

ESKDALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2023 AT St BEGA'S VILLAGE HALL, ESKDALE GREEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

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

82/22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Porter (working)

83/22 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

84/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

85/22 To Approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 17 January 2023

The Minutes of the meeting of the meeting held on 17 January 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair

86/22 Police Liaison Report

A report had been previously circulated by the Clerk

87/22 Progress Reports

87/22.1 Giggle Alley

Noted that a botanist had been examining the Japanese Garden. Clerk to seek an update.

88/22 Public Participation

None

89/22 County Councillor/District Councillor reports

None received

90/22 Applications for Development

90/22.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2023/4007 Fisherground Lodges, Eskdale

The conversion and change of use of redundant agricultural shed into 3 tourist attraction units, the conversion and change of use of a redundant shed used as a games room for the lodges into a single tourist accommodation unit, the siting of an additional free standing lodge, addition of new external cladding and roof finishes to the redundant sheds, Associated changes to the site for car parking and landscaping
Supported but council considered the design not sympathetic to the area

90/22.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None

90/22.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None

90/22.4 Consultation – Eskdale Estate – New Woodland Planting EIA Forestry Determination

No objections

91/22 FINANCIAL RECORDS

91/22.1 To approve the following payments:

L Cooper	Clerks salary and expenses	£369.70
HMRC	PAYE	£ 85.40

Copeland BC	Lighting charges	£116.71
SLCC	Membership renewal (1/4) reissued	£ 35.00

91/22.2 To note the receipt of payments

None

91/22.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statements dated 28 February 2023

Verified by Cllr Kirkby

91/22.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 28 February 2022 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget

The Clerk reported that there was an underspend of £1663.55 on the budget which would be placed in reserves

92/22 Parish Matters**92/22.1 Defib – Eskdale Green**

Clerk reported that the existing box is not suitable for the fitting of a defib and requires replacing. LDNP to be contacted to disconnect the electricity to the box. To approach Fred Whitton Challenge for monies to replace box and defib.

Proposed Cllr Kirby, Seconded Cllr Harrington

92/22.2 Hard Knott Telephone Box

Awaiting better weather before commencing refurbishment

92/22.3 Eskdale Trail

Council expressed concern at the new sign posts that had been erected which are not in keeping with the environment and no consultation with landowners

92/22.4 Lengthsman

Advert to be placed on website and in shop for a start date on 1 April 2023

92/22.5 Community Plan

Resolved that all councillors will attend training on 28 June 2023

92/22.6 Village Hall Donation

Resolved to donate £100 towards Village Hall costs

Proposed Cllr Hunt, Seconded Cllr Carlin

92/22.7 Coronation

Village hall are planning an event on 11 May 2023

92/22.8 Standing Orders 2023

Standing Orders have been reviewed and updated

Proposed Cllr Kirby, seconded Cllr Shaftesley to accept

92/22.9 Parish Council Elections

The Clerk gave an update all nominations to be submitted by hand to Copeland Borough Council at Whitehaven by no later than 4pm 4 April 2023

92/22.10 Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 9 May 2023 commencing at 7pm

93/22 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

Village Hall – Cllr Shaftesley reported that the Village Hall Committee were to undertake a feasibility study for the hall.

94/22 Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion

- None

95/22 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Hunt asked if the security lights at Gatesyde Place could be reported. These are encroaching into properties

96/22 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council 9 May 2023 at St Bega's Village Hall, Eskdale Green

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2111 hours.