

## **MILLOM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL**

### **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT THE HILL VILLAGE HALL ON 6 NOVEMBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Savage, (Chair), Cllr A Nugent, Cllr B Wright, Cllr V Pogrel, Cllr I Lockwood, Cllr M Bates, Cllr C Carrington, Cllr A Calsy and Cllr M Kitchingman  
Cty Cllr A Pratt, Cumberland Council  
Lesley Cooper Clerk

**83/23 Apologies:** from Cllr P Murray (personal), accepted and approved by the council

**84/23 Exclusion of Press and Public**

None

**85/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**86/23 MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 October 2023**

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

**87/23 Police Liaison Report**

Circulated

**88/23 Progress Report**

**88/23.1 Footpath from Rising Hill to The Green**

The Clerk reported that the drop kerb permit had been applied for and a cheque of £370 was to be made payable to Cumberland Council.

**88/23.3 Clerks Report**

None

**89/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident raised the issue of the deterioration of the Rock Park, which was overgrown and some signage was missing. The Chair responded that this had been brought to the attention of Aggregate Industries at the recent Ghyll Scaur Liaison Committee meeting held on 19 October. The Chair agreed to continue to raise the matters at the Liaison Meeting and ensure the resident is updated on progress, including the Interpretation boards to be renewed and some work on the website to update it.

The Chair thanked the member of public for raising the issue.

**90/23 Unitary Councillor Report**

Cllr Pratt reported that the South Cumberland Community Panel had held 3 drop in sessions including a meeting on 31 October Kirksanton Village Hall. They were well attended and topics and priorities raised.

He attended a site meeting at Dunningwell Hall, where most of the discussion was around the entrance and splay lines. Clerk instructed to email Planning Officers to seek clarification as to the current status of this application.

Cllr Pratt had received a request from a resident in Underhill for a road to be adopted.

**91/23 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:**

**91/23.1** To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

4/23/2282 The Happins, Hallthwaites

First Floor extension over existing ground floor garage

Supported

**91/23.2** To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

4/23/2271 Land North of Belsfield, The Green

Construction of a new vehicular access and cross over to the parcel of land adjacent to Belsfield

Concerns raised re access and future development.

**91/23.3** To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

4/23/2234/0F1 Twin Oaks, 2 Race Grove, The Green

Extension to rear of Property

Granted

## **92/23 FINANCIAL RECORDS**

**92/23.1** The following payments were approved:

ROSPA	Play area inspection	£111.00
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Cumberland Council	Drop kerb permit	£370.00
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Thwaites Village Hall	Hall hire	£164.00
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Approved for payment Proposed Cllr Calsy, Seconded Cllr Kitchingman

**92/23.2** To note the receipt of payments.

None

**92/23.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 30 September 2023**

Reviewed and checked by Cllr Kitchingman

**92/23.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 October 2023 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.**

None required.

**92/23.5 To approve the budget for the financial year 2024/25**

The Clerk presented a final budget and report to the council showing projected expenditure of £12648 and income of £17090.

Proposed by the Clerk/RFO, Seconded by Cllr Kitchingman that the budget be accepted.

**92/23.6 To approve the precept for the financial year 2024/25**

The Clerk/RFO recommended that the precept remain at £12000 for the following year. The council accepted the recommendation. Seconded by Cllr Carrington

## **93/23 PARISH MATTERS**

**93/23.1 Community Plan**

**a) Millom Rock Park**

See minute no 89/23 Public Participation above. To be further pursued at the January meeting of Ghyll Scaur Quarry Liaison Committee

**b) Parish Seats**

Another contractor has been approached for a quotation.

**c) Review and Update the Community Plan**

Cllr Bates is leading on this project; a team have met and plan to hold a road show at both Village Halls for ideas to take forward. Hoping to relaunch the new revised Community Plan at the May Annual Parish Meeting.

**d) Free trees**

Cllr Calsy and the Environment Group are researching locations.

**e) .Community Boards**

Clerk to obtain quotes for 2 Community Boards for January meeting

**f) Review of Solar Lights**

Cllr Pogrel to submit a report for the January meeting re the performance of the solar lights.

**93/23.2 Parish Projects**

**a) Play Safety Inspection**

The Play Area inspection has been undertaken and a number of minor issues raised. Clerk to source required materials. Cllr Kitchingman to lead on repairs.

**b) Ash Die back – Cumberland Policy**

Clerk had contact Cumberland Council but had not received a response. Cllr Pratt to pursue with Cumberland.

**c) Defibrillator Review**

Process in place for the management of the defib. Investigating possibility of installing one in The Hill.

**93/23.3 Policies, Procedures and Consultations**

- a) Email addresses – Cllr Savage to pursue with the website designer.
- b) D Day Celebrations – local farmer granted permission for a beacon on his land.
- c) Active Travel Survey – Cllr Calsy reported that it was ongoing. To be put on the PC's Facebook page.
- d) Environment Policy review accepted Proposed Cllr Calsy, Seconded Cllr Nugent
- e) Biodiversity Policy Accepted Proposed Cllr Calsy, Seconded Cllr Pogrel
- f) Emergency Plan review -Cllr Savage to do initial check. Cllr Savage reported that investigating funding for a back-up generator to be installed at Thwaites Village Hall so it can be used as a safe space in the event of an emergency.
- g) Meeting Dates for 2024 approved.

**93/23.4 Sub Group Reports**

**a) Environment Group**

Cllr Calsy reported that a grant for the purchase of new litter pickers had been approved by CGP Trust. Identifying trees, hedges and hedge laying at Thwaites School. Bulbs to be purchased to be planted around school and on roadside verge by school wall.

**94/23 To reports from representatives on outside bodies**

**a) South Copeland Community Partnership – GDF**

Cllr Carrington reported that a Community Forum had been held and the information to be fed into the final draft of a Community Impact Assessment which will be produced by an external/independent body.

A trip to Finland to see impact on rural communities to be made. The SCP partnership declined the visit.

The SCP Community Partnership Website has further clarified the withdrawal statement.

**b) South Copeland Partnership**

Met and no actions.

**c) Ghyll Scaur Quarry Liaison Committee**

Review of speed limits to quarry entrance under review. Improved signage to be put in. All subcontractors have been written to re speeding and convoying.

**95/23 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

None

**96/23 COUNCILLOR MATTERS**

- Cllr Bates raised concerns re the safety of the bad bend on the Thwaites-Whicham road near the Heavy horses. Cllr Pratt to raise.

**97/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 8 January 2024 Thwaites Village Hall, The Green commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2100hrs

Signed .....

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