

ESKDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT St BEGA'S VILLAGE HALL, ESKDALE GREEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr R Brown(Chair), Cllr L Hunt, Cllr C Carlin, Cllr J Harrington, and Cllr T Postlethwaite

Mrs L Cooper - Clerk

36/23 Apologies for absence Cllr D Porter (work), Cllr M Shaftesley (work), Cllr I Kirkby(personal)

Cllr A Pratt – Cumberland Council

37/23 Exclusion of Press and Public None

38/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

39/23 To Approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 11 July 2023

The Minutes of the meeting of the meeting held on 11 July 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair

40/23 Police Liaison Report

A report had been previously circulated by the Clerk

41/23 Progress Reports

41/23.1 Clerks Report

None

42/23 Public Participation

None

43/23 Unitary Councillor report

Cllr Pratt had submitted a written report which had been circulated amongst councillors. Relevant information to be placed on the Facebook site and the councils website.

44/23 Applications for Development

44/23.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

44/23.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

7/2023/4058 Fisherground Campsite, Eskdale

The addition of 7no. temporary camping pods on the existing campsite

Supported

44/23.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

7/2023/4007 Fisherground Lodges, Eskdale

The conversion and change of use of redundant agricultural shed into 3 tourist accommodation units, the siting of an additional freestanding lodge, addition of new external cladding and roof finishes to the redundant shed. Associated changes to the site for car parking and landscaping

Refused

44/23.4 Request for letter of support – Dalegarth Camp Site

The council were unable to comment on the request until they had sight of the full planning application.

45/23 FINANCIAL RECORDS

45/23.1 To approve the following payments:

L Cooper	Clerks Salary and expenses	£ 379.92
HMRC	PAYE	£ 85.40
Community Heartbeat	Defib	£3102.00
J Harrison	Verge cutting	£2750.00
J Harrison	Lengthsman duties	£ 612.00

45/23.2 To note the receipt of payments

Fisherground Ltd	Donation for defib	£2585
VAT refund		£ 291.35

45/23.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statements dated 31 July 2023

Not verified

The Clerk reported that the request made to Natwest to transfer £6k to deposit account has not been undertaken. Cllr Brown to visit branch to pursue

45/23.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 August 2023 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget

None required

45/23.5 For Information only: VAT claim submitted for £291.35, which has since been received.

46/23 Parish Matters**46/23.1 Defib – Eskdale Green**

Defib received and to be fitted on 15 September 2023

46/23.2 Hard Knott Telephone Box

Now been stripped in preparation of repairs. Lengthsman to be approached to paint once repairs undertaken.

46/23.3 Eskdale Trail

A response had been received from Cllr Pratt and LDNP re the lack of consultation. Cllr Hunt reported that the sign to Doctors Bridge appears to be incorrect stating ½ mile when the distance is a mile.

Councillors requested that any works/improvements within Eskdale to be informed of prior to the event.

46/23.4 Lengthsman review

Councillors are happy with the works undertaken and it has been noted that the valley is looking much improved.

46/23.5 Community Plan

Suggested date of zoom meeting with Act 10 October 2023

46/23. Fred Whitton Challenge

Council have been notified on 2024 date- 12 May.

46/23.7 Co-option of councillors

1 vacancy to be filled. To be promoted at the Eskdale Show

46/23.8 Councillor email addresses

Ongoing

46/23.9 Environment

Correspondence received requesting Biodiversity sites. None put forward

46/23.10 Equality and respect pledge

Resolved to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.

Proposed Cllr Hunt, Seconded Cllr Carlin

46/23.11 D Day Celebrations

Noted

46/23.12 Financial Standing Orders

Approved

46/23.13 South Cumberland Priorities Survey

Councillors to complete

47/23 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

None

48/23 Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion

- None

49/23 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Harrington reported that the poor road markings at the junction of the King George/Bower House have still not been resolved. Clerk to report again
- Cllr Harrington raised the placing of the Fallen Soldier sign in preparation for Armistice Day.

50/23 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council 14 November 2023 at St Bega's Village Hall, Eskdale Green commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2032 hours.

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