

ESKDALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2025 AT St BEGA'S VILLAGE HALL, ESKDALE GREEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr R Brown(Chair), Cllr M Shaftesley, Cllr I Kirby, Cllr L Hunt, , Cllr D Porter
Mrs L Cooper – Clerk

Will Livesey – Forestry Commission

1 member of public

82/24 Apologies for absence - Cllr A Rutherford (work) Cllr T Postlethwaite (work), Cllr J Harrington (family)

83/24 The Chair proposed that Agenda item 11.4 Japanese Garden/Giggle Alley be brought forward. This was agreed.

84/24 Japanese Garden/Giggle Alley

Will Livesey, Forestry Commission gave an update on the removal of the diseased Larch trees. Some will be felled others killed standing where they are harder to fell safely. Replanting with broad leaf's and conifers. 10 year plan for the forest.

Japanese Garden – looking at grants to bring the garden back. Volunteers will be used by the Recreational Team to clear the worst of the invasive growth. Grants difficult to get as it is not a scheduled ancient monument,

The Chair thanked Mr Livesey for his report. Mr Livesey left the meeting.

85/24 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

86/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

87/24 To Approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 14 January 2025

The Minutes of the meeting of the meeting held on 14 January 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair Proposed Cllr Kirby, Seconded Cllr Porter

88/24 Police Liaison Report

A report had been previously circulated by the Clerk

89/24 Progress Reports

89/24.1 Clerks Report

Cumberland to distribute additional grit bins.

Clerk has raised the issue of the grit lorry not going down as far as the King George as promised. Awaiting a reply

New 30mph signs will hopefully be erected before the start of the tourist season.

90/24 Public Participation

The member of public is organising an inclusive relay fell race on 19 July 2025 with any profits going to Eskdale School. Expected c.280 runners commencing at Woolpack.

Parking on adjoining field. Toilet facilities and rubbish collection.

91/24 Cumberland Councillor's Report

None

92/24 Applications for Development

92/24.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2025/4014 Fell View Garage, Eskdale

3New Dwellinghouse - Variation of conditions 2, 3 & 4 and removal of condition 5 on planning permission 7/2024/4088 to amend the design of the dwelling.

Supported

7/2025/4016 Fell View Garage, Eskdale

Change of use from Class E – Commercial Business and Service to C3 Dwelling House.
Part demolition of garage and erection of new dwelling, and renovation of remaining

garage building, on the former site of Fell View Garage, Eskdale – variation of condition 7 (remediation scheme), condition 9 (ground investigation report) and condition 10 (existing and proposed floor levels) on planning permission 7/2024/4004.

Supported

92/24.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None

92/24.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

7/2024/4088 Fell View Garage, Eskdale

Change of use from Class E - Commercial, Business and Service to C3 Dwelling houses. Part demolition of garage and erection of new dwelling, and renovation of remaining garage building, on the former site of Fell View Garage, Eskdale- variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and condition 4 (finish of external walls) on planning permission 7/2024/4004

Granted

93/24 FINANCIAL RECORDS

93/24.1 To approve the following payments

L Cooper	Clerks Salary & Expenses	£481.00
HMRC	PAYE	£ 95.00
J Harrison	Lengthsman duties	£425.00

93/24.2 To note the receipt of payments

None

93/24.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statements dated 31 January 2025

Verified by Cllr Kirkby

93/24.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 28 February 2025 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget

None required. Resolved that £5k be allocated to Community Plan Projects

93/24.7 To consider S137 donations

It was suggested to make a donation to the 1st responders. Cllr Kirkby to investigate.

94/24 Parish Matters

94/24.1 Hard Knott Telephone Box

Glass has now been replaced by Lengthsman Suggestion that could display school art work

94/24.2 Community Plan

Clerk produced a detailed survey questionnaire that had been compiled with ACT. To contact Village Hall Committee to see if they wish to add any additional questions. Once changes made Cllr Hunt to arrange printing. All responses to be in by 4 October 2025.

94/24.4 Environment

None

94/24.5 Nominations for Police Neighbourhood Scheme

Cllr Hunt to represent the Parish Council

94/24.6 Annual Parish Meeting

To be held on 13 May 2025 commencing at 7pm At St Bega's Village Hall

94/24.7 Policies

a) The following new Policies were approved

Risk Management Policy

Retention of Documents Policy

Complaints Procedure

Data Protection Policy

Disciplinary Policy

Grievance Policy

Subject Access Request

Freedom of Information Policy

Press and Media Policy
Grant Awarding Policy
Safeguarding Policy
Co-option Policy
Lone Working Policy
Vexatious Complaints Policy
Anti-bullying and Harassment Policy
Equality and Diversity Policy
Sexual Harassment Policy
Social Media Policy
Environment and Sustainability Policy
Proposed Cllr Kirkby, Seconded Cllr Shaftesley

b) Noted that the following policies have been reviewed and no changes made

Standing Orders
Biodiversity Policy
Health and Safety Policy
Equal Opportunity Policy
Protocol for the recording and filming of Council and Committee meetings
Appraisal Policy
Recruitment Policy
Sickness Absence Policy
Training and Development Policy

95/24 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

Village Hall – Cllr Shaftesley reported that the Village Hall were seeking legal advice as the Charities Commission had not accepted the latest application. Obtaining a quote for the repainting of the village hall. Clerk to send a Grant application form.

96/24 Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion

- Email requesting assistance in identifying ownership of Boot School.
- Email re lack of mobile network during electricity power cuts.

97/24 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Kirby has been approached by residents concerned as to what the new council tax bill will be and not being able to budget for it.

98/24 The next meeting of the Parish Council 13 May 2025 at St Bega's Village Hall, Eskdale Green commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2053 hours.



13.5.25