

ESKDALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024 AT St BEGA'S VILLAGE HALL, ESKDALE GREEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr R Brown(Chair), Cllr L Hunt, Cllr M Shaftesley, Cllr I Kirkby Cllr J Harrington
5 members of public

Mrs L Cooper - Clerk

1/24 Election of Chair

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

The Chair signed the acceptance of office

2/24 Election of Vice Chair

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

The Vice Chair signed the acceptance of office

3/24 Apologies for absence

None

4/24 Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 16 May 2023

Minutes agreed and signed

5/24 Appointment of Members to serve on Outside Bodies

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Shaftesley

6/24 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
There being no further business the normal meeting continued

7/24 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

8/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

9/24 To Approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 12 March 2024

The Minutes of the meeting of the meeting held on 12 March 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair

10/24 Police Liaison Report

A report had been previously circulated by the Clerk

11/24 Progress Reports

11/24.1 Clerks Report

None

12/24 Public Participation

Members of the public expressed concerns re planning application at Fairfield for 3 dwellings. Plans are such that houses could be turned from 1 bed to multiple bed dwellings once planning agreed. Concerns re number of vehicles exiting onto main road. Concerns re disruption during construction.

13/24 Applications for Development

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

7/2024/4029 Fairfield, Eskdale

Erection of 3 dwellings - outline approval ref 7/2020/4077

Resolved to **OBJECT** to this application and submit a response the same as that for the previous applications 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.

7/2024/4034 3 Rigg Cottages, Eskdale

Alterations to the existing foul water drainage system from a shared septic tank to a private septic tank located on the land belonging to 3 Rigg Cottages

Supported

13/24.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None

13/24.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

7/2023/4089 Outward Bound Professional Ltd, Eskdale

Replacement of heating system including air source heat pumps and new lpg tanks

Granted

7/2023/4035 Fairfield, Eskdale

Erection of 2 dwellings - outline approval ref 7/2020/4077

Withdrawn

T/2024/0035 Outwood Bound Trust, Eskdale Green

Fir tree (protected as part of W1 of TPO: C11) - Fell to ground level.

Approved with Conditions

7/2024/4004 Fell View Garage, Eskdale,

Change of use from Class E - Commercial, Business and Service to C3 Dwelling house

Approved with Conditions

13/24.4 Appeal Decision

Fisherground Lodges, Eskdale

Appeal dismissed

14/24 Unitary Councillor report

None received

15/24 FINANCIAL RECORDS

15/24.1 To approve the following payments:

V Falconer	Internal Audit fee	£ 40.00
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The following invoices were paid under Financial Standing Orders

Zurich Insurance		£ 264.00
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CALC	Subscription renewal	£ 158.05
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Notice Boards Cumbria	Noticeboard	£1167.60
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15/24.2 To note the receipt of payments

Precept	£8760.00
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15/24.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statements dated 30 April 2024

Verified by Cllr Kirkby

15/24.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 April 2024 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget

None required

15/24.5 To approve the Annual Risk Assessment/Risk Management for 2024

Approved Proposed Cllr Shaftesley, Seconded Cllr Harrington

15/24.6 To approve the Asset Register for 2024

Approved

15/24.7 To receive the Internal Auditors Report and recommendations

The Internal Auditor raised concerns that the request by the council to transfer funds from the current account to deposit account had been ignored by their bankers. A letter to be sent to Natwest requesting the transfer of funds and to be accompanied by a copy of the Internal Audit report.

15/24.8 To approve the Annual Governance Statement

Approved Proposed by Cllr Kirkby, Seconded by Cllr Shaftesley

15/24.9 To receive and note the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024 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

15/24.10 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

16/24 Parish Matters

16/24.1 Hard Knott Telephone Box

Cllr Kirkby has been contacting the National Trust for it to be used as an Information Hub and also located a defib. Still needs the gold painting on the crown.

16/24.2 Community Plan

To meet 25 June at 7pm to discuss the results of the initial survey

16/24.3 Co-option of Councillors

Cllr Brown stated that he had been approached by an interested party. Applicant to contact Clerk.

16/24.4 Environment

Nothing to report

16/24.5 Emergency Plan

Village Hall contact now established

17/24 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

Village Hall – Drafted constitution and submitting application to Charity Commissioners. Issues around ownership need to be resolved.

18/24 Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion

- None

19/24 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Harrington – Fallen lady to be put back into position by member of the public
- Cllr Hunt reported that that she had received a complaint with regards to a large hole opposite Rockfoot Station, Boot. Harris fencing not secure, belongs to ENW
- Cllr Harrington reported that the mirror at the Boot junction is missing, making it difficult to exit this junction.

20/24 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council 9 July 2024 at St Bega's Village Hall, Eskdale Green

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2103 hours.