

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting Held on 3rd May 2022 at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church

Chair: Cllr D Young

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The meeting was attended by around 25 people, including parish, ward and county councillors.

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

Minute Number	Item	Action
01/PM/22	The chair welcomed everybody to the meeting, introduced himself and outlined the order of business on the agenda.	
02/PM/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Council Chairman's Report</p> <p>Unfortunately, this wasn't available for distribution at the meeting as the Chair was still making minor amendments to the draft. The final report is now appended and is also available on the Parish Council website. The Chair covered the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The resumption of face-to-face meetings following the lifting of Covid restrictions.2. New councillors Rowson, Sharpe, Coverley, Park, Guise and the new clerk Mrs Coltman. Existing members councillors Taylor and Outhwaite, Resigned members councillors Denham-Smith and Hardisty and the clerk Mrs Denham-Smith. Councillors Lamb, Everett and Morgan continued to support the Council.3. There are no current vacancies but the Council would like to hear feedback and if you wanted to get involved, there are certain community groups being set up.4. Traffic speeding and potholes. Thanks to Muir for recharging the battery for the speed sign. Cumbria County Council has issued some Traffic Orders for three areas in the village.5. Timber transport. The Council had heard the concerns of residents and was actively engaging with Forestry England in order to try to reach an agreement over the route. Highways issues were reported via the HIAMS system and there has been some improvement.6. The village enhancement plan would be covered by councillor Sharpe.7. The Jubilee event would be covered by councillor Rowson.8. The Broadmoor footpath has been completed and the council is just going through the final governance with the RPA to reclaim the money. Any feedback would be welcome. It is proposed that it will become part of the national coast to coast trail. It has been recognised by Natural England and we are proud to have achieved that this year and to have got that finished.9. There was a meeting on 14th April in the church to allow Forestry England to disclose their long-term plan and business case for the valley. The meeting was well attended and showed strong community spirit for engagement with what plans were going on.10. Green spaces – we are in discussion with Forestry England about the ownership of some common land within the Wild Ennerdale boundaries. At present the community have access and right to roam. This will be coming up over the next 12 months on the parish council's agenda.11. Protected species – the council have been made aware of the declining numbers of the Marsh Fritillary on some of the Wild	

	<p>Ennerdale partnership land, and are actively engaging with them to understand the issues and to see how the problems can be resolved.</p> <p>12. The council continued to respond to planning applications through the Lake District National Park and Copeland Borough Council and public comments were welcomed.</p> <p>13. The council has a facebook page and website</p> <p>14. Thanks to people who have raised issues over the past year, feedback is welcomed.</p> <p>15. Thanks to volunteers who have supported the council over the last 12 months.</p>	
03/PM/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Jubilee Celebrations</p> <p>Councillor Rowson was leading the organisation of the Jubilee celebrations and submitted a report which is appended. She covered the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Rowson introduced herself and explained that she along with others was organising the event. 2. The event is 5th June 1pm to 6pm 3. Location Tyson Garnett's field (the old show field) 4. It was hoped to get a marquee for the event. It was being provided by the show committee and Herdwick sheep breeders, along with some tables and chairs 5. People appeared to be looking forward to it after a couple of tough years. 6. Informal picnic-style event with the use of a barbecue. 7. A singer, Cindy Hoten, was booked. Some people know her as the Lakes Sweetheart. 8. There is to be a village bake-off with 3 categories, men, women and children under 16. The competition is to bake a cake for the Jubilee. Ian Parker asked if this had to be baked on site and Councillor Rowson said it would be baked at home. 9. A children's fancy dress competition was planned. 10. A local resident had volunteered to be the town crier for the event and a costume had been bought. 11. Toilet facilities would be provided by Cumbria Loos and local businesses would be open as usual 12. Councillor Rowson had tried to keep costs to a minimum, which had been possible through the generosity of local businesses and the show committee. 13. Ross Whitfield had printed some flyers free of charge. 14. Councillor Park had donated and planted a flowering cherry to mark the event and a plaque for the Queen's Green Canopy had been bought. 15. Lots of people had volunteered to help and it was hoped that the parish would have a chance to get together for the first time in a long time. 	
04/PM/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Village Enhancement</p> <p>Councillor Sharpe had been involved in the Village Enhancement group and submitted a report which is appended. She read out the report to the meeting but also included the following additional information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Permission had now been given by Cumbria County Council for the location of the planters and bench. 2. The location for the bench on Broadmoor path had recently been agreed too. <p>Jill Greggain asked about the sign to Croasdale. Arthur Lamb said that the Council had a pot of money and a number of signs had been attended to. He hoped that the new authority would also have money for this in the future. JG said that there were a number of signs with</p>	

	<p>problems and she was concerned that things outside of the village were not being attended to. SS said that a number of items at Croasdale were on the list which was with the report, so they were being looked at. She asked her to let the council know if there were issues not on the list.</p> <p>Jill Greggain said that one of the biggest issues was road safety and the speed limit through Croasdale needed to be reduced. Arthur Lamb said that he would respond to JG's email after the meeting.</p>	
05/PM/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Parking Proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Outhwaite said that Ennerdale had suffered over the years from inadequate parking. This was difficult to address as people looked for available land but could not identify any. • One issue for the village was the draft Traffic Regulation Orders from Cumbria County Council which were proposing to put double yellow lines opposite the Shepherd's Arms, around the school and near the Gather. Some local residents had received a notice of these, but it was not at the formal consultation stage yet, which would be the appropriate time to respond. Members of the public will also get an opportunity to respond to Cumbria County Council and they can also make their views known to the parish council which we will take into consideration when making our own response to the proposals. • The second issue is the introduction of car parking charges at Bowness Knott. There is also a proposal to close Bleach Green car park. There is another proposal to build a new car park within the Broadmoor plantation. The new car park would require planning permission so there would be an opportunity to comment on that. Of more concern is the threat of the closure of the Bleach Green car park because of the easy access to the lake for the elderly or those with mobility issues. • If anybody has any issues with parking, please let the council know and we will see if we can assist. • Councillor Taylor said that the possibility of land around the village for parking had been raised, but where we got the land, we couldn't get the access and where we got the access, we couldn't get the land. • Arthur Lamb said that the three regulation orders mentioned would come to Copeland local committee on Friday 20th May when they will decide whether to progress them. He said that the officer's opinion was that the one around the school needed to go ahead for safety reasons but the other two would be left on the back burner for now. He said that if the charges come into place at Bowness Knott it may be necessary to introduce an emergency order because people are likely to start parking on the roads. • Ellen Cloete asked if Forestry England needed to consult with people before charging for parking or could they do what they wanted because it was their land and Arthur said that really it was their land and up to them. • Councillor Young said that when asked about consultation Forestry England said that they had already consulted as it was within their stewardship plan. They said that all the proposals would go ahead when they had the funds. He said that the council should consider how it wished to approach this. • Councillor Taylor said that Steve Ratcliffe (Lake District National Park) had said that they wanted Ennerdale to be a car free zone and any plans to build a car park along the Broadmoor Path would require planning permission. • Councillor Outhwaite said that as a parish council we must be open to all views, because some people may think the new car park was a good idea. We must keep an open mind and hear all opinions. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Young asked that if anybody wanted to feedback their views to the council then they should do that through the clerk. • Jill Greggain asked how the new car park would affect the footpath and Councillor Young said that the footpath would go through the car park and not be affected. • Councillor Rowson said that the closure of the Bleach Green car park would be a big loss for people with mobility issues and Councillor Outhwaite said that the problem was that no planning permission was required to close a car park. • Walter Cloete said that there were about 100 people camping in Bowness Knott over Easter. They were abusive to Ellen and the police were not interested. He said that the parish council are in a difficult place having to take both sides and he felt that Forestry England and Wild Ennerdale do not care about the community. He thought that some action should be taken by the community itself. He was disappointed that Forestry England dodged questions at the meeting. • Ellen Cloete asked if a letter had gone to Kevin May (Forestry England) and Councillor Young said that one had been drafted and it was to tell him that we wanted to be involved in the consultation process, that their current process was not adequate. • Ellen Cloete asked if it would be better to form a separate group, not through the parish council as they had to stay impartial, to push Forestry England and challenge them, then they could feed back to the parish council. A people's action group. Councillor Outhwaite (RO) said that would be best if people formed their own group. EC asked if the group could then come to the parish council if they needed help with issues and RO said that they could as the council is there to listen and answer, but it is difficult to offer objections or support to a proposal at this stage without having seen it as there is the problem of prejudicial interest. An opposition group could do what it wants and get media attention. • Walter Cloete said that the valley needed protecting and Forestry England and Wild Ennerdale were bullying their way in. • Councillor Taylor said that there was a meeting with United Utilities and the parish council were trying to buy land but Gareth Browning (Forestry England) gate-crashed the meeting and stopped the sale going through. • Ian Parker had met a resident of Cleator Moor who had been to the meeting and there was a wider interest. The canoeists use the Bleach Green car park. Jill Trainor said that you could no longer canoe as a resident. It was thought that groups required permits but individuals did not. • Councillor Taylor (RT) said that the old hotel would be a good place for disabled parking. Jill Trainor said that it would be difficult to push a wheelchair along the Broadmoor path and RT said that if she raised that with the council, we would take that on board. Councillor Young (DY) said that a new surface had been laid so perhaps that was still bedding in and would become harder. DY said that it was classed as a multi-user track. • Walter Cloete asked if they had to ask the council or if it was confirmed that they could set up a group and would get back up from each other. DY said there was no need for permission from the parish council and RO said that it was up to individuals what they wanted to do, it was nothing to do with the parish council. The group could get media attention and approach the different agencies, get backing from private companies or private individuals. 	
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06/PM/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Church Wall</p> <p>Ian Parker said that following on from the crowd funder last summer they would be continuing with the repair to the church wall. They might be looking for some more funding. DY said that the council could share the appeal through the website and Facebook page. Councillor Rowson suggested some sort of receptacle for donations at the jubilee event and DY said it was a good idea.</p>	
07/PM/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Other matters raised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member of the public asked about dog waste bins at Bleach Green car park and DY explained that the land was owned by United Utilities. RT said it would need a lot of investment of time from the community because the valley plan was up for renewal next year. DY said the parish council had set money aside in the budget towards this as it runs out in 2023. RT said it was important and in other areas they were extending the National Park boundaries. RT said it's a big thing and we would need volunteers to work on the plan. RO said it would need to be one step at a time. Firstly the council would have to decide if they were going to renew the plan, how they were going to approach it and then we would move forward from there. RT said that Forestry England were saying that the timber route was an approved route, but it isn't. Arthur Lamb said that we would need to work with the Timber Transport Group to get the route re-evaluated. They also needed to agree what was best practice and may include convoy or escort vehicles. RT said that it would help because people would know when and where to expect the lorries. Jill Greggain asked Arthur Lamb about restricting the speeds in Croasdale. AL said that he had forwarded her email to the relevant person and thought that a speed limit review may take place again but that may be next year under the new authority. They may put down tracker-counters to monitor the speed. JG said that in Kirkland the speed limit was 30mph, but in Croasdale it was still 60mph. She said that the verge outside of their house was being eroded by the traffic going on to it because cars can't pass. She is unable to open her kitchen window for fear she could lose it. She has had damaged downpipes and drains and is desperate for help. AL has passed it on and will feed back to her. RO said that the county council had asked for a 20mph speed limit through the village but did not get it. RT said that Kevin May (Forestry England) had been out today and apologised to the resident of 2 Forestry Houses for the condition they've left the spot in and he's going to do his utmost to put things right. He's apologised for their land agent who had treated them appallingly. It appears he may be getting some justice. 	

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

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