

Meeting: Parish Council Meeting

Date: Thursday, 12th September 2024

Venue: Parkin Memorial Hall

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

Apologies: Paul Mackey (PM) Village Warden

In Attendance: Sandie Watson (Clerk RFO), Neil Hughes (NH) W&FC, Cllr Peter Thornton

Members of the Public: 1

Minutes

Item	Key Points/Decisions	Action
209.1 Apologies	None received.	
210.2 Minutes	Resolved that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on 11 th July 2024 and 7 th August 2024 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
211.3 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.	
212.4 Highways Presentation W&F Cllr Peter Thornton	A presentation was received from Cllr Peter Thornton regarding Rights of Way and maintaining road surfaces. Cllr Thornton highlighted the inspection and works process for potholes and carriageway defects. These issues can be reported through the website. Concerns were raised regarding road flooding, the fading railings on the new bridge, delays with disc parking in the village. Gridlock in Penrith on Fridays (traffic lights). Cllr Thornton commented the A66 project should resolve this issue.	
213.5 Public Participation Sessions	No comments	
214.6 External Meetings and Village/Parish Reports	W&FC: A brief report was received from NH. 20mph application form to be completed by MM. Warden Report: Damage has been done to the verge following a road closure to repair a collapsed manhole. Thanks was extended to the parishioners who supplied cones and alerted the warden. Autumn maintenance to be done in toilet garden and recycling area. Community Fund: JR reported that a capped £2,500 had been pledged should there be a shortfall for the Hopper Bus. No applications have been received and ideas for funding are welcome. Village Guides: JR – guides are going to print ready for next year. SITU Hopper Bus: 6,258 passengers using the service up to 17 August 24. SITU are likely to call on businesses pledges to cover cost of shortfall. Plans for 2025:- weekends and bank holidays from April to November plus 7 day service May Whit week, July and August depending on funding. Missing Footway Light on Bridge: WF&C have requested ENWL to complete the installation. Council to monitor. Parish Boundary Review: Dunmallard Wood, and car park and the Waterfoot car park field should also be included within the Barton and	MM PM JR JR MM SW MM

	Pooley Bridge Parish boundary. The Council resolved to agree this proposal. Pending response from Dacre PC. Car Parking on hill towards mains House: The PC have monitored the situation over the summer with no further issues. Resolved no further action. Waterfoot Car Park Planning Enquiry: The land is to be restored by November 2024. At the LDNPA meeting on 31 July officers made it clear that any new application would be strongly resisted but agreed to look at alternatives for the village and the area generally. Parish Council Land update: There is still no further news from the Land Registry. MM to monitor. Disc Parking Scheme: Continued delay by W&FC. MM asked NH to escalate to W&FC Highways as parking issues in the village over the summer increases.	
215.7 Planning	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. The Council resolved to respond under Clerk's delegated powers to allow further time to review the huge volume of documents and arrange a site visit. Clerk to request time extension from LDNPA. 7/2023/3172 Land adjacent to Eusemere Car Park Extension of existing car park and erection of public toilet and information centre. Inquorate: No comment. LDNPA – deferred to consider confliction flood risk assessments. An invite to a meeting organised by LDNPA will be held on 16th September 2024. The Council resolved to elect MM to attend and report back. Badger survey is underway. 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 – pending. 7/2022/3078 Land to the side and back of Sunnyside Barn Permanent Car Parking – retrospective. Supported with recommendations. LDNPA - pending. E2021/0359B Land to west of Dunmallard Hill. Enforcement Notice appeal. Ongoing. 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 - investigation is taking place of a possible breach of planning consent. Ongoing.	SW MM
216.8 20mph speed limit for Pooley Bridge	The Council resolved for MM and the Clerk to complete the application to W&FC.	MM & SW
217.9 Public Toilets	Funding signage. The wording for the signage was agreed; the toilets costing £10,000 to run annually. Ongoing. 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	JH SW

	agenda to consider the future of the village toilets public toilets. The Clerk to add to the agenda. Paddleboard system – MM to check that the system operates ‘in and out’. Soap Dispenser: JH The Clerk to contacted W&FC and CALC to ask if they could suggest a suitable contractor/engineer. Toilet Roll Holders: JH to install. The Clerk contacted CALC to request information from other Councils on how they are managing their public toilets and resolving issues. It appears other councils have similar issues with the expensive running costs, repairs and maintenance with exception to smaller rural located public toilets. Door Payment System: Nayax machine lock and access broke in August and needed urgent repairs. Approximate cost £1,000.00. The Council agreed to go ahead as a necessary repair. Cleaning complaints have been received and investigated.	MM JH JH SW																											
218.10 Finance	Notice of Conclusion of Audit – Annual Governance and Accountability Return 31 March 2024 The Council received and accepted the report and certificate from the external auditor. Clerk to publish on the website. Payments approved: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>NPower</td><td>June, July, Aug 2024</td><td>£150.76</td></tr> <tr> <td>WaterPlus</td><td>June, July, Aug 2024</td><td>£353.45</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Remuneration and Expenses</td><td>£770.42</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Ink April to July 2024</td><td>£6.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Payroll</td><td>March – June 2024</td><td>£34.80</td></tr> <tr> <td>Toilet Cleaning</td><td>March – June 2024</td><td>£1594.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Nayax</td><td>June, July 2024</td><td>£96.24</td></tr> <tr> <td>Audit</td><td>2023/24</td><td>£252.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Village Warden</td><td>July – August 2024</td><td>£450.00</td></tr> </table> The Clerk circulated the accounts, budget, and bank reconciliation to the Council before the meeting. Closing balance on 28 August 2024 Business Account: £18,968.06. Reserve Account: £64.92.	NPower	June, July, Aug 2024	£150.76	WaterPlus	June, July, Aug 2024	£353.45	Clerk	Remuneration and Expenses	£770.42	Clerk	Ink April to July 2024	£6.00	Payroll	March – June 2024	£34.80	Toilet Cleaning	March – June 2024	£1594.00	Nayax	June, July 2024	£96.24	Audit	2023/24	£252.00	Village Warden	July – August 2024	£450.00	SW SW
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219.11 LDNPA Matters	Resolved no further action.																												
220.12 East Distinctive Area Parish Member	No nominations received.																												
221.13 Clerk’s Report Notifications/Correspondence	Place Action Group Meeting invitation extended to Councillors email circulated. 19 September 2024. New Financial Regulations - ongoing. Public Toilets to go on next agenda Councillor Application – a request received to co-op. SW to investigate with W&FC as no current vacancies. Ward Boundary Consultation – email circulated NALC website launch on 7 October 2024	All SW SW																											
222.14 Dates of next PC meetings	All meetings held at Parkin Memorial Hall Tuesday, 12th November 2024 at 7pm																												

Meeting closed: 20.38pm