

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 21st March 2023 at 6.30pm in The Gather, Ennerdale Bridge

Present: Cllr R Outhwaite (Chair), Cllr S Guise (SG), Cllr K Park, Cllr N Rowson (NR), Cllr R Taylor (RT), Cllr D Young (DY)

Also in attendance:

Clerk: J Coltman (JC)

Members of the public: 3

Meeting commenced at 6.33pm

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

Minute Number	Item	Action
856/03/23	<p style="text-align: center;">To Receive Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Thursz who was away and Copeland Councillors Everett and Morgan.</p>	
857/03/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No councillors had any new interests. Councillors Taylor and Young still needed to complete and submit their amendment form from the previous meeting.</p>	
858/03/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Exclusion of Press and Public</p> <p>RO proposed to exclude press and public from items 14 and 15 due to confidential matters being discussed. Resolved to exclude press and public for those items.</p>	
859/03/23	<p style="text-align: center;">To Approve the Minutes of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Parish Council Meeting of 21st February 2023. RT requested an amendment to add a comment that the Clerk had given a copy of the minutes from the September meeting to the police. He was unable to say at which point in the meeting this was stated. SG asked why this needed to be minuted. RT said that the police were involved and it was a serious matter so it needed to be minuted. The clerk stated that she could not recall what had been said but to move the meeting on could confirm now, so that it could be minuted for this meeting as RT requested, that she had been asked for and provided the information to the monitoring officer for Copeland Borough Council and the police. Resolved to approve the minutes without amendment.	

860/03/23	<p>Reports from Ward and County Councillors and guest speakers</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"> • Cllr Morgan had taken up chairmanship of the NHS North Cumbria Integrated Trust. He sent best wishes to the Council and said he was open to ideas to make hospitals better. • Cllr Everett said that there was a “Celebrating Copeland” exhibition in the Beacon and green waste collections restarted on 13th March. There were “Makers & Bakers” markets in Whitehaven 27th May, 29th July and 2nd December. Easter events in the Beacon 1st-9th April, National Gallery Masterpiece tour 10th March-4th June. Best wishes to all in the Parish. 	
861/03/23	<p>Clerk’s Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SSSI training was outstanding. • Civility and Respect model councillor-officer protocol to go on a future agenda for adoption • Ennerdale School lighting. Still waiting for an update • Highways log in details had been passed to DY. • Bus shelter RT to update Council. • Charles Arnold Baker book ordered but not yet received. • Speed Indicator Device (SID). NR to update on who she had found to change the batteries. • An acknowledgement and copy of the complaints procedure had been posted to the person that sent the letter of complaint immediately prior to the last meeting, but had been returned by Royal Mail marked “addressee unknown, no such address” so the complaint is unverified and now closed. • Other Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An email has been received from a member of the public raising concerns over vehicular access on Longmoor Common. This has been circulated to councillors; ○ The external auditors have issued a notice to submit the annual return which the clerk will prepare as soon as the year end bank statements are received. ○ All others already circulated. • Nomination papers had now been handed out to all councillors, the monitoring officer had published the notice of election which was now in the notice board, if anybody required additional nomination papers the clerk had spare copies. 	<p>JC JC JC DY RT NR</p>
862/03/23	<p>Councillor/Committee Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild Ennerdale: RO said that they had received an invite to a meeting on 31st March. He asked for any points that the Council wished him to raise. He said that he would raise queries about Ecotourism. Proper consultation was needed. A letter would be finalised after the meeting. • Village Enhancement: No report. • Highways: DY asked if the roadsweeper had been through. A member of the public had complained that forestry wagons were damaging the grass verge. He would raise these so that we had a record. The Clerk 	<p>RO/SG DY/JC</p>

	<p>said to pass on any details regarding the forestry lorries as she had the contacts that she was supposed to be forwarding those to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Croasdale Defibrillator: NR had three quotes and would put them before the Council at the next agenda. 	NR
863/03/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Public Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public said that the observation point for the ospreys was being moved from Dodd Wood to Whinlatter. They asked if the notice regarding Crag Farm House had been corrected. • A member of the public was pleased that Wild Ennerdale were going to be questioned and offered to provide information. The Chair stated that information brought to the Council would be in the public domain. They asked about the grant application for Low Gillerthwaite. The clerk confirmed that this would be considered at the next meeting now as the budget did not get finalised in February. They asked if the budget had now been set and how that would affect council tax. The Chair said that people had received their council tax bills. They asked if the legal issue with large potential costs was still a risk to parishioners and the Chair said that it was. 	
864/03/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Emergency Plan</p> <p>SG and NR said that they would help but it was thought that members of the community could contribute and bring expertise to a working party. Clerk to seek volunteers through Facebook and Website.</p>	JC
865/03/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Stakeholders Delegate Team</p> <p>This was not thought necessary. RO & SG to liaise with Wild Ennerdale.</p>	
866/03/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p>Resolved to hold the meeting on 18th April 2023 at 6.30pm in The Gather.</p>	
867/03/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/2023/4003 Crag Farm House, Ennerdale, Cleator CA23 3AS. Retrospective permission granted. • 7/2023/4006 1 Lane Foot, Kinniside, Cleator, CA23 3AH. Application withdrawn. • 7/2023/4008 Longmoor Head, Kinniside, Cleator CA23 3AG. Prior approval not required 	
868/03/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Payments for Approval</p> <p>Resolved February and March schedules were approved for payment.</p>	

869/03/23	<p style="text-align: center;">7.50pm Public Left the Meeting. Closed Session</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Review of Budgets</p> <p>2022-2023: Resolved to vire unspent funds from the maintenance budget to cover overspends in Staff Salary, Clerk's expenses and Donations/Grants budgets.</p> <p>2023-2024: No amendments to the budget agreed at the January meeting.</p>	
870/03/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Confirmed as Annual Parish Council Meeting on 16th May at 6.30pm in The Gather.</p>	
871/03/23	<p style="text-align: center;">Staffing Matters</p> <p>8.17pm The Clerk left the meeting</p> <p>Resolved To pay £547.39 to the clerk for additional hours worked.</p> <p>Resolved Staffing Committee to review job description, delegated matters and appraisal procedure.</p> <p>Confirmed that meetings have reverted to third Tuesday, bi-monthly. Grievances were discussed and members considered that the behaviour of one councillor was not acceptable and did not reflect the view of the Council. The councillor indicated that he would not be willing to offer an apology. The Council felt that the advice of a solicitor was required.</p> <p>Resolved Staffing committee to investigate if the Council's insurers would cover the solicitor's costs.</p> <p>The councillor agreed to improve his conduct at meetings and pay proper regard to the code of conduct.</p> <p>Resolved All councillors and the clerk would attend civility and respect training. A report would be presented to a future meeting by RO.</p>	

Meeting closed at 10.30pm

Chairman's signature.....

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