

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

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Minutes of the Council meeting Held on 18th January 2022 at 6.30pm at The Gather

Present: Cllr D Young (DY– Chairman), Cllr L Coverley (LC), Cllr S Guise (SG), Cllr K Park (KP), Cllr N Rowson (NR), Cllr S Sharpe (SS), Cllr R Taylor (RT).

Also in attendance: Ward Councillor G Everett (GE), County Councillor A Lamb (AL).

Clerk: J Coltman (JC)

Members of the public: 3

Meeting commenced at 6.36pm

Minute Number	Item	Action
671/01/22	Apologies for Absence Resolved <ul style="list-style-type: none">to accept Ward Cllr Morgan's apologies due to ill health.	
672/01/22	Declarations of Interest All current members of the Council signed the Pecuniary Interest Register (paper folder version).	
673/01/22	Councillor Vacancies Sandra Guise read out the declaration of acceptance of office and signed the form, countersigned by the clerk	
674/01/22	Minutes of the previous meeting Resolved <ul style="list-style-type: none">to approve the minutes of the meeting of 16th November 2021 without amendment	
675/01/22	Public Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">A member of the public raised an issue with a fallen tree. The clerk will write to Forestry England to notify them.A member of the public raised objections to a planning permission that was being considered. They raised various issues with the application; it was outside of the village in open countryside; the site is rough grassland and not cultivated; the site is water-logged and any hardstanding or paving would result in additional run-off; the creation of access to the property would result in the destruction of hedgerows and trees; the design had a sprawling footprint which completely filled the width of the plot; it was out of line with neighbouring houses; it would adversely affect the neighbours' views; it would be visible from the footpath opposite the house and adversely affect the views for walkers; there is no proven requirement for the building; the building would	JC

	adversely affect the surrounding area; the application failed to meet a number of the National Park's planning policies and was speculation from people who did not live in the village.	
676/01/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Updates from Ward and County Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Gwynneth Everett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copeland BC has winter support available for a number of issues 01946 598300 • There are 2 exhibitions at the Beacon through February. • Litter picker packs are available for parish councils. <p>Cllr Arthur Lamb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local government reorganisation. County Council's request for a judicial review was rejected and they will have to pay a total of £60,000 in costs. They have the right to appeal which is being considered. This may result in further costs. Details are expected to pass through parliament in March with elections in May to the new shadow authority. Some joint committees would be set up in April. 	
677/01/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Budget and Precept</p> <p>DY said that we had been allocated a couple of refurbished benches from Copeland BC, so we could reduce the budget for these items.</p> <p>RT queried why the reserves had reduced from around £10,000 to the current levels over the past few years. The clerk said that the reserves were too high at £10,000 and should only be at a level around 3-6 months of the annual budget. The reserves had been reduced over those years by requesting a precept that did not cover budgeted expenditure, so the shortfall had been made up from the reserves. This year the total budgeted spend would need to be met by the precept as there were no longer sufficient reserves to meet a shortfall.</p> <p>The clerk read through the budgeted categories and gave explanations. Where decisions were required, the following were</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make a provision of £1500 towards parish maintenance. • Not to make a provision towards any potential election costs in May 2023. • To make a provision of £1000 towards the production of the new community led parish plan. • To make a provision of £3000 towards the Queen's platinum jubilee celebrations. • To provision £1000 towards training, including covering 50% of the CiLCA course for the clerk. • To reduce the website provision to £160 now it was set up. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provision £3000 into the village management plan to provide new benches, planters etc. • To agree a total budgeted spend of £15,915. • To maintain an advised reserve by requesting a precept of £17,393.75 	JC
678/01/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk's Updates</p> <p><u>Senior points of contact</u> The clerk had requested a dedicated point of contact from Forestry England, United Utilities etc in order to have effective communication channels. She had received two names but was still waiting on other replies. RO asked if the key contact for the parish council would be the clerk and the clerk confirmed that it was standard protocol that all correspondence on behalf of the Council came through the clerk.</p> <p><u>Forestry Lorries Letter.</u> A letter had been sent to Forestry England requesting a review of and consultation over, the routes and extraction methods. The invite to participate had also been extended to CCC, Cumbria Constabulary and the Environment Agency.</p> <p><u>Forest Houses Development.</u> The clerk had been made aware of concerns raised about the development, which had been carried out without planning permission. She had been asked to draft a letter of complaint to the LDNPA, which she had done, but was seeking approval from the Council to submit this. RO said that the homeowner had been asked to submit the planning application, but had not done so. He said that if the parish council wished to pursue it, they should write to request enforcement action, but this could only be taken to remedy a harm that had been done. SS Said that the letter should be altered so that it did not indicate what part of the village the complainants came from. LC asked if the complaints had been about the development causing harm, or was it just because there had been no planning application. SG said that if planning permission was granted then there would be no change anyway. RT said that with planning permission there would be a restriction that it couldn't be rented out in the future.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the clerk amend the letter to request enforcement action and submit it to LDNPA 	<p>JC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p>
679/01/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Finance & Bank Reconciliation</p> <p>The current balance at bank was £7870.41 This was made up of £3876.00 of Broadmoor Trail funding and £3994.41 of parish council general funds.</p> <p>DY would take the bank mandate to RO for signature.</p> <p>The clerk continued to look at alternative banking providers, but most banks were not accepting new community accounts. While banking</p>	<p>DY/RO</p> <p>JC</p>

	remained free with the current service provider there was no immediate urgency to move accounts.	
680/01/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Internal Auditor</p> <p>NR said that Paul Rowson had a background in statistics and was prepared to carry out the internal audit.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To appoint Paul Rowson as the internal auditor. 	
681/01/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Payments for Approval</p> <p>None received in time for inclusion on the agenda</p>	
682/01/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Police Matters</p> <p>The clerk would make enquiries to find out who the local PCSO was so that any local alerts could be passed on.</p> <p>The crime map which covered the November period indicated that there had been 6 incidents near Lamplugh/Rowrah, 22 in Frizington and 51 in Cleator Moor.</p>	JC
683/01/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Facebook/Instagram</p> <p>The clerk said the press and social media policy said that we had a Twitter account. She was happy to set up and manage a Facebook page, but we would also need to amend the policy to reflect this.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the clerk set up a Facebook page for the Council. That the clerk draft a new social media policy for approval at the next meeting. 	JC
684/01/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Planning Applications</p> <p><u>Application 7/2021/4112, new building adjacent to Greenthwaite.</u> KP said that there did not appear to be much difference to the previous application that was refused. NR said that she did not think there was an identifiable need. The last two new builds were now holiday lets and she took issue with their claim that it was a cultivated garden as it never has been in the 40 years she has lived in the village, it was a chicken farm at one point. RO said much of the application was a work of fiction. RT said that the footpath opposite gave the best view of the valley and it would be lost. RO said that if the Council believed that the site was not suitable for any building, that should be the main point of the objection.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the clerk write to object to the development, with guidance from RO <p><u>Application 7/2021/4147, Lizza Brow</u></p>	<p>JC/RO</p> <p>JC/RO</p>

	<p>RT said that this would require an effluent treatment because it is close to the river a soak away would not be suitable. he thought an environmental assessment would be necessary.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the clerk write with assistance of RO to say that there were no objections, subject to satisfactory drainage arrangements being agreed. <p><u>Unauthorised new development</u></p> <p>SS said that a new building had appeared at Stow Bank Farm. RT had advised the landowner that they would need to contact planning to enquire about any permission required. RO said that the Council should write to Copeland to notify them of the unauthorised development.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the clerk write to Copeland Borough Council to notify them of the unauthorised development. 	JC
685/01/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Editor for the Newsletter</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Coverley would take on the role of editor for the newsletter. 	LC
686/01/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Councillor Updates on Current Matters</p> <p><u>Wild Ennerdale</u> No updates</p> <p><u>Beavers</u> DY had not received a reply from Natural England. RO said that the consultation period had not commenced and there had been no formal application. RT said that people should have been notified that they could have made their views known to Natural England. RO said that would happen when an application is submitted because there will have to be consultation then. RO said that the presentation on the beavers had been interesting and informative. RT said that he had nothing against the beavers but forestry England would be turning it into a money-making business and they would be arranging tours and display points. SS said that they had been told by Forestry England that they would be training people as tour guides. RO said that the Glover report said that all National parks should be financially viable in their own right.</p> <p><u>SSSI Training</u> RT said that the river Esk had been given instruction from Natural England on how to manage the river and the area around it, yet we had been given nothing. NR said that Natural England seemed very secretive. RT said that he thought that was because of the damage already done by United Utilities and Forestry England, that they didn't want it all to come out because they would have to place restrictions on their activity.</p>	DY

	<p>RT had written to Natural England and the Environment Agency, asking for the people that were accountable for the river to come to a meeting with us. RT had the names and he said that the Council should ask for the meeting. The clerk asked RT to give her the names and she would make contact and request the meeting. RO suggested this could be a meeting with all of the parishes that the river flowed through, as the whole river needed to be managed. RT would send a link to the clerk for the guidance that had been given regarding the Esk as well as the names and some further information.</p> <p>SS said that there was fallen timber in the river which could potentially take a bridge out.</p> <p><u>Broadmoor Trail</u></p> <p>DY said that an extension had been granted until May for completion and until June for submission of forms. He asked if there were any issues. SG and LC said there were some areas where it was wet and people were detouring around them. DY said that we would write to the National Park, to a senior manager, to arrange a site meeting urgently to agree what work still needed to be done.</p> <p>LC said that a member of the public had expressed concerns over inconsiderate parking by people using the trail. RT would take photographs.</p> <p><u>Village Centre Enhancement Plan</u></p> <p>SS had identified further issues along the Cold Fell Road and towards Croasdale. She had a spreadsheet of issues which she would forward to AL. AL would check with Highways to see which were their responsibility and report back to SS. She had received quotes for planters and suggested just the lamppost planters for a start. RO said that if it was a village centre enhancement plan, then is it meant to include the more outlying areas of the parish.</p> <p>RT said that people were raising money for another defibrillator for the telephone box in Croasdale. SS asked if we needed another one in the village. There was one in the Gather, but it was only accessible during opening hours. RO suggested it could be placed on an outside wall, but RT said that would require a special box and would ruin the batteries with the cold weather. People said that a lot were situated outside and if there was going to be a new one bought, it may be worth considering. SS suggested that if there was going to be another defibrillator in the village, it should be a paediatric one. The clerk said that she believed they worked for both adults and children, but a different set of pads were required which adjusted the strength.</p> <p>SS asked about the regular checks on the defibrillator and said that she would speak to someone at the Shepherd's to see if they would be willing to help with that. There had also been an email to register the location of the defibrillator on a national database and it was agreed that SS should do this.</p> <p>KP said that it would be nice to have volunteers from the village to help look after the planters.</p> <p>Suggestions for locations for the planters were discussed and AL said that we ought to get permission from Highways if it was on their land. DY suggested that SS draw up a plan with the proposed locations.</p>	<p>RT/JC</p> <p>DY/JC</p> <p>RT</p> <p>SS/AL</p> <p>SS</p> <p>SS</p>
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687/01/22	Councillor Matters SS asked if the documents for the next meeting could be sent as attachments rather than accessed via a Dropbox link. The clerk confirmed that this could be done.	
688/01/22	Next Meeting Confirmed as 15 th March 2022, 6.30pm Start in The Gather.	

Meeting closed at 9:54pm

Chairman's signature.....

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