

Meeting: Parish Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 7th January 2025

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) Remotely

Members of the Public: 0

Minutes

Item	Key Points/Decisions	Action
239.1 Apologies	JH – business PM - personal	
240.2 Minutes	Resolved that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on 12 th November 2024 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
241.3 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.	
242.4 Public Participation Sessions	No members of the public present.	
243.5 External Meetings and Village/Parish Reports	Warden Report: Nothing to report. Community Fund: Hopper Bus although it has been successful some pledges have been called in. A large grant has been awarded to support the project for this year. Tree planting has been postponed due to weather conditions. A community event will be organised at some point. SITU Hopper Bus: 2025 service will run as previous year but with the addition of a daily service during Whit week (9th June 2025) and the whole of July and August. Missing Footway Light on Bridge: The Clerk has not received a response to date. Clerk to monitor. 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. The Council will need to decide whether to apply for the proposed boundary review following the completion of the Boundary Commission Review. A parish consultation will need to be organised to assess parishioners' views. LDNPA VMAP Cumbria Tourism: MM attended a workshop meeting on the Visitor Management Access Plan. Sustainable transport initiatives were discussed. The next meeting is on 14 January. MM to attend and report back. 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. No further update.	JR MM 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.	
244.6 Planning	7/2024/3126 Granny Dowbekins Proposed extension to outdoor terrace seating area up to the bank of the River Eamont. Ratified no objection. 7/2024/3107 Land at Church Croft, Pooley Bridge Outline planning for residential development. Objection. 7/2024/3089 Barton Church Farm, Tirril Erection of below ground concrete slurry store and safety fencing. 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. Support. 7/2023/3172 Land adjacent to Eusemere Car Park Extension of existing car park and erection of public toilet and information centre. No comments. Refused by LDNPA Development Control largely on grounds of adverse impact on the landscape. 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. Containers have been removed. 7/2023/3150. Land at Pooley Bridge, Pooley Bridge Proposed farm track. LDNPA – compliance case – under investigation.	SW
245.7 20mph speed limit for Pooley Bridge	An application has been submitted to Westmorland and Furness Council for consideration. SW to check if it has been received and included on the list for the next review.	SW
246.8 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. Re-opening date: The Council resolved to open the toilets for half term week 14th to 24th February 2025. Toilets to re-open in April 2025. Cleaning and Maintenance: Door Payment System - JH to check operational. JH and SW to ensure cleaning check list completed and sent to Clerk. MM to speak to JH regarding future management options.	JH MM JH JH JH JH & SW MM
247.9 Tree at Public Toilets	The tree works have been completed but unfortunately this has revealed extensive decay. The contractor has recommended the tree should be felled within the next two years. Council to monitor over the summer.	All

248.10 Budget and Precept 2025/26	Following discussion, the council approved the budget for 2025-26 and Precept request of £9500.00 for 2025/26. Payments approved: <table border="1" data-bbox="496 230 1334 546"> <tr> <td>NPower</td><td>October £47.04, November £41.38</td><td>£88.42</td></tr> <tr> <td>WaterPlus</td><td>October, November, December</td><td>£433.40</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Remuneration and Expenses</td><td>£866.45</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Ink December</td><td>£3.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Payroll</td><td></td><td>£34.80</td></tr> <tr> <td>Toilet Cleaning</td><td>November</td><td>£408.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Nayax</td><td>October and November</td><td>£59.25</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tree Works</td><td></td><td>£600.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Warden</td><td></td><td>£522.00</td></tr> </table> The Clerk circulated the accounts, budget, and bank reconciliation to the Council before the meeting. Closing balance on 12 Dec 2024 Business Account: £15,003.29. Reserve Account: £65.23.	NPower	October £47.04, November £41.38	£88.42	WaterPlus	October, November, December	£433.40	Clerk	Remuneration and Expenses	£866.45	Clerk	Ink December	£3.00	Payroll		£34.80	Toilet Cleaning	November	£408.00	Nayax	October and November	£59.25	Tree Works		£600.00	Warden		£522.00	SW SW
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249.11 VE Day 80 th Anniversary 8 th May 2025	The Council agreed to consider organising an event with the help of the Memorial Hall Committee. MM to liaise.	MM																											
250.12 Clerk's Report Notifications/Correspondence	LDNPA Cleaning Grant – Clerk to apply Business Reserve Account – Clerk to review Terms and Conditions for consideration at the March meeting. Barton and Pooley Bridge Website – to review and check compliance. Lighting Policy Engagement – A meeting was held to consider two options proposed by W&FC. Input was received from several parishes and proposals will be confirmed and circulated for consideration. Cumbria Winter Warmth Appeal – to circulate to Council	SW SW SW SW																											
251.13 Dates of next PC meetings	All meetings held at Parkin Memorial Hall Tuesday, 11 th March 2025 7pm Lighting Policy, Winter Warmth Appeal, Bank Accounts, Website Tuesday, 13 th May 2025 7pm Tuesday, 15 th July 2025 7pm Tuesday, 16 th September 2025 7pm Tuesday, 11 th November 2025 7pm																												

Meeting closed: 20.04pm