

# MILLOM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT  
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## Millom Without Parish Council

Connecting Our Communities



# A YEAR OF CHALLENGE

Our community, like many others, has faced immense challenges during this past year of pandemic. These have tested our community response systems and helped us develop our future resilience plans should we be so severely tested again.

For the first time, the Parish Council has initiated our Emergency Plan, working in partnership with Thwaites Village Hall, The Hill Village Hall to provide a team of volunteers who were on hand to support local, vulnerable residents with their shopping and prescription needs. This team continued to operate throughout all three "Lock -Downs" and we are particularly grateful to Councillors Adrienne Calsy and Pauline Murray, who played a vital role in co-ordinating the locally based response.

The Parish Council continued to operate throughout the year using both telephone conferencing and the Microsoft Teams Platform, allowing us to carry out the essential Council work, to progress our Community Plan activities and ensure we retained the ability to allow public participation.ill

## DELIVERING ON THE COMMUNITY PLAN

Work has continued with the Community Plan which has remained a key priority for the PC during this year.

We were pleased to open our New Play Park at Thwaites Village Hall on 20th February 21 - this was delivering on the big "ASK" from the Community Plan.

This was only possible by working in Partnership with Thwaites Village Hall who kindly leased the land to the Parish Council and with financial support from both the Parish Council and our supporting Funders:

- CGP
- Ghyll Scaur Quarry - Aggregate Industries

Additionally we are particularly grateful for the purchase of two new Pic-Nic Benches which were donated by Thwaites Village Hall.

Finally special thanks to the team which worked through some challenging issues during the ongoing pandemic - Led by Councillor Angela Nugent with support from Councillors Pauline Murray, Nick Gamble and our Parish Clerk - Lesley Cooper.



# DELIVERING ON THE COMMUNITY PLAN

## Litter Picking:

The Parish Council have not been able – with coronavirus restrictions – to organise litter picks this year as in previous years. This led to a number of Councillors working alongside individual residents from Buckman Brow, Broadgate, The Green, Hallthwaites, The Hill, Lady Hall and Millom have taken up litter pickers, high-vis tabards, thorn-proof gloves, and plastic bags to collect litter along our roads and lanes (where it has been safe to do so) during the first part of March.

To date over 90 bags of waste have been collected along with a horrifying assortment of items that have been fly-tipped. Items collected include innumerable pieces of PPE, enough tyres for several vehicles, hubcaps, other plastic car parts, oil drums, bathroom fittings (at least 2 toilet seats), a wheel barrow, bicycle rack and mudguards.

Special thanks go to Councillor Calsy for her dedication to this issue, with support from Councillors Gray, Nugent, Murray and Gamble.



## Making Progress:

- **Road Safety Sub-Group** - continues to work with CCC Highways to address speeding through our communities. We are hopeful of making progress with new speed monitors, with support from the Ghyll Scaur Liaison Group.
- **Footpath Group** - The Community Plan highlighted the desire to improve off-roadway connection between The Hill and The Green. The most obvious route to achieve this is by Middle Cut which runs between Underhill and The Pump House on Green Road. Anyone who has used this track will know that it's condition is very variable, being well surfaced along much of the length it deteriorates in parts with a particularly bad section in the bends at the Green Road end; in wet weather this section is barely usable without wellies and cyclists get a soaking. We are actively working with CCC Highways to deliver a solution and this will be a focus of work for the next financial year.
- **Promoting Our Community** - working with Ghyll Scaur Quarry Community Trust Fund and local artist - Irene Rogan - the community were consulted on Standing Stone for The Green - this is a new feature for the Village and celebrates our communities history and legacy. This new feature will also be part of a local Heritage Walk which we hope to launch in the next few months, as part of ongoing work to promote our area.
- **Re-purposing community assets** - working in partnership with HMP Haverigg, we are looking forward to making progress on the Bus Shelters both at The Green and The Hill.



# KEEPING FOCUSSED ON PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS

## Enhanced Website and Social Media Presence - supporting better communications

This year we have witnessed a step change for the Parish Council in delivering a much more user friendly web-site and the development of our social media presence on Facebook. We have experienced a much stronger level of engagement with the Parish Council and improved communications on matters which impact our local community. We are especially grateful to Councillor Nick Gamble and Kath Gamble for their hard work in developing the Website and Facebook presence which will help both in our communications and engagement with our Community.



**Maintain our Governance Framework** - this year we have reviewed our policies and updated the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to maintain our Governance Framework. This is also supported by 9 Active Sub-Groups, who maintain a clear focus on key areas of the Councils ongoing work.



**Responded to Major Consultations** - The Parish Council has ensured a response to two significant consultations which may impact our Communities:

- **Local Government Re-Organisation with regards to Unitary Council (s)**
- **Copeland Borough Council Local Plan**



Consultation responses

**Supported / Operated Community Trust Funds** - CGP and Ghyll Scaur Quarry - both Funds have supported big community projects like the Play Park and invested funds in our Village Halls.

**Active Members of Local Partnership / Organisations** - The Parish Council nominates Councillors to be members of **8 local groups**, to ensure our local voice is heard in these partnerships / organisations.



**Pro-active in Monitoring Potential Major Projects** - The Parish Council is actively working with other Local Parish Councils to monitor the development of the **Geological Disposal Facility**. We have run two Local On-line Public Meetings and continue to ensure as much information on both ongoing progress and emerging issues are shared with the community.



INITIAL EVALUATION REPORT:  
Ghyll Scaur Quarry and associated coastal plain  
together with the adjacent inshore area

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**And Finally - a big thanks** to all the Parish Councillors who share their time, energy and skills for our Community. And behind the scenes - our Parish Clerk - Lesley Cooper who supports much of the Parish Council workload and this deserves a special note of thanks.