Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 22nd August 2023 at 6.30pm in The Gather, Ennerdale Bridge

Present: Cllr J Thursz (Chair), Cllr S Guise (SG), Cllr R Maxwell (RM), Cllr R Outhwaite (RO), Cllr S Parker (SP), Cllr P Rowson (PR), Cllr B Wright (BW) **Clerk:** J Coltman (JC) **Members of the public:** 4

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Minute Number	Item	Action
933/08/23	To Receive Apologies Councillor N Rowson sent apologies as she was unwell. Cumberland Councillor L Jones-Bulman sent apologies as she had prior commitments. Resolved to accept the apologies.	
934/08/23	Declarations of Interest JT & SP both declared interests in separate items on the agenda. They would declare these when the agenda item came up for debate.	
935/08/23	To Approve Minutes Resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18/07/23.	JC
936/08/23	Exclusion of Press and Public Agenda item 22 concerned a confidential matter. Resolved to exclude press and public for agenda item 22.	
937/08/23	 Clerk's Updates Banking Cllr Wright was now a signatory. The full mandate was still to be reviewed and the savings account statement date needed to be changed. Policies Had been updated and uploaded to the website. Declarations of Interests had been added to the website as well as committee responsibilities. AGAR had been submitted and acknowledged by the external auditor but the closure notice had not yet been received. Grike Cottage to Bleach Green Road had been reported and work had been carried out to repair potholes. A complainant had been directed to United Utilities and Forestry England regarding damage to their vehicle. Cold Fell Road A temporary closure was in place for part of the road. Training Either 5th or 14th September was available. Councillors would advise their availability. 	JC
938/08/23	Councillor Updates Wild Ennerdale	
	RO & SG had met with Rachel Oakley regarding traffic management and parking. RO would chase her for a response. Parish Enhancement	RO

	SP had been looking into hedge cutting. It was unclear who was responsible for which hedges. There had been clearing of the footpath around Bridge Park. The bench and planter had been tidied up and the grass cleared back. BW said that there were benches to be installed on the Jubilee Trail. JT asked what the agreement was with the church about Bridge Park. The Clerk said that an email from the vicar had confirmed that there was no agreement. JT said that we should look into	SP BW JT
	this at a future meeting. Complaints Committee SP said that a formal complaint had been received and would be looked	Comp Ctte
	into. Staffing Committee JT said that they had a draft of the terms of reference, but that was not ready to present.	Stff Cttee
	Regen RO said that the subject of the Wath Brow to Ennerdale Bridge off road footpath was raised. There had been studies commissioned previously but he requested the support of the Parish Council to continue to pursue this.	RO
	Hedge Cutting SP said that he had received contradictory reports over who was responsible for certain hedges. He did not want to issue the specification until this was confirmed.	SP
	Letter to the Forestry JT had written to Forestry England regarding the parking charges. The letter could be shared on the website.	JC
939/08/23		
939/08/23	 Public Participation Bridge Park JT asked a member of the public if he would be able to offer information at the next meeting when this would be discussed. He agreed to offer the information. 	
	 Off Road Bikes. A member of the public complained that there were increasing problems with scrambler bikes but there was an inadequate response from the police. Clerk would contact the PCSO. RO suggested contacting the National Park Authority. It was also suggested to write to Forestry England and the National Trust. Hedges. A member of the public said that it was the responsibility 	JC
	of the land owner to cut the inside hedge. The Parish Council had only ever cut the outside hedge.	
	• Parking. A member of the public asked for details of item 16 on the agenda. It was explained that it related to parking on the road near The Gather. He said that it had been brought before the Council previously and thought a Councillor had an interest.	
940/08/23	Terms of Reference Items 9 & 10, terms of reference for Complaints and Staffing Committee were deferred until the next meeting.	SP/JT
941/08/23	Parish Enhancement Committee	
	Resolved that the Parish Enhancement Committee be dissolved and the Parish Enhancement Working Group be formed instead with the same membership.	

942/08/23	Scheme of Delegation to the clerk	
	Resolved The scheme of delegation for planning submitted by RO be	SP/PR
	adopted as an interim until the full scheme is submitted at the next	
	meeting.	
943/08/23	Review of Website Design & Hosting	
	Resolved SP would bring a report, examples and costs to a future	SP
	meeting including consideration of a shared working space and emails.	
944/08/23	Delegation of Councillors to National Park Meetings	
	Resolved to delegate RO and SG to attend meetings and speak for the	SG/RO
	Council regarding the national trail.	
945/08/23	To agree the defibrillator hosting agreements.	JC
	Resolved to agree the circulated agreements and give authority to the	
	Clerk to sign on behalf of the Council.	
946/08/23	Parking Restrictions	
	Resolved To request a review of parking, pedestrian and vehicle access	JC/JT
	through the village.	
947/08/23	Payments for Approval	
	Resolved To approve the payments.	
	The Gather Room Hire £ 50.00 000686	
	J Coltman (re defib Store) Defibrillator £ 1,843.20 000687	
948/08/23	Finance Report	
	The current account balance was £18,754.12 not including the	
	payments authorised at this meeting. The budget comparison document	
	had been shared. RT asked if there was any unspent money available	
	from budgets. JC advised that the election costs were as yet unknown	
	and she was aware that the complaint received involved matters of a	
	financial nature and warned that as investigations by external auditors	
	can run into several thousands of pounds, regardless of any	
	wrongdoing, she did not advise spending any more than was absolutely	
	necessary until that was resolved. JT said that the money left in the	
	defibrillator budget should be ringfenced for spares.	
949/08/23	Planning	
	JT explained that there were two applications that Councillors had	
	interests in, so the order would be changed to minimise disruption. The	
	councillors with an interest would be allowed to make a statement as	
	this opportunity had been open to members of the public, then they	
	would leave the room and not participate in the debate or voting.	
	1. 7/2023/4063 Crag Farm House. Resolved to offer no objections.	
	RO abstained.	
	2. 7/2023/4072 High Merebeck. Resolved to offer no objections.	
	RO abstained	
	3. 7/2023/4068 Land Adjacent to Greenthwaite. SP Declared an	
	interest in this item. He made a statement outlining a number of	
	objections then left the room while the Council debated and	
	voted. Resolved to object to the application and recommend	
	refusal. A large number of reasons were given to be included in	
	the response. RO abstained. SP was called back into the room.	
	4. 7/2023/4042 Standing Stones. JT Declared an interest in this	
	item. He made a statement supporting the application then left	
	the room while the Council debated and voted. SP took the chair	

	during this period. Resolved to support the application as a domestic small-scale renewable solution that was sympathetic in design and was not harmful to the area. RO abstained. JT was called back into the room.	
950/08/23	Councillor Matters	
	 PR said that Chris Abbot had offered to do training on the defibrillator. He suggested training in the school could be looked at. SG was still taking readings of the numbers from the footpath. 	
	 RM asked about Fibrus. JT had asked about Hyperfast GB & Gigabit. 24 houses would not be covered by the new infrastructure. A representative would be invited to a future meeting to provide information and answer questions. RO said that the defibrillator from the Gather had been used but unfortunately it was not successful. JT stated that we had spare pads if they were needed. 	JC
	 JT had been approached by Lamplugh PC to see if we could join forces on items of a shared nature and they may attend a future meeting. 	
951/08/23	Date of next meeting	
	Resolved to bring the next meeting forward to 7 th November.	JC
	Members of the public left the room.	
952/08/23	Confidential Matters	
	Complaints Committee. There were no matters to bring to the Council at this meeting.	
	Staffing Committee. JC was asked to leave the room. The Staffing Committee was uncomfortable with the interaction between a Councillor and the Clark at the province meeting. They did not condens the	
	and the Clerk at the previous meeting. They did not condone the	
	behaviour of the Councillor and proposed that the Council write to them. Resolved JT to write to the Councillor expressing the Council's concern at their behaviour.	JT
	JC was called back into the room and told of the Council's decision.	

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman's signature.....

Date.....