

Meeting: Parish Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 12th November 2024

Venue: Parkin Memorial Hall

Present: Miles MacInnes (MM), Justin Ray (JR), David Coulson (DC), Geyve Walker (GW)

Apologies: Jason Heath (JH), Paul Mackey (PM) Village Warden

In Attendance: Sandie Watson (Clerk RFO)

Members of the Public: 0

Minutes

Item	Key Points/Decisions	Action
223.1 Apologies	JH – holiday	
224.2 Minutes	Resolved that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on 12 th September 2024 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
225.3 Declarations of Interests/Requests for dispensations	a) Councillors were reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests. b) Personal Interests - None received. c) Prejudicial Interests – None received. d) Dispensation Requests - None received.	
226.4 Public Participation Sessions	No members of the public present.	
227.5 External Meetings and Village/Parish Reports	W&FC: The Council acknowledged Cllr Neil Hughes resignation from the cabinet. Warden Report: Nothing to report. Community Fund: JR reported the AGM had been held in October. The fund was currently supporting several projects including the Hopper Bus. Applications and ideas for funding have been received. Village Guides: JR – The guides will be available from outlets in spring 2025. Remove from agenda. SITU Hopper Bus: 8,000 passengers using the service. SITU applying for CIO Charitable Incorporated Organisation status. A survey revealed that 15% of passengers using the service were local. Missing Footway Light on Bridge: The Clerk has contacted W&FC again and another request submitted as the problem has still not been addressed. Pending response. Parish Boundary Review: MM reported Dacre Parish Council would prefer Dunmallard Wood to remain in Dacre parish but would support a new boundary along the centre of the road up to and including the steamer pier house. Meeting with LDNPA: The Waterfoot Car Park has been restored. W&FC are funding a Visitor Management Access Plan (VMAP) to be completed by Cumbria Tourism. A consultation meeting for stakeholders including parish councils will be held before Christmas. Parish Council Land update: The Land Registry responded the parish council does not have proper title to the land. This is being challenged by the council's solicitor.	JR JR SW JR SW MM MM MM

	Disc Parking Scheme: A draft Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will be presented to the Eden Locality Board in January and pending approval consultation will commence imminently.	MM
228.6 Planning	7/2024/3107 Land at Church Croft, Pooley Bridge Outline planning for residential development. Ratified objection. 7/2024/3089 Barton Church Farm, Tirril Erection of below ground concrete slurry store and safety fencing. Ratified to support. 7/2024/3086 Sharrow Bay Country House Hotel, Howtown Proposed refurbishment of hotel including restaurant, provision of additional guest accommodation, new spa, new car parking and outbuilding with associated landscaping. Ratified to support. 7/2023/3172 Land adjacent to Eusemere Car Park Extension of existing car park and erection of public toilet and information centre. Ratified no further comments. 7/2024/3049 Winder Hall, Tirril, Penrith Resurfacing of private drive and erection of two bollards. Resolved to object as proposed tarmac is inappropriate surface for bridleway. Bollards deemed unnecessary. LDNPA – refused. 7/2022/3078 Land to the side and back of Sunnyside Barn Permanent Car Parking – retrospective. Supported with recommendations. LDNPA - pending. E/2024/0056E Land at Park Foot Holiday Park. Breach of condition 3 permission 7/2023/3127. Unauthorised use of the lakeside land to be discontinued by 2 December 2024. 7/2023/3150. Land at Pooley Bridge, Pooley Bridge Proposed farm track. LDNPA – compliance case – under investigation. TPO No.472 Land at Sharrow Bay – circulated and acknowledged.	SW
229.7 20mph speed limit for Pooley Bridge	Application is in progress and should be completed before the next meeting.	MM & SW
230.8 Public Toilets	Funding signage. The wording for the signage was agreed; the toilets costing £10,000 to run annually. Deferred. Improvements/infrastructure Grant: Estimates for solar panels £5,000, paddle board entry system £7,500, soap dispensers/hand dryers £2,000. Following discussion, the Council resolved to add to the next agenda to consider the future of the village toilets public toilets. The Paddleboard system – MM to check that the system operates ‘in and out’. Deferred. Soap Dispenser: To source supplier. deferred. Toilet Roll Holders: Have been installed. Door Payment System: The lock has been replaced but there have been issues with the door not closing and opening efficiently. The Council resolved to close the toilets during the winter and reopen in March 2025. Clerk to make request to close toilets and add deferred items to the next agenda.	JH MM JH JH SW
231.9 Tree at Public Toilets	A quote has been received for urgent tree works for £600.00. The Council resolved to go ahead.	SW

232.10 Draft Budget 2025/26	Following discussion, the council resolved a draft budget and precept request for 2025/26 to be confirmed at the January meeting. Payments approved: <table border="1" data-bbox="496 230 1334 584"> <tr> <td>NPower</td><td>September</td><td>£51.01</td></tr> <tr> <td>WaterPlus</td><td>September</td><td>£98.19</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Remuneration and Expenses</td><td>£770.42</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Ink September to November 2024</td><td>£12.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Software</td><td>£59.99</td></tr> <tr> <td>Payroll</td><td></td><td>£34.80</td></tr> <tr> <td>Toilet Cleaning</td><td></td><td>£1484.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Nayax</td><td>August & September</td><td>£72.97</td></tr> <tr> <td>Website</td><td></td><td>£32.40</td></tr> <tr> <td>Toilet Door</td><td></td><td>£1236.20</td></tr> </table> The Clerk circulated the accounts, budget, and bank reconciliation to the Council before the meeting. Closing balance on 11 Oct 2024 Business Account: £15,691.44. Reserve Account: £65.08. Recycling Credits: £139.359	NPower	September	£51.01	WaterPlus	September	£98.19	Clerk	Remuneration and Expenses	£770.42	Clerk	Ink September to November 2024	£12.00	Clerk	Software	£59.99	Payroll		£34.80	Toilet Cleaning		£1484.00	Nayax	August & September	£72.97	Website		£32.40	Toilet Door		£1236.20	SW SW
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233.11 Financial Regulations	The updated Financial Regulations were circulated prior to the meeting. The council reviewed and resolved to adopt with amendments. Clerk to upload to website.	SW																														
234.12 Eamont & Shap Place Action Group	The council resolved to accept the Terms of Reference.	SW																														
235.13 Clerk's Report Notifications/Correspondence	Councillors invited to attend LDNPA meet and greet on 18th November. W&FC Lighting Recharge confirm no charges for 2024/25. Policy and charges will come into effect in April 2025. Policy and charges have not yet been received. Handy Person Scheme, Pension Credit, Highways Winter Ready Scheme launch - information available on W&FC website and social media. Highways and Local Council Agreements consultation in progress. Barton and Pooley Bridge Website – to review and check compliance in 2025.	All SW																														
236.14 Dates of next PC meetings	All meetings held at Parkin Memorial Hall Tuesday, 7th January 2025 7pm Tuesday, 11th March 2025 7pm Tuesday, 13th May 2025 7pm Tuesday, 15th July 2025 7pm Tuesday, 16th September 2025 7pm Tuesday, 11th November 2025 7pm																															
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237.15 Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024	Discussed and acknowledged.																															
238.16 Clerks Contract	Resolved to amend as discussed.																															

Meeting closed: 20.18pm