</p> <p><u>Cemetery</u> LH visited the cemetery & reported that it looked as good as always GP stated that Copeland were updating their public space orders in respect of dogs, GP requested an amendment which stated that no dogs were allowed in Egremont Cemetery. GP stated that it was proving difficult to locate a professional to carry out the repairs on the cemetery gates, Councillors suggested a couple of firms for GP to contact MM stated that the curator had now erected the greenhouse adjacent to the office & he has started to grow some plants.</p> <p><u>Market Hall</u> LH & NF had walked round the market hall and said everywhere (including the toilets) was looking much cleaner.</p>	<p>GP</p>
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280.18.19	<p>An allotment meeting had taken place on 15th April & a follow up inspection needs to be carried out to address several issues across the three sites. There are also plots awaiting allocation.</p> <p><u>Public Realm</u></p> <p>An update from Copeland regarding this scheme which stated that they were checking the ownership of the land around Herons & will come back to the Town Council once they have a draft plan in place for the Council to consider.</p> <p>TO CONSIDER & REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Letter from Gough’s solicitors re: notice of file closure following no further response from Mr Cox or his representative along with a bill for £240 for their services. b Email from Copeland informing the Town Council that they cannot put parish articles on their Copeland website. c Letter from Environment agency confirming that the United Utilities licence abstraction variation application has been approved. d Email from H Rooms re: no new updates on the park and ride scheme e Email from CBC stating that they are still trying to find a suitable site for the litter bin to be sited at Gulley Flatts. f Reply from Mr S Linfoot declining the Town Council’s invitation to attend a Town Council meeting g An article has been sent to the Whitehaven News, is in the poster point & on the website appealing for donations of plants for the entrance bed at Egremont Castle h March police report highlighted that the homeless man is still being monitored. It also highlighted the launch of the Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) on 18th April at 6pm in the Youth club in Egremont & all Town Councillors were encouraged to attend. i Anonymous letter complaining about the previous Iron Ore Rallies that were held in the Rugby Union grounds & concerns about the upcoming event this year. T Higgins who was tending the bar at the last event disputed these allegations & stated that the rally this year would not be taking place. It was also RESOLVED that any future “anonymous” correspondence would be ignored. j Email from Lakes College re: work experience for students to work a full working week of 36 hours which can be broken down into a day per week or whatever suited the employer. RESOLVED that as the student would effectively be shadowing the staff to see how an office is run which would not take up a lot of the staff’s time, this would be allowed. 	GP GP
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282.18.19	<p>TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept, consider & approve the Clerk’s report.</p>	
283.18.19	<p>TO RATIFY THE PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS</p> <p>RESOLVED to ratify the payments amounting to £5,567.75</p>	
284.18.19	<p>TO RECEIVE & APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT 10TH APRIL 2019</p> <p>RESOLVED to receive and approve the financial statement at 10th April 2019 amounting to £8,452.40</p>	
	<p>TO RECEIVE & CONSIDER CALC’S ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS COSTS FOR 2019/20</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept the costs but Councillors instructed the Clerk to inform</p>	GP

285.18.19	CALC that they were very disappointed with the lack of support offered to them regarding a recent request for assistance.	
286.18.19	<p>TO CONSIDER THE DEMOLITION OF THE DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS ON THE MAIN STREET - SP</p> <p>This matter has been discussed under the dilapidated buildings report & SP had nothing further to add.</p>	
287.18.19	<p>TO CONSIDER THE OVERGROWN FOOTPATHS AT CROFTLANDS, BIGRIGG - WS</p> <p>WS expressed his disappointment that these paths had not been cut back, SP stated that the issue was no more a Town Council matter than it was a Copeland or Home Group matter & he suggested that the lengthsman is asked to cut back the shrubs etc so it is passable and do a further cut once or twice a year, if more is needed, SP suggested that a group of residents should get together to address this. There was some confusion as to who was responsible for this path & NF stated that there were lots of areas like this so he suggested that a quote is obtained from Works 4 You to clear this path, cut back the vegetation & the shrubs as a one off then follow this up with a couple of cuts per year after this, it was therefore RESOLVED to await a quote.</p>	GP
288.18.19	<p>TO RECEIVE & CONSIDER A REPORT (IF ANY) REGARDING LITTER BINS - SP</p> <p>SP stated that Copeland were spending a lot of funds on new signage & he was going to enquire about a similar amount to be spent on litter bins as there are many areas including the new beautification scheme at Smithfield that would benefit from having a bin. SP stated that if he was elected as a Copeland Councillor in the upcoming elections, he would take this forward.</p>	SP
289.18.19	<p>EGREMONT MAIN STREET INSPECTORS FOR MAY – SP & NF</p> <p>Main Street inspection sheets will be emailed to SP & NF</p>	SP.NF
	<p>COUNCILLORS' MATTERS - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MINOR MATTERS NOT ON THIS AGENDA AND NOT FOR DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a SP asked that the police are more vigilant following a fire at the Orgill play area where, luckily, there was only minimal damage caused. b Reminder about the litter pick on Friday 26th April at 10am to coincide with the Great Cumbrian Litter pick, clerk to invite the usual volunteers. c MM said he had been invited to an event at the Rugby Union Club where Lord Egremont was present, TH who was also in attendance, said Lord Egremont was very keen to hear about how the Rugby Union & League was helping the youths in our town. d JL requested the contact details of the Crime & Police Commissioner following concerns of someone wearing a mask & scaring people at Longlands Lake. e JS confirmed that she had ordered the trophies for the inter school bowling green tournament & she would arrange to get the medals too. f GP reminded Councillors on the finance committee that their next meeting would be held on Wednesday 8th May at 9.30am. g GP reminded Councillors that the May meeting would commence with the AGM on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 5.30pm & the two new Town Councillors will be invited to attend this, their first meeting. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>CO</p> <p>JS</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>

<p>290.18.19 .</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> h GP reminded Councillors that the Annual Town meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st May where NF will give his Chairperson's report for 2018/19. i GP said that the advertising trailer sited on the grass outside of the cemetery belongs to Reays Coaches whose sister company Glenrental is what was being advertised, following contact with them, they agreed to remove it by the end of the week but it was confirmed that it had already been removed today. j SP made a suggestion that the Copeland Councillors for Egremont (if elected) will be making a list of priorities for Egremont & he suggested that a working group of Town Councillors could do something similar so that issues were not forgotten about. 	
<p>291.18.19</p>	<p>ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brisco Mount play area <p>APPROVE THE DATE OF THE AGM FOLLOWED BY THE ORDINARY MEETING – 14TH MAY 2019</p> <p>RESOLVED that the AGM of Egremont Town Council will be held on Tuesday 14th May in the supper room of Egremont Market Hall at 5.30pm followed by the ordinary meeting.</p> <p>The meeting was brought to a close at 7.25pm</p>	