

**MILLOM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT
THWIATES VILLAGE HALL ON 2 OCTOBER 2023 COMMENCING AT
07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr D Savage, (Chair), Cllr A Nugent, Cllr B Wright, Cllr P Murray, Cllr I Lockwood, Cllr M Bates and Cllr M Kitchingman
Lesley Cooper Clerk

68/23 Apologies: from Cllr V Pogrel (working), Cllr C Carrington (holiday), Cllr A Calsy (family) accepted and approved by the council
Cty Cllr A Pratt

69/23 Exclusion of Press and Public
None

70/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

71/23 MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 September 2023
The following amendment was made minute no. 63/23d Review spends of £356.11 balance of CAFs donation for cycle event. "community event" changed to "carbon reduction event"
The minutes of the meeting were approved subject to the above change and signed by the Chair Proposed Cllr Lockwood, Seconded Cllr Nugent

72/23 Police Liaison Report
Circulated. It was noted that the police would be having an open desk session at Thwaites Village Hall on 20 October 2023 12 - 1pm.
Noted that speed strips are in place in The Green and The Hill. Possibility of introducing a 40mph limit from The Hill to Ghyll Scaur Quarry.

73/23 Progress Report
73/23.1 Footpath from Rising Hill to The Green
Clerk had contacted contractor, top surface being laid, still awaiting drop kerb permit.
73/23.3 Clerks Report
Clerk had reported dangerous light at The Green which had been made safe the following day.

74/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

75/23 Unitary Councillor Report
Cllr Pratt had given his apologies but provided the following report.
South Cumberland Community Panel meeting 31 October Kirksanton Village Hall 6.30pm to gather ideas and priorities from all stakeholders within the area on how Cumberland can improve communities and support everyone in the area.
From 1st October 2023 Single use plastic cutlery, plates, trays and bowls .
Proposed new bus route being investigated by Millom Town Council which would provide a service from rural areas into Millom.
Dunningwell Hall – still awaiting a site visit from Highways.

76/23 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:
76/23.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority
None
76/23.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.
None
76/23.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications
7/2023/4071 8 Penn House, Duddon Hall

Replacement windows with double glazed units and wooden frames stained to match replaced window frames of adjacent properties.

Granted

77/23 FINANCIAL RECORDS

77/23.1 The following payments were approved:

Dream Landscapes	Grass cutting	£ 600.00
Cumberland Council	lights 2021/22	£ 424.42
Community Heartbeat	Annual Support	£ 162.00
Community Heartbeat	Replacement battery	£ 126.00

Approved for payment Proposed Cllr Murray, Seconded Cllr Lockwood

77/23.2 To note the receipt of payments.

None

77/23.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 31 August 2023

Reviewed and checked by Cllr Kitchingman

77/23.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 September 2023 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required.

77/23.5 To discuss the draft budget for the financial year 2024/25

Proposed Cllr Kitchingman, seconded by Cllr Lockwood that the Garage Licence fees be increased by £5 from £70 to £75 for the financial year 2024/2025

Proposed by Cllr Bates, Seconded by Cllr Kitchingman to support the Clerk's recommendation that there be a 5 year plan around committed reserves and the accrual of monies.

Clerk to produce a final budget, budget report and recommendations for the November meeting.

78/23 PARISH MATTERS

78/23.1 Community Plan

a) Millom Rock Park

To be raised at Ghyll Scaur Liaison Meeting on 19 October 2023

b) Parish Seats

Clerk had contacted prison but no response. Clerk to contact footpath contractor.

c) Review and Update the Community Plan

Resolved to hold 2 exhibitions and other local events to ascertain public opinion. Steering Group to consist of Cllrs Calsy, Bates, Nugent and Savage. Councillors absent from the meeting to consult as to their input.

d) Review spends of £356.11 balance of Cafs donation for cycle event.

Proposed that the monies be held over for the cycle event to held in May 2025.

78/23.2 Parish Projects

a) Play Safety Inspection

Awaiting completion of inspection

78/23.3 Policies, Procedures and Consultations

a) Email addresses – awaiting costs.

b) D Day Celebrations – to contact local resident for permission for a beacon.

c) Defibrillator is back on line.

d) Active travel, resolved to support investigation of identifying cycling routes and using the Cafs money to undertake a survey.

78/23.4 Sub Group Reports

a) Environment Group

Cllr Calsy had submitted a report requesting support for the funding of identifying potential wildflower and tree planting sites and the purchase of seeds. Agreed in principle.

79/23 To reports from representatives on outside bodies

a) South Copeland Community Partnership – GDF

Cllr Bates reported that he had attended the Community event in September.

Allerdale Search Area has now been withdrawn from the potential siting of a GDF. This decision has been taken by Nuclear Waste Services.

80/23 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received that has not been previously circulated:

None

81/23 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

- Cllr Wright asked about the tree felling at Duddon Bridge. It was confirmed that this is to increase visibility for drivers.
- Cllr Murray asked if the council wanted the poppy shroud to be placed on the war memorial again. This was agreed.
- Cllr Lockwood reported that landowners had cut back hedges on Middle Cut and this commitment should be acknowledged.
- Cllr Bates reported that he had attended the Millom Marshes meeting and it had been reported that the railway line would not act as a barrier due to its construction
- Cllr Bates asked what Cumberland's Policy was on felling trees infected with Ash Dieback. To be placed on November Agenda.
- Cllr Savage reported that the speed camera at The Green may have been hacked. To be investigated.
- Cllr Murray gave her apologies for the November meeting.

82/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 6 November 2023 The Hill Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2050hrs

Signed

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