

ESKDALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 MAY 2023 AT St BEGA'S VILLAGE HALL, ESKDALE GREEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr R Brown(Chair), Cllr D Porter, Cllr L Hunt, Cllr M Shaftesley, Cllr I Kirkby
2 members of public
Mrs L Cooper - Clerk

All councillors present signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office in presence of the clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting

1/23 Election of Chair

Chair: Cllr R Brown – Proposed Cllr Porter, Seconded Cllr Kirkby

The Chair signed the acceptance of office

2/23 Election of Vice Chair

Vice chair: Cllr M Shaftesley – Proposes Cllr Kirkby, Seconded Cllr Hunt

The Vice Chair signed the acceptance of office

3/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Carlin (holiday), Cllr Harrington (personal) and Unitary Cllr A Pratt

4/23 Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 10 May 2022

Minutes agreed and signed

5/23 Appointment of Members to serve on Outside Bodies

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Shaftesley

6/23 To resolve that the Parish Council meets the conditions under section 8(2) of the Localism Act 2011 and The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 and therefore may act under the General Power of Competence

Resolved to accept Proposed by Cllr Kirkby, Seconded by Cllr Shaftesley

There being no further business the normal meeting continued

7/23 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

8/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

9/23 To Approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 14 March 2023

The Minutes of the meeting of the meeting held on 14 March 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair

10/23 Police Liaison Report

A report had been previously circulated by the Clerk

11/23 Progress Reports

11/23.1 Giggie Alley

Noted that additional felling to be undertaken

12/23 Public Participation

Resolved to bring forward Agenda item 9.1 Application for development to allow the public to participate in the discussion.

Planning application 7/2023/40 Fairfield, Eskdale

Erection of 2 dwellings - outline approval ref 7/2020/407

Members of the public present raised the following concerns:

Discrepancy on land ownership

Proposed development had greater footprint than that agreed by Planning Inspectorate

9.5m x 9m compared to 8.2 x 8m on agreed planning consent

Significant change from original

Lack of explanation, especially in what is the blue area outlined on the map.

Concerns that planning application submitted under another name, previous history of non-compliance with planning approval

13/23 Applications for Development

13.23.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2023/40 Fairfield, Eskdale

Erection of 2 dwellings - outline approval ref 7/2020/407

Resolved to **OBJECT** to this application and submit the drafted response with minor amendments and request that this application be presented to the Planning Panel and not determined by a single officer. Clerk to request date of Planning meeting and that a member of the Parish Council be able to attend to present objections.

7/2023/4031 Eskdale Mill, Boot

Screening and stabilising a spoil heap used to bury a septic tank and a concrete and brick derelict septic tank. Screened with grey stained timber terraces and drystone walls to match with vernacular local stone walls and nearby timber elements of Eskdale Mill – retrospective

Supported

13.23.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None

13.23.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None

14/23 Unitary Councillor report

None received

15/23 FINANCIAL RECORDS

15.23.1 To approve the following payments:

Zurich Insurance (paid under Financial Standing Orders)	£264.00
V Falconer Internal Audit fee	£ 40.00
CALC Subscription renewal	£143.99

15.23.2 To note the receipt of payments

None

15.23.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statements dated 30 April 2023

Verified by Cllr Kirkby

15.23.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 April 2023 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget

None required

15.23.5 To receive the Internal Auditors Report and recommendations

Resolved - £6k to be transferred from Current to Deposit Account

15.23.6 To approve the Annual Risk Assessment/Risk Management

Approved

15.23.7 To approve the Asset Register for 2023

Approved

15.23.8 To approve the Annual Governance Statement

Approved Proposed by Cllr Hunt, Seconded by Cllr Shaftesley

15.23.9 To receive and note the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023 have been submitted and approved by the internal auditor and that they are a true and correct record.

Approved Proposed by the Clerk, seconded by Cllr Hunt

15.23.10 To determine that the Parish Council has met the qualifying criteria to certify them as exempt from a limited assurance review.

Approved Proposed by the Clerk, Seconded by Cllr Hunt

16/23 Parish Matters

16/23.1 Defib – Eskdale Green

Clerk reported that Fred Whitton would not sponsor another defib. Clerk to apply for funding for 2 defibs, 1 for the toilets and 1 for Hard Knott telephone box

16/23.2 Hard Knott Telephone Box

Volunteers required. Box to be wire brushed in preparation for repairs and painting

16/23.3 Eskdale Trail

Complaints have been received from members of public re the new signage and inability to read them

16/23.4 Lengthsman

One application received and to be appointed subject to proof of Public Liability Insurance and signing of Contract. Once signed then will be placed on Facebook page

16/23.5 Community Plan

All councillors will attend training on 28 June 2023

16/23.6 Security Lights New Close

Environmental Health Officer now dealing with the complaint.

16/23.7 Co-option of councillors

1 vacancy to be filled.

17/23 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

Village Hall – Cllr Shaftesley reported that the Village Hall Committee have applied for funding for a feasibility study for the hall.

18/23 Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion

- None

19/23 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Brown reported that he is having problems being registered as a bank signatory for the Council
Proposed that Cllr R Brown be a bank signatory by Cllr L Hunt and Seconded by Cllr M Shaftesley
A copy of the minutes to be forwarded to bank as evidence.

20/23 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council 11 July 2023 at St Bega's Village Hall, Eskdale Green

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2119 hours.