

ESKDALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2024 AT St BEGA'S VILLAGE HALL, ESKDALE GREEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr R Brown(Chair), Cllr M Shaftesley, Cllr I Kirkby, Cllr A Rutherford Cllr T Postlethwaite,
Mrs L Cooper – Clerk
Carol Barr, Act

52/24 Apologies for absence

Cllr L Hunt (holiday), Cllr J Harrington (Ill), Cllr D Porter (work)
Cllr A Pratt, Cumberland Council

53/24 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

54/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

55/24 To Approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 11 September 2024

The Minutes of the meeting of the meeting held on 9 July 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair Proposed Cllr Kirkby, Seconded Cllr Shaftesley

56/24 Police Liaison Report

A report had been previously circulated by the Clerk

57/24 Progress Reports

58/24.1 Clerks Report

Report of locked gate at cattlegrid – resolved

Re-location of Noticeboard – Lengthsman asked to relocate it, it had been put upside down. Investigate making alum key easier to use.

War Memorial – Clerk has contacted War memorials trust who have given permission for works to be undertaken. To contact local stone masons to undertake the works.

58/24 Public Participation

None

59/24 Cumberland Councillor's Report

Proposed to move to end of Agenda to allow Councillor to arrive.

60/24 Applications for Development

60/24.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

60/24.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None

60/24.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

7/2024/4045 Eskdale Vicarage, Boot

Construction of lightweight, timber framed, garden studio, and bike store in the grounds of existing Vicarage and Coach House

Granted

61/24 FINANCIAL RECORDS

61/24.1 To approve the following payments:

L Cooper	Clerks Salary & Expenses	£ 181.00
HMRC	PAYE	£ 39.20
Whamos Ltd	Annual web site support	£ 200.00

61/24.2 To note the receipt of payments

None

61/24.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statements dated 30 September 2024

Verified by Cllr Kirkby

61/24.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 October 2024 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget

None required.

61/24.5 To approve the Budget for the Financial Year 2025/26

Approved to spend £10960.08 Proposed Cllr Kirkby, Seconded Cllr Postlethwaite

61/24.6 To approve the Precept for the financial year 2025/26

Precept to be raised by 2.74% (or £1.74 on a Band D property) to £9000.

Proposed by Cllr Postlethwaite, Seconded by Cllr Rutherford

62/24 Parish Matters

62/24.1 Hard Knott Telephone Box

Cllr Brown reported that 2 small panes of glass and their internal fittings had been stolen from the telephone box. Clerk to report to police and put up on social media.

62/24.2 Community Plan

Carole Barr gave advice as to the next stage of the process. Needs and wants survey undertaken. Version 2 .focus on 3 topics Roads, Community, Tourists More information required on these 3 topics. Consider holding an event to discuss and get more information. May Art Festival r date to speak to people and get views. Involve Village Hall Committee and School. Invite local MP Michelle Scroggum to event. Carole Barr to meet with the Clerk to develop a questionnaire.

62/24.4 Environment

None

62/24.5 Boot School

A request of support was approved.

62/24.6 To agree the 2025 Meeting dates

Agreed

63/24 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

Village Hall – Cllr Shaftesley reported that Storm Arwen monies had ben spent on a generator and other equipment for emergency shelter.

64/24 Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion

- Correspondence had been received from a resident questioning ownership of Leylandii trees bordering their property, It was established that the owner was Cumberland Council. Clerk to respond.

65/24 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Shaftesley raised the issue of the failure of the mobile network during the recent power cut which lasted 13 hours. ENW were unable to connect with vulnerable people. Clerk to raise concerns with EE/BT/ENW and invite representatives to a meeting.

66/24 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council 14 January 2025 at St Bega's Village Hall, Eskdale Green commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2050 hours.



14.1.2025