

## 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 P Murray, Cllr V Pogrel, Cllr I Lockwood, Cllr M Bates, Cllr C Carrington, and Cllr M Kitchingman  
Cty Cllr A Pratt, Cumberland Council  
Martyn Taylor Cumberland Highways  
Lesley Cooper Clerk  
1 member of the public

**98/23 Apologies:** from Cllr B Wright(family), Cllr A Calsy(ill) accepted and approved by the council

**99/23 Exclusion of Press and Public**  
None

**100/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None

**101/23 MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 November 2023**  
The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chair  
Proposed Cllr Lockwood, Seconded Cllr Pogrel

**102/23 Police Liaison Report**  
Circulated

**103/23 Progress Report**  
**103/23.1 Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported that the Precept request had been submitted to Cumberland Council. Notification had been received that a defib for the Hill Village Hall was being prepared for despatch from London Hearts.

It was proposed by Cllr Carrington and Seconded by Cllr Lockwood that the Council pay the £200 installation costs. Motion RESOLVED. Clerk to inform Village Hall of the decision.

**104/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident reported that the email submit form on the website was not working.

The resident stated that they were pro the idea of a survey of the community to gain a better understanding of the community views on the proposed GDF.

The Chair thanked the member of public for raising these issues.

**105/23** The Chair moved that agenda items 11.2(ii), 11.3(e) and (f) be brought forward to enable Mr Taylor to speak. This was agreed.

**106/23 Agenda item 11.3.e Buckbarrow Bridge, Corney Fell**

Mr Taylor gave an overview on the bridge closure and there were 3 options being considered. 1. Full closure of the road and the bridge not replaced. 2. bridge replaced with a by way allowing foot/cycle traffic only, 3. Full replacement of bridge.

The council considered a full replacement was required to ensure the resilience of the local transport network.

**107/23** Mr Taylor reported that the Whicham Valley road would be closed for 3-4 weeks (except for local access) whilst major road works were undertaken in 3 areas. It was requested that road closed signs be placed at School Ellis and Dunningwell road ends.

**108/23 Agenda item 11.2(ii) Ash Die back – Cumberland Policy**

Mr Taylor reported a tree survey had been undertaken on all major roads and a priority grading on all trees. Work was commencing on all those trees graded immediate.

**109/23 Agenda item 11.3(f) Proposed speed limit change consultation**

After discussion it was **resolved** that councils preferred option would be a 40mph speed limit from the Millom boundary to Thwaites traffic lights, excluding The Hill village which would remain at 30mph

Proposed Cllr Savage, Seconded Cllr Bates

**110/23 Unitary Councillor Report**

Cllr Pratt reported that the South Cumberland Community Panel was meeting on 10 January at Egremont when the following proposals for grant funding would be considered: training and potential new quad bike for Haverigg inshore rescue and funding for activities in Mill for health and wellbeing.

He met a member of the public re overhanging trees on footpaths.

British Gas have a scheme for helping people with gas bills

Cllr Savage reported that the speed indicator at The Green is not working again.

There was a discussion as to ownership. To be raised at the Ghyll Scaur Quarry Liaison meeting

The Chair thanked Mr Taylor for attending the meeting.

**111/23 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:**

**111/23.1** To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

4/23/2343 Byways, Hallthwaites

Retrospective planning permission for a tree house

Resolved not to support this application, the scale and size incongruous to the village.

4/23/2392/TPO Wollen Mill, Hallthwaites

Reduce the height of trees protected by a tree preservation order

Supported

**111/23.2** To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None.

**111/23.3** To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

44/23/2271 Land North of Belsfield, The Green

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

Granted

**112/23 FINANCIAL RECORDS**

**112/23.1** The following payments were approved:

L Cooper	Clerks salary and expenses	£ 688.54
HMRC	PAYE	£ 151.00
SLCC	Membership	£ 48.80
JW Plant Ltd	Permissive footpath	£18088.80

Approved for payment

**112/23.2** To note the receipt of payments.

None

**112/23.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 30 November 2023**

Not received

**112/23.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 December 2023 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.**

None required.

**113/23 PARISH MATTERS**

**113/23.1 Community Plan**

**a) Millom Rock Park**

To be discussed at the Ghyll Scaur Quarry Liaison meeting 18 January 2024

**b) Parish Seats**

Clerk to re-circulate original quotation.

Resolved to accept quotation P. Cllr Murray, S. Cllr Carrington

**c) Free trees**

Millom without Environment group working with Thwaites School

**d) Community Boards**

Clerk obtained quotation for A1 notice boards. To be placed outside Village Halls subject to their approval. Clerk to order boards. P. Cllr Savage, S. Cllr Lockwood

**e) Review of Solar Lights**

Cllr Pogrel reported that they are working well including during recent heavy snowfall. A request has been made that they come on earlier in the morning. Clerk to investigate.

**f) ENW electricity resilience**

Issues around community resilience. Community generators for village halls. Issues around supply. Chair to contact.

**113/23.2 Parish Projects**

**a) Play Safety Inspection**

Cllr Kitchingman reported all repairs undertaken. Kompan to be contacted re spares required for all pieces of equipment to be reviewed in summer.

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

See 108/23 above.

**c) Defibrillator Review**

The Clerk reported that The Green defib was out of action and required returning to manufacturer for diagnostic testing to ascertain failure. Clerk to contact re replacement defib.

**113/23.3 Policies, Procedures and Consultations**

a) Email addresses – Cllr Savage reported that the webmaster was no longer prepared to support the website. To ascertain timescales and seek quotes from other providers.

b) Active Travel Survey – Sustainable Duddon leading on this and to report back

c) Emergency Plan review – Clerk to send to Cllrs Carrington and Bates to review.

d) Delegated authority policy, approved with minor changes.

P. Clerk, S. Cllr Murray

e) Buckbarrow Bridge, Corney Fell see 106/23 above

f) Proposed speed limit change Ghyll Scaur Quarry – consultation – see 109/23 above.

g) Future of Parish Council website – see a) above.

**113/23.4 Sub Group Reports**

**a) Environment Group**

Deferred

**114/23 To reports from representatives on outside bodies**

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

Cllr Carrington reported that a review had been undertaken of the year. Website needed an overall. A community Impact report to be requested. Meeting with NWS re their concerns, Report to provide unbiased view of positives and negatives of the proposal on the community.

**115/23 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Correspondence had been received from Nuclear Free Local Authorities requesting the council considers holding a local opinion survey on the Geological Disposal Facility. Clerk to respond.

**116/23 COUNCILLOR MATTERS**

- Cllr Murray reported that ivy was hanging off the wall near The Hill Village Hall, to report on Highways system. Cllr Pratt also to progress.
- Cllr Kitchingman raised phase 2 of solar lights project.
- Cllr Pogrel had received complaints from residents re number of “For sale” boards at entrance to The Green. Clerk to contact estate agents to remove.

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**117/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 5 February 2024 The Hill Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2130hrs

Signed .....

Date.....

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