

# Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at 6.30pm in The Gather, Ennerdale Bridge

**Present:** Cllr R Outhwaite (Chair), Cllr S Guise (SG), Cllr N Rowson (NR), Cllr R Taylor (RT), Cllr J Thursz (JT), Cllr D Young (DY)

**Also in attendance:**

**Clerk:** J Coltman (JC)

**Members of the public:** 10

Meeting commenced at 6.31pm

**Invited but did not attend:** Cumberland Councillor L Jones-Bulman

The Chair addressed the meeting and spoke of the passing of County Councillor Arthur Lamb and a minute's silence was observed.

Minute Number	Item	Action
846/02/23	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>To Receive Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Park and Copeland Councillors Everett and Morgan.</p>	
847/02/23	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>No councillors had any new interests. Councillor Taylor declared an interest in his planning application for an agricultural building.</p>	
848/02/23	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Exclusion of Press and Public</b></p> <p>RO proposed to exclude press and public from item 17, Budget Review, due to a confidential matter being discussed. <b>Resolved to exclude press and public for item 17. RT requested his vote against be noted.</b></p>	
849/02/23	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>To Approve the Minutes of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Parish Council Meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Resolved to make amendments to minutes 779/09/22, 780/09/22 and 785/09/22. Resolved to approve with the amendments.</b></li><li>• <b>The EGM 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Resolved to make an amendment to minute 804/10/22. Resolved to approve with the amendment.</b></li><li>• <b>The Parish Council Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Resolved to approve the minutes.</b></li><li>• <b>The EGM of 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Resolved to amend minute 825/11/22. Resolved to approve with the amendment.</b></li><li>• <b>The Parish Council Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Resolved to approve the minutes.</b></li></ul>	

850/02/23	<p><b>Reports from Ward and County Councillors and guest speakers</b></p> <p>Written reports had been received from Councillors Morgan and Everett which were read out by the Clerk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Morgan had taken up chairmanship of the NHS North Cumbria Integrated Trust and would be happy to speak at a future meeting. The Clerk would send an invite for July.</li> <li>• Cllr Everett said that the recycling bins should have been delivered. There was no news on Frizington surgery and the last Copeland Borough Council meeting will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.</li> </ul>	JC
851/02/23	<p><b>Clerk's Updates</b></p> <p>The Clerk said that when she posted the meeting agenda in the notice board it was noted that somebody had managed to gain entry into it and had removed the former Chair's resignation letter that had been appended to the previous minutes. That was an offence punishable by a fine or imprisonment under the Criminal Damage Act 1971 ss 1 &amp; 4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SSSI training was outstanding.</li> <li>• Civility and Respect model councillor-officer protocol to go on a future agenda for adoption</li> <li>• Defibrillator Supplies had been handed over to JT</li> <li>• Ennerdale School lighting. Still waiting for an update</li> <li>• DY had circulated his draft letter re the future plans and councillors needed to give him feedback.</li> <li>• Copeland Borough Council had been advised of Cllr Sharpe's resignation and the appointment of RO as Chair.</li> <li>• Missing grit bins had been reported. Passed to highways.</li> <li>• Bus shelter RT to update Council.</li> <li>• Charles Arnold Baker book ordered but not yet received.</li> <li>• Speed Indicator Device (SID). Muir Lachlan had advised that it was not working. Clerk had reported to Highways. He also said that he no longer wished to take care of charging/changing the batteries. Council would need to find another person to take care of it and a letter of thanks would be sent to Muir. NR would find a volunteer to take care of it.</li> <li>• Two grant application forms had been received, but these were too late for this meeting and would have to be considered in March.</li> <li>• A letter of complaint had been received which will be dealt with by the complaints committee. It will remain confidential as the comments refer to a member of the public.</li> </ul>	JC JC           RT           JC NR
852/02/23	<p><b>Councillor/Committee Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wild Ennerdale:</b> RO said that there had been no meetings with or invitations from Wild Ennerdale.</li> <li>• <b>Broadmoor trail:</b> RO said that the account with the RPA needed to be changed to the Parish Council email address, presumably the Clerk. RT offered for his email address to be used. There was no involvement with them now other than annual reporting of numbers. The Clerk email would be constant regardless of who the employee was, but councillors individual email addresses may change. The Clerk queried if a second signatory was still needed. RO was unsure but would find out.</li> </ul>	RO

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Village Enhancement:</b> No report. SG said that Jill Trainor had helped her with a litter pick and they had collected a lot of bottles, cans and even nappies that had been thrown out of cars.</li> <li>• <b>Highways:</b> DY said that he would take on the responsibility for reporting and updating highways issues. The Clerk would give him the log in details.</li> <li>• <b>Croasdale Defibrillator:</b> NR had been to see the defibrillator at Lamplugh. It had been decided to use a cabinet rather than the phone box as that was too complicated. She had contacted an electrician who would be able to install it. It had been advised to arrange a guardianship scheme so that it would be taken care of. She was waiting for a quote and would bring the proposal back to a later meeting. Gill Greggain said that it could be sited on her wall/garage. A purchase by the Council would require three quotes, but if this was to be a grant, no quotes would be required.</li> </ul>	DY/JC
853/02/23	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Public Participation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member of the public raised a number of queries and suggestions about the budget. She agreed to email a copy of her report to some members of the Council</li> <li>• A member of the public stated that the Crag Farm application stated that it was an opening in the South face, when it was in the North face.</li> <li>• A member of the public said that the councillors needed to step up and do more. They asked who managed the facebook page and the Clerk confirmed it was them. They were upset that negative comments were allowed to stay on the page. They asked about recognition of the community group. They asked about not being invited to Wild Ennerdale and urged the Council to find out what changes are coming to the valley. He queried if the Low Gillerthwaite Grant application was one of those that had been received and the Clerk confirmed that it was.</li> <li>• A member of the public queried an article in the Contact magazine that said that the Parish Council had declined a meeting with Forestry. She said that problems were still ongoing. The Clerk confirmed that the article was incorrect. RO said that if verges were being damaged that would be a highways issue.</li> <li>• A member of the public asked if their complaints were being addressed. JT said that they were. The member of the public said it would be good to receive an update.</li> <li>• A member of the public asked if the Council would ask the Clerk to remove the comment. RO said that we would consider it.</li> </ul>	
854/02/23	<p><b>To Establish and State the Parish Council position with regards issues raised by and on behalf of Low Gillerthwaite Field Centre (LGFC)</b></p> <p>The Clerk asked DY and RT if they were members of LGFC and they said that they were. The Clerk advised that they needed to declare that interest and she would give them the forms to submit. She advised them that they should leave the meeting. They did not consider that necessary. The Clerk pointed out that RT's wife was also a trustee. RT said it was nothing to do with him. Both councillors remained in the room. Both councillors contributed to the debate.</p>	

	<p>RO said that the Council would be in a better position with proper facts and figures about what LGFC does, visitor numbers etc.</p> <p>JT said that the Council needed to identify what it was about LGFC that they wished to get behind. The people of the Parish needed to know why they would be supporting it through their precept, what benefit was the centre to the parish.</p> <p>Walter Cloete said that he would email the information to the Council.</p>	
855/02/23	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hedgecutting</b></p> <p>The merits of both quotes were discussed, but the discussion became heated. The Chair asked RT to modify his behaviour or he would ask him to leave. RT stated that he would not leave. The Chair said that in that case he would close the meeting. Meeting closed.</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.27pm

Chairman's signature.....

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