

MILLOM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT THWAITES VILLAGE HALL ON 12 MAY 2025 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr M Bates, Cllr D Savage(Vice Chair). Cllr V Pogrel, Cllr M Kitchingman Cllr I Lockwood, , Cllr A Calsy(arrived 7.45pm)
Cllr A Pratt, Cumberland Council
Lesley Cooper Clerk
2 members of the public

1/25 ELECTION OF CHAIR

There were no nominations for Chair for the year. In the absence of Cllr Carrington who had not indicated whether he wished to stand again as chair, Cllr Savage agreed to be chair for this meeting only, due to other commitments he did not wish to stand as Chair for the year, although he was happy to continue as Vice Chair to a duly elected Chair (proposed Cllr Lockwood, seconded Cllr Pogrel) Cllr Savage signed acceptance of office for chair for today's meeting only.

2/25 Apologies for absence

,Cllr C Carrington (Holiday), Cllr B Wright (Personal)

3/25 Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 13 May 2024

Approved Proposed Cllr Lockwood, Seconded Cllr Pogrel

4/25 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To appoint members of the Council to serve on the following outside bodies:

- South Copeland Partnership Cllr Savage
- South Copeland Community Partnership (GDF) – no nomination
- Ghyll Scaur Quarry Liaison – Cllrs Savage, Lockwood and Bates
- CGP Trust Fund - Cllrs Kitchingman, Pogrel, Bates and Carrington
- Ghyll Scaur Quarry Fund - Cllrs Savage, Lockwood, Wright and Calsy
- Thwaites Village Hall – Cllr Kitchingman
- Thwaites School – to be confirmed

5/25 To reaffirm that the Parish Council meets the conditions under section 8(2) of the Localism Act 2011 and The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 and therefore may act under the General Power of Competence.

6/25 Exclusion of Press and Public

None

7/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

8/25 MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 April 2025

The minutes were signed by the Chair

9/25 Police Liaison Report

Circulated . Clerk to check how much notice is given for when they are attending Thwaites Village Hall

10/25 Progress Report

10/25.1 Wall at The Oaks

Concerns for what the plans are for the next phase and no consultation with community. Cllr Pratt to investigate. To be placed on the June agenda.

10/25.2 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported to Highways the issue with temporary road signs impacting on traffic by poor placement.

Had contacted the website contractor re linking Facebook to the Website and also an addition of a counter had been placed.

A letter had been received from HMRC re a PAYE credit, on investigation the PC is not in credit and a letter has been sent with the reasoning why.

11/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public asked what the Council's position was with regards to the proposed GDF and being part of the Community Partnership. Council to discuss the Review of the Community Partnership at the June meeting after which a decision will be made.

A member of the public asked why the GDF was not on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting. This year's APM is to launch the new Community Plan.

Cllr Calsy joined the meeting at 19.45hrs

A member of the public asked why Dunningwell Road was still at national speed limit. To be placed on the June agenda.

A member of public raised concerns that Dunningwell Hall had not complied with planning permission re making good the new entrance to the hall. Cllr Pratt to investigate.

The members of the public then left the meeting

12/25 Unitary Councillor Report

Cllr Pratt had submitted a report which included, A595 Bootle overnight closures for replacement of manhole covers commencing 27 May for 3 nights.

Nominations are now open for Cumbria Woman of the Year.

Raised the issue of lack of presence in South Cumberland and is looking for ideas for events that could be held in the south of the county

The Chair thanked Cllr Pratt for his report

13/25 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

13/25.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/25/2123/0F1 Waterblean Farm, The Hill

Installation of Wind Powered water pump

Supported

13/25.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

none

13/25.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None. The clerk stated that the PC never received the decisions of any planning applications made within Cumberland Council. Decisions were always received from LDNP. Cllr Pratt to raise this with Cumberland Council

14/25 FINANCIAL RECORDS

14/25.1 The following payments were approved

L Cooper	Clerks salary & expenses – April	£ 217.96
HMRC	PAYE	£ 45.80
V Falconer	Internal Audit fee	£ 70.00
Zurich Municipal	Insurance renewal	£ 507.00

Payments approved .

14/25.2 To note the receipt of payments.

Precept £12000

14/25.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 30 April 2025

Verified by Cllr Kitchingman

14/25.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 April 2025 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

14/25.5 To approve the Internal Auditor Report 2025

Approved and comments noted. Proposed Cllr Calsy, Seconded Cllr Pogrel

14/25.6 To approve the Governance Statement for 2024/25

Each Statement was read out by the Clerk and approved by the Councillors and completed accordingly. Signed by the Chair

Proposed Cllr Calsy, Seconded Cllr Lockwood

14/25.7 To approve the Accounting Statement for 2024/25

Approved Proposed by Cllr Lockwood, Seconded by Cllr Bates

14/25.8 To confirm that the Parish Council meets all requirements to submit a Certificate of Exemption for the financial year 2024/25

Resolved that the council met all the requirements. Proposed Cllr Calsy, Seconded Cllr Lockwood

15/25 PARISH MATTERS

15/25.1 Community Plan

a) Audit of Assets

Resolved to donate a bench to Thwaites School Proposed Cllr Pogrel, Seconded Cllr Lockwood

Cllr Calsy proposed 2 locations in Lady Hall. To arrange a site visit with Martyn Taylor, Cumberland Highways and the contractor to determine exact locations.

Clerk to chase contractor for prices to install benches at Cherry Tree, The Hill and The Old Pump House, The Green.

One bench will remain and attendees at the Annual Parish Meeting to be asked for suggestions for its placement.

b) Review of Community Plan

Community Plan to be launched at the Annual Parish Meeting on 19 May 2025. A copy to be placed on the website after the launch

c) To determine new entrance to play area

Cllr Kitchingman reported that the Village Hall had agreed to the proposed new entrance through the wall directly into the play area. Clerk to chase contractor for price. Local contractors could be used to make gate to fit.

Clerk to approach Thwaites VH for amendment to licence to include donation of gate to Thwaites and liability to rest with Thwaites VH.

d) Empty Houses

Deferred to June meeting

16/25.2 Parish Projects

i) Active Transport

Cllr Calsy reported that a Community Group had been formed to look at priority for route.

ii) Pinnel Hole

Now included in the Community Plan

iii) Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 19 May 2025 6.30pm Thwaites Village Hall to launch the new Community Plan.

iv) SiDS

A draft contract had been received for the transfer of the 2 speed monitoring devices from Cumberland to PC ownership.

Clarification required on the following points:

What was the warranty on the new one, require a condition report on both SiDS prior to transfer, and a transfer of any maintenance records for both units and would there be any technical support if required.

16/25.3 Policies, Procedures and Consultations

None

16/25.4 Sub Group Reports

a) Environment Group

Cllr Calsy reported that litter picking had now stopped until the autumn.

17/25 To reports from representatives on outside bodies

a) South Copeland Community Partnership – GDF

Cllr Carrington had circulated the Independent review of the Community Partnership. It was noted that the report did not reflect the conversations that had taken place. Discussion to take place at the June meeting and a resolution how the PC is to progress.

18/25 Correspondence

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

None

19/25 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

- Cllr Bates requested permission to use the Community Boards on 13-15 June to display art work.
- Cllr Kitchingman asked if there had been any interest in being co-opted onto the council. The Clerk confirmed that she had not received any enquiries.
- Cllr Savage stated that a part of the climbing frame was working loose. Cllr Kitchingman to investigate.

20/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 2 June 2025 The Hill Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2155hrs

Signed

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