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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT THE HILL
VILLAGE HALL ON 3 FEBRUARY 2025 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr C Carrington (Chair), Cllr I Lockwood, Cllr M Bates, Cllr B Wright. Cllr V Pogrel, Cllr M Kitchingman, Unitary Cllr A Pratt
Lesley Cooper Clerk

124/24 Apologies for absence

Cllr D Savage (ill), Cllr A Calsy (holiday)

125/24 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

126/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

127/24 MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 January 2025

The minutes were signed by the Chair

128/24 Police Liaison Report

Circulated

129/24 Progress Report

129/24.1 Clerks Report

The incorrectly spelt Lady Hall sign has been reported and is to be replaced.

130/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

131/24 Unitary Councillor Report

Cllr Pratt gave the following report:

The A595 night closures have finished. There is a meeting on 11 February 2025 for feedback.

The Whicham Valley resurfacing will still go ahead.

Reinstatement of Corney Fell bridge planned for July/August.

Further funding for buses and bus shelter improvement schemes.

Repairs to retaining wall at The Oaks to be undertaken

3 yr project to reinstate retaining wall at Lady Hall

Mayoral review for Cumberland and Westmorland and Barrow being undertaken in readiness for May 2026 elections.

Cllr Wright raised the issues regarding the recent road closure at Lady Hall. Cllr Pratt to investigate. Clerk to send letter.

The Chair thanked Cllr Pratt for his report.

132/24 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

132/24.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

132/24.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

none

132/24.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

7/2024/4026 Beck Bank Farm, Thwaites

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

Granted

133/24 FINANCIAL RECORDS

133/24.1 The following payments were approved

L Cooper

Clerks salary & expenses – January £217.76



HMRC PAYE

£ 46.00

Payments approved .

133/24.2 To note the receipt of payments.

None

133/24.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 31 December 2024

Verified by Cllr Kitchingman.

133/24.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 January 2025 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required.

133/24.5 To determine the actions required for the none payment of a garage licence

Cllr Kitchingman had spoken to the tenant and received a response.

Resolved to send a final demand letter.

134/24 PARISH MATTERS

134/24.1 Community Plan

a) Audit of Assets

Clerk reported that 3 benches are beginning to be installed to replace ones identified in poor state of repair.

Locations for other 7 to be brought to the March meeting.

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

Tasks allocated. Action plan to be presented at March meeting.

c) To determine type of construction of path to play area

Cllr Kitchingman reported that the Thwaites Village Hall require grass matting that can be mowed over. Detailed plan to be produced

d) Empty Houses

Cllrs Carrington and Pogrel to undertake site visit re overgrown footpath

134/24.2 Parish Projects

i) Active Transport

1st meeting well attended

ii) Pinnel Hole

Clerk to respond to letter received from vehicle owner.

iii) Bamboo Hill Brow

Cllr Carrington had written to resident. Clerk had instructed contractor to recommence works

iv) Road works Lady Hall

Cllr Pratt to pursue with Highways

134/24.3 Policies, Procedures and Consultations

a) The following Policies were approved

Complaints Procedure

Data Protection Policy

Grievance Policy

Disciplinary Policy

Subject Access Request Policy

b) Noted that the following policies have been reviewed and no changes made

Standing Orders

Health and Safety Policy

Freedom of Information Policy

Risk Management Policy

Equal Opportunity Policy

Protocol on the recording and filming of Council and Committee meetings

Press and Media Policy

Retention of Documents Policy

134/24.4 Sub Group Reports

a) Environment Group

None

b) Park Wood

Cllr Bates reported that at the Ghyll Scaur Quarry meeting the following items were discussed

40mph signage to be installed in net quarter

The suggested sculpture in the layby was dismissed

There would be a delay in the fitting of the new speed detectors.

Woodland management plan installed. Request that a clear sign is placed on gates when official stalkers are working.

Rock Park signage to be installed in the Spring.

Discussion around the inclusion of benches within the woodland.

135/24 To reports from representatives on outside bodies

a) South Copeland Community Partnership – GDF

Cllr Carrington reported that still awaiting the results of the report recently undertaken by NWS re the future of the Partnership. No decisions to be made until after the report has been received.

136/24 Correspondence

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

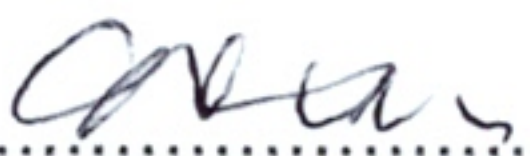
- None

137/24 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

- None

138/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 3 March 2025 Thwaites Village Hall, The Green commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2101hrs

Signed 

Date..... 3/3/25