

ESKDALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL ON TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr M Shaftesley (Chair), Cllr A Vicars, Cllr I Kirby, Cllr L Hunt Cllr C Carlin and Cllr R Brown

1 x member of public

77/20 Apologies, None

78/20 Co-option of Councillor: It was proposed by Cllr Brown and Seconded by Cllr Hunt and RESOLVED that Ms J Harrington be co-opted on as a member of the council. Cllr Harrington was welcomed to the meeting.

79/20 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

80/20 Declarations of Interest

Agenda item 10.1 Planning application no 7/2021/4101. Cllr Brown declared an interest in this application

81/20 To Approve the Minutes of the meetings held on

10 November 2020

24 November 2020

10 December 2020

The minutes of the above meetings were approved and will be signed by the Chair at the next appropriate meeting. Proposed by Cllr Hunt and Seconded by Cllr Kirby

82/20 Police Liaison Report

These had been previously circulated by the Clerk. It was noted that there was nothing relating to Eskdale in the report.

83/20 Progress Reports

83/20.1 Giggly Alley

This was deferred until representatives of Forestry England joined the meeting See minute no 87/20

83/20.2 Hard Knott Telephone Box

Cllr Hunt was to pursue the ownership of this box which had been vandalised and was now derelict.

83/20.3 Location for Defibrillator

Suggestions were put forward for the location of an additional defibrillator. Cllr Shaftesley to speak with one location to ascertain their views and consent for the potential location of the defib.

84/20 Public Participation

None present

85/20 County Councillor and Borough Councillor Reports

None submitted. The Clerk to contact Borough Councillor G McGrath to encourage his attendance at future meetings.

86/20 Applications for Development

86/20.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2020/4101 Forge Farm Cottage, Eskdale

Replacement of roof with slate (retrospective)
The council Resolved to support this application

86/20.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None

86/20.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2020/4074 Stanley Ghyll Plantation, Boot, Holmrook, Eskdale
Installation of cantilevered viewing station
Granted

7/2019/4105 Fairfield, Eskdale
(Construction of garage) Non material amendments
Refused

7/2020/4105 Fell View Garage, Eskdale
Application withdrawn

Olly Fielden and Max McLaughlan joined the meeting to give an update on Giggle Alley

87/20 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.

Mr McLaughlan reported that prior to tree felling commencing some civil engineering works would be carried out on Smithy Brow Lane to enable felled timber to be stacked and access by tractors and trailers. This would take approx. 2-3 weeks and would include dealing with drainage issues. It was the intention to leave the lane in a better condition than it currently is at the end of the felling. Some broad leaf trees had been marked after a tree survey and these will receive remedial attention to ensure their stability once the larch has been removed. Consultation with NW Electricity has taken place to ensure that the works do not impact on the electricity supply to the village. Smithy Brow Lane will remain open as much as possible, but there will be times when it has to be closed for safety reasons. This is not a public right of way, but it is understood that it is used by locals for exercise and disruption will be to a minimum. Most of the tree felling will be undertaken by chainsaw and it is expected to last up to 10 weeks with other works lasting approximately 2 weeks.

A Giggle Alley Facebook page has been set up so that residents can get up to date information on the plans and progress.

The Clerk to put details of the planned works up on the Eskdale Community Facebook page.

Mr Fielden and Mr McLaughlan then left the meeting.

88/20 FINANCIAL RECORDS

88/20.1 To approve the following payments:

L Cooper	Reimburse domain name fee	£ 24.00
L Cooper	Clerks salary and expenses	£269.40
HMRC	PAYE	£ 67.20
SLCC	Subscription renewal (part contribution)	£ 28.00

Proposed by Cllr Hunt, Seconded by Cllr Carlin it was Resolved to pay invoices

88/20.2 To note the receipt of payments

None

88/20.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statements dated 30 November 2020

This had been checked and verified by Cllr Kirby

88/20.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 December 2020 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

88/20.5 For information only

The Clerk confirmed that the precept request for the financial year 2021/22 had been submitted

89/20 Parish Matters

89/20.1 Giggle Alley

See 87/20 above

89/20.2 Emergency Plan

Cllr Shaftesley had contacted the Village Hall as a place of safety. Cllr Kirby to raise the issue with the school. It was agreed that emergencies would include Fire domestic and forest, Snow/ice. Flood and an incident on the Ratty

89/20.3 United Utilities

A site meeting was being arranged to discuss the Waste Water Treatment Plant, but this was now on hold due to current COVID-19 restrictions.

89/20.4 Website

The Clerk reported that the website was now live. Cllr Harrington to be added to the website. Councillors to consider how they want the website to develop, ideas to be discussed at the next meeting

89/20.5 Traffic Speed Restrictions and gritting

A response had been received from CC Highways stating that a speed survey would be undertaken. It was noted that there had been 2 serious accidents in the last few weeks which closed the road, the cause of which could be attributed to the failure to grit. It was noted that in the past grit had been provided on the side of the road on hills and bends but this was no longer occurring. Cllr Carlin was to contact a local resident who

had placed a complaint to CC Highways. A local farmer would be prepared to grit if it was provided.

89/20.6 Eskdale Open

Cllr Carlin suggested that the monies be spent on a housing needs survey. A community sub group consisting of Cllrs Shaftesly, Carli and Hunt was set up to formulate a questionnaire that could include questions for the community plan.

89/20.7 EV Charge Points locations

Dalegarth Ratty station and the CBC owned car park in the village were considered as locations for potential siting of EV points. The Clerk to write to CBC to obtain permission.

89/20.8 Fred Whitton challenge

It was confirmed that an informal meeting had been arranged with representatives of the Fred Whitton Challenge at 7.30pm on 9 February 2021.

90/20 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

None

91/20 Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

- None

92/20 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Shaftesley proposed that a Planning meeting to be held on 26 January 2021 this was agreed

93/20 Date of Next Meeting

The next full meeting of the Parish Council to be held virtually on 9 March 2021 commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.07