

MILLOM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT THE HILL VILLAGE HALL, ON 4 NOVEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr C Carrington (Chair), Cllr I Lockwood, Cllr D Savage, Cllr M Bates, Cllr B Wright.

Cllr A Pratt Cumberland Council

Lesley Cooper Clerk

92/24 Apologies for absence

Cllr V Pogrel (Personal), Cllr M Kitchingman (working) Cllr Calsy (personal) - accepted

93/24 Exclusion of Press and Public

Agenda Item 16 – Closed Session

94/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

95/24 MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 October 2024

The minutes were signed by the Chair

96/24 Police Liaison Report

Circulated favourable comments were expressed of the new format.

97/24 Progress Report

97/24.1 Follow up actions from meeting with ENW

Cllr Savage reported that he was still awaiting an article for Out and About.

Cllr Bates to pursue a response re how the community can assist in decarbonisation.

97/24.1 Clerks Report

None

98/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

99/24 Unitary Councillor Report

Cllr Pratt reported the following

A595 works ongoing and now not expected to be completed until February 2025

2 sections of Whicham Valley to be re-done due to failing inspection

Grants of up to £500 available for "Warm Hubs" from Community Council

"Licence to Grow" Cumberland offering a 5 yr licence to grow food on any land identified as owned by Cumberland and not in use

Funding available for projects within the parish from South Copeland Community Fund

A new bus route commenced on 4 November from Barrow – Millom – Haverigg. 3 times a day operated by Stagecoach. Requested that timetables be displayed at bus stops.

There have been instances of unauthorised road closures within the county. Please report to Cllr Pratt if you come across one.

Speed reductions have been approved.

Cllr Bates raised concerns that chevrons missing on A595 near Thwaites Church due to a previous accident have not been replaced and could create a hazard for other road users. Cllr Pratt to investigate.

The Chair thanked Cllr Pratt for his report

100/24 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

100/24.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2024/4077 Broadgate, Thwaites

Re-roofing to utility building, replacing 2 no. rooflights and general roof repairs

Supported

100/24.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

none

100/24.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None

101/24 FINANCIAL RECORDS

101/24.1 The following payments were approved

L Cooper	Salary & Expenses	£232.24
HMRC	PAYE	£ 58.00
L Cooper	Reimburse domain name renewal	£ 63.99
L Cooper	Reimburse purchase of Microsoft sub	£ 59.99
KMC Grafix	Signage Pinnel Hole	£ 54.00
Cumbria Wildflowers	Native daffodils	£293.40

Payments approved

The Payment for the 10 benches totalling £4104 from Marmax Products was approved payment to be held subject to their receipt.

101/24.1a The Clerk reported that a cheque had been returned because it did not contain 2 signatures, a replacement cheque had been issued to the contractor.

101/24.2 To note the receipt of payments.

The Clerk reported that a Final Demand letter had been sent to one of the Land Licences for a garage which had still not been paid. Awaiting the bank statement to verify if payment had been received.

101/24.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 31 October 2024

Not yet received.

101/24.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 October 2024 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

The Clerk reported that there was an overspend on Website with the creation of the new website. This would be taken from general reserves.

101/24.5 To receive and approve the budget for the financial year 2025/26

The Clerk presented the budget report for the next financial year which included committed reserves on budget lines.

Resolved to accept the budget report and proposed expenditure for 2025/26

Proposed Cllr Savage and Seconded Cllr Bates Resolved

101/24.6 To determine the Council Precept for 2025/26

The clerk proposed that the precept remain at the current levels at £12000 for the next financial year. Seconded by Cllr Wright. Resolved.

102/24 PARISH MATTERS

102/24.1 Community Plan

a) Audit of Assets

Clerk reported that 10 benches had been ordered with a 15% discount. A request had been made for one to be installed at Lady Hall. Cllr Wright to determine who owns this land so that written permission can be obtained.

Clerk to obtain quotations for the installation of the benches.

Cllr Kitchingman had reported that all actions identified within the last Play Park Inspection Report had now been completed.

The solar light columns had been replaced and awaiting a date for the refixing of the lights.

b) Review of Community Plan – Consultation with The Hill residents

Saturday 2 November 2024 3.30pm to 5.30pm. 9 people attended. Cllr Carrington to collate all responses. Request for a suitable pathway to be laid from car park to play park. Not tarmac and must be environmentally sensitive. Clerk to obtain a specification prior to submitting for quotations.

c) Empty Houses

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Nothing to report

102/24.2 Parish Projects

i) Active Transport

Cllr Calsy submitted a report that the planned active travel meeting for stakeholders has been postponed until January.

ii) Pinnel Hole

The signs had now been fitted. Cllrs Savage and Pogrel to personally contact owners of vehicles persistently parked there.

103/24.3 Policies, Procedures and Consultations

a) Email addresses and future of website –

Resolved to have dot gov email addresses at an annual cost of £40
Representative of contractor to attend January meeting to set up councillor devices.

b) To approve the meeting dates for 2025

Previously circulated and approved. To be placed on the website.

103/24.4 Sub Group Reports

a) Environment Group

Cllr Calsy had sent a report that members of the environment group had attended Thwaites school to discuss further support with regard to planting for biodiversity, composting, waste recycling and an environment week in the new year.

b) Park Wood

Cllr Bates presented at The Hill Community event which was well received.

104/24 To reports from representatives on outside bodies

a) South Copeland Community Partnership – GDF

Cllr Carrington reported that the vote on the Chair's honorarium had been deferred until the November meeting which would give Cllr. Andy Pratt time to speak to some of the outlying Parish Council's to ascertain their view. It was resolved that Cllr. Carrington would draft a letter to the chairs of the outlying parishes explaining why Millom Without PC had not supported the award of an honorarium to ensure they had some of the broader context when making their own decisions.

Cllr. Carrington Reported that Simon Hughes of NWS had written to the Partnership informing them that they could not have their own website and that NWS would in effect continue to control all information posted on the current Partnership website. It was resolved that Millom Without Parish Council found this unacceptable as this meant that the Partnership website was de facto an NWS website using the Partnership's name and that this position should continue to be challenged.

b) Ghyll Scaur Quarry Liaison Meeting

Cllr Savage reported that Cumberland Highways had offered to replace the speed indicator located at The Green at no cost if the Parish Council would accept both speed indicators as an asset transfer. Resolved to accept the proposal

Discussion continuing between Lowther Estates and quarry re installation of solar panels for community benefit.

Full management plan being undertaken will be out for consultation shortly
Signage for the Rock Park is being produced.

105/24 Correspondence

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

- A request had been received for the use of the display boards for an exhibition at The Hil. This was agreed.
- Correspondence had been received from a resident re the bamboo at Hill Brow. A letter to be sent.

- Cllr A Nugent had submitted her resignation as a councillor which was accepted.

106/24 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

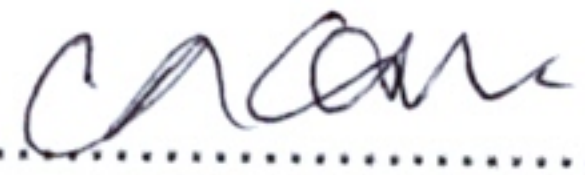
- Cllr Wright raised concerns re the activity near to the wood yard, Buckman's Brow

107/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 6 January 2025 Thwaites Village Hall, The Green commencing at 7.30pm

108/24 Closed Session

Decision deferred to January meeting, Clerk to circulate copies of old and new proposed contracts.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2200hrs

Signed 

Date.....6/1/2025.