

MILLOM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT THE HILL VILLAGE HALL ON 5 FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 07.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr D Savage, (Chair), Cllr A Nugent, Cllr P Murray, Cllr V Pogrel, Cllr I Lockwood, Cllr C Carrington, Cllr B Wright), Cllr A Calsy and Cllr M Kitchingman
Cty Cllr A Pratt, Cumberland Council
Lesley Cooper Clerk
4 members of the public

118/23 Apologies: from Cllr M Bates, (family) accepted and approved by the council

119/23 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

120/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

121/23 MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 January 2024

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chair
Proposed Cllr Lockwood, Seconded Cllr Carrington

122/23 Police Liaison Report

Circulated

123/23 Progress Report

123/23.1 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that the Community Noticeboards had been ordered. A maintenance manual had been obtained from Kompan and passed to Cllr Kitchingman for his information.

The Clerk raised the issue of the number of emails from Cumberland Council for consultation events that excluded south of Whitehaven. Cllr Pratt to raise.

124/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public present raised concerns re the recent Dunningwell application, the lack of direct communication with residents and the failure of planning to return emails or report back on site visits. Residents expressed thanks to the council for their continuing support on this matter.

125/23 Unitary Councillor Report

Cllr Pratt reported that he had called in the decision for the Dunningwell application so that it has to be heard by the planning panel. He attended a site meeting with Highways re the entrance application. Highways assured that no occupation of the building could be undertaken until the gateway had been completed.

The Whicham Valley road will now reopen 16 February as additional works had been required. There were several proposed road works to be undertaken around the Parish during February.

A decision has been made to replace the bridge on Corney Fell and the road will remain closed for at least 6 months

Ash die back works are being undertaken on A5093 towards Duddon Bridge.

The Chair thanked him for his report

126/23 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

126/23.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

4/24/2011/0F1 Waterblean Farm, The Hill

Erect Animal Husbandry building

Supported

4/24/2012/0N1 Waterblean Farm, The Hill

Prior notification for concreting of yards

Supported

4/24/2013/0N1 Middle Marshside, The Hill

Prior notification for re-concreting of yard

Supported

4/24/2014 Low Shaw Farm, The Green

Prior notification application for concreting of yards

Supported

Dunningwell, The Green

Consultation on Amended Description and Additional/Amended Information:

Planning Application Reference: 4/23/2119/0F1

Change of use from large Country House (C3) to 11 bed short stay self-catering accommodation (Sui Generis) and associated works including alterations to access, Parking & Drainage

1. Resolved that the resolution made on 6 February 2023 to consult with a barrister still stands if a judicial review is required to challenge any decision.
2. Proposed by Cllr Savage, Seconded by Cllr Calsy that a Freedom of Information request be submitted to Planning re the Dunningwell applications. Voted on 8 for.
3. A draft response to the application had been formulated after discussion Proposed by Cllr Lockwood, Seconded by Cllr Wright and resolved to submit the amended response.
4. To advise members of the community re their right to submit their own Freedom of Information requests to Planning

126/23.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None.

126/23.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None

127/23 FINANCIAL RECORDS

127/23.1 The following payments were approved:

J Sutton Rootstock for Grafting Course £ 64.80

Approved for payment

127/23.2 To note the receipt of payments.

None

127/23.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 31

December 2023

Verified by Cllr Kitchingman

127/23.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 January 2024 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required. Current Account balance £13460.17 Deposit account balance £11284.04

128/23 PARISH MATTERS

128/23.1 Community Plan

a) Parish Seats

Contractor been advised to undertake works

b) Review of Solar Lights

Cllr Kitchingman had submitted a paper proposing consultation with residents on the proposed route from the Pump House to the village Hall. Fliers to be put through doors inviting comments and in Out & About.

Resolved to hold Annual Parish Meeting on 15 April 2024 and invite representative from Proletric to answer questions re proposal.

c) ENW electricity resilience

Deferred to March meeting

128/23.2 Parish Projects

a) Defibrillator Review

The Clerk reported that The Green defib was now back in action, faulty battery replaced.

The Hill Village Hall defib had now been installed. The Clerk proposed, seconded by Cllr Wright that the defib be gifted to the Village Hall.

128/23.3 Policies, Procedures and Consultations

- a) Email addresses and future of website – Under review
- b) Emergency Plan review –Cllrs Carrington and Bates currently reviewing it.

128/23.4 Sub Group Reports

a) Environment Group

Cllr Calsy had presented a report. Active Transport is being led by South Copeland Partnership

129/23 To reports from representatives on outside bodies

a) South Copeland Community Partnership – GDF

Cllr Carrington reported that a new website had been commissioned which would be controlled by the Partnership and not by NWS. A reading list will be added. Community Impact Report – 1st phase a desk top study which will be followed by a specific study.

b) Ghyll Scaur Quarry Meeting

Meeting with Lowther Estates 8 March to discuss issues re Millom Park. Millom Rock Park new signage and updated information will be in place by the end of 2024.

Proposed solar farm will only produce enough energy for the quarry.

130/23 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Letter from resident stating he is no longer able to maintain the footpath abutting the common land. Also reporting invasive bamboo on the Common Land. Clerk to seek removal.

116/23 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

- Cllr Pogrel enquired if there had been any response re “For Sale” signs. Clerk had written to the 2 estate agents requesting that the signs be removed. Received no response as yet. Response had been received from Planning.

117/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 4 March 2024 Thwaites Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2130hrs

Signed

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