

ESKDALE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2022 AT St BEGA'S VILLAGE HALL, ESKDALE GREEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr R Brown(Chair), Cllr J Harrington, Cllr I Kirkby, Cllr D Porter and Cllr T Postlethwaite

1 member of the public

51/22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Shaftesley (ill), Cllr C Carlin (working), Cllr L Hunt(ill)

52/22 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

53/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

54/22 To Approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 13 September 2022

The Minutes of the meeting of the meeting held on 13 September 2022 were approved and signed by the Chair

Proposed by Cllr Harrington, Seconded by Cllr Kirkby

55/22 Police Liaison Report

A report had been previously circulated by the Clerk

56/22 Progress Reports

56/22.1 Giggie Alley

A report had been received from Forestry England that paths had now been cleared, some ongoing remedial works on trees close to properties prior to felling. ENW still to undertake works on trees close to power lines. Awaiting a management plan on the Japanese Garden and its future

56/22.2 Telephone Box – Hard Knott

Restoration to commence in Spring, a welder has been identified. A phone signal is possible at the site for installation of a defib. A number of stickers have been placed on the box

57/22 Public Participation

The CALC representative gave a short presentation on the Copeland Community Partnership.

58/22 County Councillor/District Councillor reports

None received

59/22 Applications for Development

59/22.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

59/22.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None

59/22.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

7/2022/4066 Eskdale Mill, Boot

Change of use from rough grazing field to nature/wildlife area. Construction of wildlife pond with viewing platform. Inflow and outflow to existing drainage ditch. Creation of gate access in existing drystone wall. Picnic area with picnic benches. Interpretation boards x3

Approved

60/22 FINANCIAL RECORDS

60/22.1 To approve the following payments:

WH Amos Website maintenance £ 150.00

60/22.2 To note the receipt of payments

None

60/22.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statements dated 30 September 2022

This was checked and verified by Cllr Kirkby

60/22.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 October 2022 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget

None Required

60/22.5 To discuss and approve the budget for the year 2023/24

The Clerk had previously circulated a draft budget to all councillors. It was resolved to accept the budget with no changes

Proposed Cllr Postlethwaite, Seconded by Cllr Porter

60/22.6 To determine the Precept for the financial year 2023/24

The Clerk recommended that there be no increase on the precept and for it to remain at £8760

Council resolved to accept the recommendation

61/22 Parish Matters

61/22.1 GDF Project

See 57/22 above. It was known that the School and the village hall committee were seeking funding for projects.

61/22.2 Hidden Gems

In the absence of Cllr Carlin - deferred

61/22.3 Defib – Eskdale Green

Cllr Harrington reported that this had been posted to Community Heartbeat, awaiting their report

61/22.4 Eskdale Trail

No further progress

61/22.5 Lengthsman

Deferred to January meeting, an interested party to be invited to the meeting

61/22.6 2023 Meeting dates

Previously circulated and approved

61/22.7 Clerks Appraisal

To be undertaken after the January meeting

62/22 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

Village Hall – no report. Community meeting to discuss

63/22 Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion

- Email from the organisers of a Lake District Grand Tour running event from 18-24 September 2022. Organisers to be invited to a meeting to discuss

64/22 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Postlethwaite requested that LDNP be pursued re walls falling down

65/22 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council 10 January 2022 at St Bega's Village Hall, Eskdale Green

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2028 hours.