

**MILLOM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT THWAITES VILLAGE HALL,
THE GREEN COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr D Savage (Chair), Cllr B Wright, Cllr I Lockwood, Cllr A Nugent, Cllr P Murray, Cllr A Calsy, Cllr C Carrington, Cllr J Gray and Cllr N Gamble
B. Cllr G McGrath

52/21 Apologies: Cllr M Kitchingman, Cllr K Hitchen,

53/21 Exclusion of Press and Public

There were no items on the agenda that would require the exclusion of the press and public.

54/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

55/21 Minutes of Meeting held on 5th July 2021.

The minutes were approved subject to the following amendments and were signed by the Chair.

43/21 last sentence change "were" to "are"

46/21/1 KMC Grafix – change "banners" to "Display boards"

Change "Shaker cycles" to "Boneshaker Cycles"

47/21.1(c) 1st sentence change "leaflet" to "display boards"

47/21.3(a) Add Cllr Carrington on list of attendees

Proposed by Cllr Lockwood, Seconded by Cllr Calsy

56/21 Police Liaison Report

A report had been previously circulated. It was noted that the police speed van was not seen as often as would be desired. The Police had highlighted the legality of E-Scooters which also been observed on the local roads within the Parish

57/21 PROGRESS REPORTS

None

58/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

59/21 COUNTY COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cty Cllr Hitchen had submitted a written report

The emergency repairs at The Oaks was expected to be completed by 1600 27 August 2021

Middle Cut – all landowners had been consulted on the scheme and a road closure applied for which is expected to become active mid October. Works out for tender via Countryside Access Team. No precise start date but expected to be undertaken over winter

A595 Buckman Brow resurfacing work from Duddon Bridge to Hazel Mount expected in the new year and will be undertaken overnight over a two week period. They will be well advertised and residents informed.

A595 Broadgate – prices back for tree works in the Broadgate area, removing Ash trees infected with Ash dieback disease. This should also improve visibility on this stretch and reduce icing in winter. Work expected to take place in September.

Cllr Lockwood responded that land owners had not been told about timings and asked for the start date to be published on the website.

Discussion took place about the poor signage for The Oaks closure and it was resolved that Cllr Savage would write to Cumbria Highways and Cllr Hitchen regarding the issues surrounding the closure.

B.Cllr McGrath – The Clerk raised the issue of planning decisions not being notified to the council or placed on the CBC website. Cllr McGrath to raise at the full council meeting on 7 September 2021

Cllr Savage asked that CBC's position on the proposed GDF site be raised at the same meeting also and agreed to provide feedback to the Parish Council.

Cllr McGrath reported that there was to be a consultation on Shop front design guide. The Copeland Local Plan was to be discussed with the pre-publication amendments. It was noted that The Hill had been moved into the countryside group of communities. There will be a 4 week consultation on the amendments from 15 September to 15 October. But may be extended.

Cllr Savage asked if Cllr McGrath could email the decision after the meeting.

Local Government Re-organisation emphasis at the moment on HR/staffing. Election in May 2022 for the shadow cabinet for the new council with the new authority in May 2023. There would be 2 councillors per ward.

The labour party had submitted an alternative proposal for the proposed new Parliamentary ward.

60/21 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

60/21.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

60/21.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since the last meeting.

4/21/2338 Brockwood Hall, Whicham

Erection of new Swimming Pool building on the former footprint of the recently demolished swimming pool building

4/21/2333 Belsfield, The Green

Construction of a single storey side and rear link extension; rear extension to existing garage with internal modifications; change of use of agricultural land to extend domestic curtilage to form a residential garden.

60/21.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None

61/21 FINANCIAL RECORDS

61/21.1 The following payments were approved:

Marmax	Bench	£220.80
ROSPA	Play area inspection	£103.20
L Cooper	Clerks salary & expenses	£527.34
HMRC	PAYE	£110.60
N Gamble	Reimburse cycle event costs	£ 33.68
KMC Graffix	Posters	£ 32.44
PKF Littlejohn	External audit	£200.00
Ellen Longhorn	Design costs for walking map	£300.00
A Calsy	reimburse leaflet printing	£ 30.00
Thwaites VH	room hire cycle event	£100.00

Proposed by Cllr Carrington, Seconded by Cllr Calsy

The Chair requested the Clerk seek information from the bank re internet banking to improve efficiency and move away from Cheques

61/21.2 To note the receipt of payments

Donation Thwaites Village Hall for benches	£ 948.00
HMRC VAT refund	£6335.38
Murray garage licence	£ 65.00
Wilson donation for bench	£ 100.00

61/21.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statements dated 31 July 2021

Verified by Cllr Kitchingman

61/21.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 August 2021 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

The Clerk explained that some of the spend in the Project stream had been funded by donations.

61/19.5 To receive a report from the Clerk on the Council's current financial standing.

The Clerk reported that as 31 August 2021 the Current Account was £19295.45 and the deposit account was £5117.28

Expenditure – total budget commitments was £7599.54 plus as yet unknown costs for bus shelters refurbishment and tree works.

The Clerk recommended that £6000 be transferred from the current account into the reserves deposit account.

Proposed by Cllr Gray, seconded by Cllr Calsy

62/21 PARISH MATTERS

62/21.1 Community Plan

a) Heritage Trail

Cllr Calsy reported that the map was on the website, that paper leaflets had been distributed at venues in the surrounding area. The Chair thanked Cllr Calsy for her hard work. B. Cllr Mcgrath praised the project/

b) Play Park Opening Event

Cllr Gamble reported that a sponsor board was being procured at a cost of £200. A bench had been purchased for the area and a donation received from a resident. Event scheduled for 18 September at 2.30pm.

There was a question regarding the ownership of the new standing stone to be discussed at the October meeting

Special guests and ex councillors to be invited to the event.

Cllrs Savage and Nugent to speak to the school to seek their involvement.

c) Parish Seats

Cllr Nugent reported the bench located by the bridge at The Green was to be sanded down and repainted.

Cllr Gray asked if the seat in the bus shelter at The Green could be included in the asset register.

d) Cycling event

Cllr Gamble reported that approx.120 people attended the event and approx. 25 cycles received repairs. The budget for the event was £925 and cost £901.50.

There has been positive feedback from the event. Thank you letters to be sent to the volunteers and trade stands.

62/21.2 Parish Projects

a) Bus Shelters

Cllr Gray reported that because of covid restrictions, the prison had been unable to assist further with the refurbishment of the bus shelters. He is seeking quotations for the construction of the new window frame for The Green shelter and will contact Millom Skill Centre to see if they can help to complete the project. Cllr Gray requested an additional £500 allocation to the budget. This was agreed

Proposed by Cllr Murray, Seconded by Cllr Calsy

Cllr Gray reported that the notice boards were still at the prison and he was chasing them up

b) Additional waste bins

The Clerk reported that she is still awaiting quotes. B. Cllr McGrath was asked to chase.

62/21.3 Consultations

a) GDF Feedback

49 people attended the event held at Thwaites Village Hall. Feedback from the conversations expected at the end of September 21

Cllr Savage stated that a discussion was required as to whether the Parish Council would join a Community Partnership if one was formed. To be discussed at a further meeting.

62/21.4 Sub Group Reports

a) Environment Sub Group Report

Cllr Gamble had presented a report for the launch of a local environmental community group on 18 September 2021 which is part of Green Week (a national event). Funding has been obtained from CGP Trust Fund for the event. Funding has been received for the purchase of 2 display boards from Cumbria Action for Sustainability. It is proposed to link with other groups and the school.

Proposed by Cllr Lockwood, Seconded by Cllr Calsy to accept the report

Cllr Calsy requested that the Parish Council sign up also to the Climate Coalition 10 point plan. This was resolved.

Proposed by Cllr Gray, Seconded by Cllr Lockwood

b) Road Safety Sub Group

Cllr Savage reported that speed indicators have been identified and awaiting response as to whether they can be solar powered. Will report back in October

63/21 Reports from outside Bodies

None

64/21 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

PKF Littlejohn LLP – conclusion of audit. The Clerk reported that notices had been placed on the website and will be placed on notice boards

65/21 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

- Cllr Murray asked if the Lime Kiln could be placed on the October agenda for discussion
- Cllr Nugent reported that a visitor to the area were of the opinion that the play park was the best in the area.
- Cllr Gamble reported that within Local Government there was a potential league table for councils on environmental scores.
- Cllr Lockwood had been approached by a local farmer enquiring about the plans for Aggies Lonnin with regards to cycle ways.
- Cllr Wright reported that the bin in the lay bye at the bottom of Buckmans Brow was dislodged from its base and in the wrong position. Cllr Wright to investigate further
- Cllr Carrington reported that following a complaint National Trust had been out to investigate the blocked footpath at School Ellis. As there was evidence of protected species within the blockage, they were to make a permissive right of way and clearly sign it.
- Cllr Calsy stated that the recent closure of The Oaks had created problems with traffic through Lady Hall. Asked that in future road works whether this could become a one-way system.
- Cllr Gray asked if woodland management and septic tanks could be included on the October meeting agenda

- Cllrs Wright, Nugent, Murray and B. Cllr McGrath gave their apologies for the October meeting.

66/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 4 October 2021 Thwaites Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 21.29

Signed

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