

ESKDALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE CALL ON TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr M Shaftesley (Chair), Cllr A Vicars, Cllr I Kirby, Cllr L Hunt Cllr C Carlin, Cllr D Porter, Cllr J Harrington

125/20 Apologies: Cllr R Brown and Cllr T Postlethwaite, B.Cllr G McGrath

126/20 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

127/20 Declarations of Interest

None

**128/20 To Approve the Minutes of the meetings held on
26 January 2021 and 9 March 2021**

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

129/20 Police Liaison Report

These had been previously circulated by the Clerk.

130/20 Progress Reports

130/20.1 Giggie Alley

It was believed that there was a delay on the progress of this, awaiting ENW actions. Mr Fielden to be invited to the May Meeting to provide an update

130/20.2 Hard Knott Telephone Box

The Clerk confirmed that the phone box was owned by the Parish Council. Cllr Hunt to pursue with Community Heartbeat re the installation of a defibrillator into the box. Fred Witton also to be approached to see if they would donate one. Monies may be available from Eskfest for community project to restore the phone box

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131/20 Public Participation

None present

132/20 County Councillor and Borough Councillor Reports

None received

133/20 Applications for Development

133/20.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2021/4029 Location: 1 Rigg Cottages, Eskdale

Erect detached double garage within garden curtilage

The Council resolved to support this application

7/2021/4036 Banklands, Eskdale

Proposal: New detached garage

The council expressed concerns regarding the size of the proposed development, that the timber cladding was not in keeping with the surrounding architecture and the lack of details in the plans submitted regarding actual size of the proposed garage.

133/20.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None

133/20.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2021/4006 Fisherground Camp Site, Access Road to Hollowstones and Station from the C4026, Eskdale

Proposed siting of 7 camping pods

Withdrawn

7/2021/4018 Green Lodge, Eskdale

Erection of new single storey side extension to provide porch and wc

Approved with Conditions

7/2021/4008 The Birches, Eskdale

Non-material amendment to application 7/2020/4062 (Extension & alterations)

Refused

134/20 A motion was made that Agenda item 11.11 LDNP Visitor Management Action Plan to enable Mr T Watson and Mr M McKinley who had joined the meeting from LDNP to speak

135/20 LDNP Visitor Management Action Plan

The Chair welcomed the speakers to the meeting.

Mr Watson gave an explanation as to how the LDNP were to manage the expected influx of visitors and how to manage anti-social behaviour by the minority. There were 100 volunteers on the ground in pressure areas, plus an additional 200 patrolling volunteers from different organizations managed by the Tactical Visitor Management Group which includes police, mountain rescue, Copeland BC. A dedicated email address which is manned 24 hours has been set up for anyone experiencing problems to report to CVAAlerts@lakedistrict.gov.uk.

The Chair thanked the speakers for their information.

136/20 FINANCIAL RECORDS

136/20.1 To approve the following payments:

None

136/20.2 To note the receipt of payments

None

136/20.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statements dated 28 February 2021

This had been checked and verified by Cllr Kirby

136/20.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 March 2020 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

The Clerk had previously circulated the budget showing the under and over spends for the year.

136/20.5 To approve the Risk Assessment

This had been previously been circulated and was approved

Proposed by Cllr Kirby, Seconded by Cllr Vicars

136/20.6 To approve the Asset Register as at 31.3.2021

It was noted that the telephone box at Hard Knott had been added

Proposed by Cllr Carlin, Seconded by Cllr Hunt

136/20.7 To Approve the Governance Statement

The Chair read out each statement to the meeting and each statement was agreed upon by the Council and approved

Proposed by Cllr Kirby, Seconded by Cllr Hunt

136/20.8 To determine the contract for verge cutting 2021

Contractors to be contacted and invited to tender. After discussion it was agreed for road safety that verges be cut before mid July

137/20 Parish Matters

137/20.1 Housing Survey/Community Plan

Cllrs Carlin and Hunt had produced a draft questionnaire re housing needs to be distributed to all homes via the Parish Magazine and also placed on the website.

Amendments were discussed and approved.

A reported had been received from Copeland BC re proposed housing needs.

Cllr Carlin to contact LDNP to ascertain if the planned survey results would hold weight in future planning decisions.

137/20.2 Emergency Plan

Clerk reported that this was to be distributed

137/20.3 United Utilities

Still awaiting a date to meet.

137/20.4 Traffic Speed Restrictions and gritting

A response had been received from CC Highways who will review the gritting provision during the summer months and will undertake a speed survey.

137/20.5 Eskdale Open

This to remain an agenda item as the Community Plan develops. Monies may be required to refurbish the phone box at Hard Knott

137/20.6 EV Charge Points locations

Copeland BC have confirmed that the car park does belong to them. Clerk to contact Charge My Street for a survey

137/20.7 Local Government Reorganisation

After discussion the preferred option of the council was the proposed 2 Unitary Authorities based on the East/West split

137/20.8 Annual Parish Meeting

Due to changes in Covid-19 restrictions it was resolved that the Annual Parish to be held remotely on 4 May 2021 commencing at 7pm

137/20.9 Return to Face-to-face meetings

It was resolved that the May meeting would be held on 4 May after the Annual Parish meeting and then reviewed as to the June date.

137/20.10 Eskfest

Cllr Hunt to invite a representative to the May meeting

137/20.11 LDNP Visitor Management Plan

See 135/20 above

137/20.12 Coast to Coast cycle ride 26 June 2021

The council were happy with the arrangements outlined

137/20.13 Policies

The following policies had been reviewed and approved

Standing Orders

Proposed by Cllr Hunt, Seconded by Cllr Vicars

Financial Standing Orders

Proposed by Cllr Kirby, Seconded by Cllr Hunt

138/20 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

None

139/20 Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

- None

140/20 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Vicars reported that concerns had been expressed to him regarding activities which may impact on local services. Details to be passed to the Clerk for action.
- Cllr Carlin asked if a representative from Connecting Cumbria Hidden Coast could be invited to a meeting to discuss. The Clerk to arrange

141/20 Date of Next Meeting

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING to be held virtually on 4 May 2021 at 7pm

The next full meeting of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council to be held virtually on 4 May 2021 following on from the Annual Parish Meeting. The ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will follow on from the Annual Meeting

There being no other business the meeting closed at 22.08