

ESKDALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2024 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, Cllr M Shaftesley, Cllr I Kirkby and Cllr D Porter
Mrs L Cooper – Clerk

66/23 Apologies for absence

Cllr A Pratt – Cumberland Council

67/23 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

68/23 Declarations of Interest

None

69/23 To Approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 14 November 2023

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

70/23 Police Liaison Report

A report had been previously circulated by the Clerk

71/23 Progress Reports

71/23.1 Clerks Report

The Clerk stated that the lack of white lines at the Junction by the King George had been reported again and contacted Irton with Santon PC re issues of no white lining at the entrance to Eskdale. Cost of trees were pack of 4 saplings £28. Resolved to purchase 4 Bird Cherry. Speed awareness stickers £120 for 100. Clerk to contact school re posters

72/23 Public Participation

None

73/23 Unitary Councillor report

Consultation re replacement bridge at Buckbarrow on the Corney Fell Road. It was noticeable an increase in traffic since Corney Fell road closed.

74/23 Applications for Development

74/23.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

Town and Country Planning (Appeals)

7/2023/4007 Fisherground Lodges, Eskdale

Conversion and change of use of redundant agricultural shed into 3 tourist accommodation units, the siting of an additional freestanding lodge. Associated changes to the site for car parking and landscaping

Appeal against LDNP Planning refusal

No additional information to add

T/2024/0001 Fisherground Farm, Camp Site & Premises, Eskdale,
Fell - 3 mature Oak trees

Not supported

74/23.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

7/2023/4098 1 Gatesyde Place, Eskdale Green

Replace old conservatory with a new one due to the old having cracked glazing and leaks
Supported

74/23.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None

75/23 FINANCIAL RECORDS**75/23.1 To approve the following payments:**

L Cooper	Clerks salary and expenses	£ 379.92
HMRC	PAYE	£ 103.20
J Harrison	Repairs to telephone box	£ 425.00
J Harrison	Lengthsman duties	£ 340.00
SLCC	membership renewal	£ 30.50

The following invoices were paid under Financial Standing Orders

Raymond Garnett	welding Phone box	£ 186.00
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75/23.2 To note the receipt of payments

None

75/23.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statements dated 30 November 2023

Verified by Cllr Kirby

75/23.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 December 2023 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget

None required

75/23.5 For information only.

The Clerk reported that the precept request had been submitted.

76/23 Parish Matters**76/23.1 Hard Knott Telephone Box**

The telephone box has now been refurbished. Pictures showing before and after to be placed on website. Advertise on Facebook for ideas/take ownership of it

76/23.2 Community Plan

Questionnaire to be distributed around the village by councillors

76/23.3 Co-option of Councillors

Cllr Carlin submitted her resignation and was thanked by the Chair and the councillors for her hard work, there are now 2 vacancies. To be advertised.

76/23.4 Email addresses

All councillors now have official email addresses

76/23.5 Environment

Clerk to order trees. Grass contractor informed re wildflowers

76/23.6 Review of Emergency Plan

Reviewed minor changes to contact details

76/23.7 Grit bins

A list of potential sites had been produced. Noted that gritters did not always grit to the school. Clerk to contact Highways and Cllr Pratt.

76/23.8 Digital telephone changeover – vulnerable people

Councillors instructed the Clerk to contact CALC/NALC to raise concerns

76/23.9 Approve Amendment to Standing Orders – Delegation of powers re Planning Applications

Approved. Proposed Cllr Harrington, Seconded Cllr Shaftesley

77/23 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Shaftesley reported that change of ownership is still ongoing. A new Charitable Trust is being set up. Representatives to be invited to the March meeting to discuss joint working.

78/23 Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion

- none

79/23 Councillor Matters

- Clerk to source and price up for a new noticeboard to be located on the car park by the toilets

- Clerk to contact Steve Ashall re Eskdale Valley Community Facebook page.

80/23 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council 12 March 2024 at St Bega's Village Hall, Eskdale Green commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2040 hours.