

ESKDALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL ON TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr M Shaftesley (Chair), Cllr A Vicars, Cllr I Kirby, Cllr L Hunt and Cllr R Brown
1 x member of public

46/20 Apologies, Cllr M Watson, and Cllr C Ashall

47/20 Exclusion of Press and Public
None

48/20 Declarations of Interest
None

49/20 To Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2020
The minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2020 were approved and will be signed by the Chair at the next appropriate meeting. Proposed by Cllr Kirby and Seconded by Cllr Hunt

50/20 Public Participation
A member of the public attended who was interested in becoming a councillor gave a brief resume as to why she would like to be co-opted onto the council.

51/20 Applications for Development

51/20.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2020/4070 1 Rigg Cottages, Eskdale
Change of use of small agricultural paddock into domestic use and erection of detached double garage.
The Council resolved to support this application

7/2020/4074 Stanley Ghyll Plantation, Boot
Installation of a cantilevered viewing station
The council resolved to support this application with reservations

Proposed temporary site closure of Stanley Ghyll from December 2020 to April 2021
The Parish Council resolved to support this closure on the grounds of safety.

51/20.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None

51/20.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

None

51/20.4 Fairfield

The Clerk reported that a response had been received from LDNP planning dept who had investigated the concerns and the building was compliant with the planning application

52/20 FINANCIAL RECORDS

52/20.1 To approve the following payments:

WH Amos	Website compliance Statement	£100.00
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Proposed by Cllr Shaftesley, Seconded by Cllr Kirby

The Chair proposed that Agenda item 7.2 Draft budget was moved to the end of the Agenda to allow time for discussion on Agenda 8.2 Giggle Alley. This was agreed.

53/20 Parish Matters

53/20.1 To accept the resignation of Cllr M Watson

It was resolved to accept the resignation of Cllr Watson and the Chair expressed his thanks on behalf of the Council for Cllr Watson's assistance during the last twelve months.

54/20 Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

None

55/20 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Vicars stated that he had managed to download the forms to add a bank signatory. Cllrs Vicars and Shaftesley to send copies of signatures to Cllr Hunt for processing.
- Cllr Kirby asked that the Emergency Plan be placed on the next agenda for discussion
- Cllr Kirby asked if the issues with the septic tank at Fairfield had been resolved and this was confirmed

56/20 Giggle Alley

The meeting was joined by Olly Fielden and Max McLaughlan from Forestry England, who gave an update on the plans for Giggle Alley.

An outbreak of disease amongst the Larch and Ash trees within the forest requires for these trees to be felled preventing the spread. This work has to be completed before the end of March 2021. They are mindful that some of these trees back onto properties in Eskdale Green.

Once the trees have been removed then a review of the future of the wood would be undertaken replanting and the welfare of the remaining trees

Currently options were being considered as the best access to the woods and once a decision had been made this would be communicated to the Parish Council.

The public would be kept informed through the Parish Council of the works and how it was progressing.

The Japanese Garden and its future development will be reviewed in a planned revision plan for the forest and local groups will be consulted for their input.

Mr Fielden and Mr McLaughlan asked if they could attend the next meeting in November to give a further update and this was agreed.

The Chair thanked them for attending and the information provided.

Mr Fielden and Mr McLaughlan then left the meeting.

57/20 To discuss the draft Budget for 2021/22

The Clerk had previously circulated the draft budget and discussion took part on individual budget lines. It was agreed to keep the increase to the minimum.

58/20 The Chair expressed the hope that the member of public would agree to be co-opted onto the council and they agreed, Co-option to take place at the meeting in November.

59/20 The Clerk asked Councillors for a photo and CV for the new website.

60/20 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 10 November 2020 commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.49