

Call

**MILLOM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT THWAITES
VILLAGE HALL, THE GREEN ON 7 OCTOBER 2024 COMMENCING
AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr C Carrington (Chair), Cllr I Lockwood, Cllr V Pogrel, Cllr A Nugent, Cllr M Bates, Cllr B Wright and Cllr Calsy
Lesley Cooper Clerk

75/24 Apologies for absence

Cllr D Savage, (Holiday) Cllr M Kitchingman (holiday) - accepted

76/24 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

77/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

78/24 MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 September 2024

The minutes were signed by the Chair

Proposed by Cllr Lockwood, Seconded by Cllr Wright

79/24 Police Liaison Report

Circulated

80/24 Progress Report

80/24.1 Follow up actions from meeting with ENW

Cllr Savage pursuing. Suggested that a joint presentation be made by ENW to other Parish and Town councils that are affected. Cllr Savage to pursue.

80/24.1 Clerks Report

None

81/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

82/24 Unitary Councillor Report

No report

83/24 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

83/24.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2024/4026 Beck Bank Farm, Thwaites

Conversion of existing 6 Bed dwellinghouse into 2 smaller 3-bed owner-occupied dwelling houses

Supported

7/2024/4075 Duddon Bank, Duddon Bridge

Application for approval of details reserved by condition 5 (balcony posts and guard rail) of planning permission 7/2023/4009 - Reconfiguration of existing dwelling/cottage including new windows and external doors to the Eastern & Southern Elevations. New entrance porch & upper ground floor extension providing additional bedroom space. New dormer projections to first floor of cottage and replacement balcony

For information only

83/24.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

none

83/24.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None

84/24 FINANCIAL RECORDS

84/24.1 The following payments were approved:

Playsafety Ltd

Annual play area inspections

£ 117.60

Dream Landscapes

Grass cutting

£ 660.00

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Community Heartbeat	Annual support	£ 162.00
L Cooper	reimburse purchase of laptop	£ 398.00
D Savage	Web site hosting fee	£ 14.39
Whamos LTD	1 st payment for new website	£1000.00
Barrow Foodbank	replacement cheque	£ 30.00
The following invoices were approved for payment on completion of website and it going live		

Whamos Ltd	Balance of build cost	£1000.00
Whamos Ltd	Annual Support fee	£ 200.00

Payments approved Proposed Cllr Calsy, Seconded Cllr Pogrel

84/24.2 To note the receipt of payments.

None

The Clerk reported that one of the Land Licences for a garage had still not been paid even though a reminder letter had been sent.

Resolved to send a Final Demand letter.

84/24.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 30 September 2024

Checked and signed by Cllr Calsy

85/24.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 September 2024 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required. The Clerk reported that there would be a potential underspend of £9k on budget.

86/24.5 To receive the draft budget the financial year 2024/25

Resolved to up Land Licence fee to £80

Clerk to produce a recommendation for committed reserves

87/24 PARISH MATTERS

87/24.1 Community Plan

a) Audit of Assets

Clerk reported still awaiting costs for installing replacement benches. Resolved to purchase 6 benches that require replacing plus a bench for Lady Hall and 3 benches to be located within Park Wood. Clerk to obtain quotes for 10.

b) Review of Community Plan – date for consultation with The Hill residents

Suggested date Saturday 2 November 2024 3.30pm to 5.30pmt. Cllr Carrington to liaise with The Hill Village Hall Secretary. Cllr Calsy to put in Out and About. Clerk to produce posters.

Cllr Nugent suggested a wheelchair access path to the ^{play} play area.

c) Empty Houses

Nothing to report

d) To receive the Play Inspection report and put a plan of actions in place

Report accepted Cllr Kitchingman to lead.

87/24.2 Parish Projects

i) Active Transport

Cllr Calsy reported that a stakeholder meeting has been arranged at Thwaites Village Hall for 13 November to begin the process of engaging with landowners

ii) Pinnel Hole

3no A3 signs to be purchased to be fitted to fencing stating "No Long Term Parking". Clerk is awaiting estimated costs to repair the car park, alternative options and costs.

iii) Council Laptop

Clerk reported that the laptop has now been received and she is in the process of setting it up.

Software Clerk proposed purchase of MS365 Personal at an annual cost of £59.99. Seconded by Cllr Calsy. Approved.

87/24.3 Policies, Procedures and Consultations

a) Email addresses and future of website –

Resolved to use Whamos Ltd to provide a new Website with attached email addresses at a cost of £2000 plus an annual support fee of £200
Cllr Savage and the Clerk to liaise with the contractor

b) **New Financial Regulations**

Resolved to accept Proposed Cllr Calsy, Seconded Cllr Lockwood

c) **Response to Consultation on Cumberland SCI**

Cllr Carrington to respond

d) **To fix a date to review the Clerks Contract of Employment**

Cllr Carrington to meet with the Clerk to discuss.

87/24.4 Sub Group Reports

a) **Environment Group**

Cllr Calsy request that native daffodils be purchased for planting in the grass verge towards The Hill estimated cost £300. Seconded Cllr Bates

Resolved to purchase

b) **Park Wood**

Cllr Bates presented a report which was accepted. Cllr Bates to keep meeting with representatives of Lowther Estates

88/24 To reports from representatives on outside bodies

a) **South Copeland Community Partnership – GDF**

Cllr Carrington reported that much of the September Meeting was focused on the best way to minute meetings and a process for agreeing final versions once issued.

A letter had been received from the Chair of the Partnership requesting support in being offered an honorarium for the post. After discussion it was unanimously resolved not to support this proposal. Cllr Carrington to feed this back to the next Partnership meeting.

89/24 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received that has not been previously circulated:

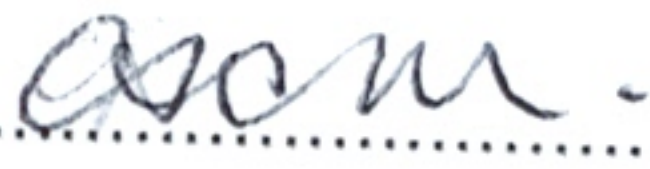
- An email had been received by a resident re bamboo near his property on land managed by the PC. Clerk to respond that a plan of action had been put in place and the resident had requested the contractor to not undertake it.

90/24 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

- Cllr Calsy raised concerns of inappropriate diversion routes, when local road works were being undertaken.

91/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 4 November 2024 The Hill Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2140hrs

Signed 

Date...4/11/24.....