



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 09 May 2022 at Dent Memorial Hall

Present: Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong (Chair), Laura Thornley, Emma Richardson, Geoff Woof,
Les Howes and Jen Winn

Clerk, Scott Thornley

District and Unitary Councillor Ian Mitchell

2 Members of the public

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 04 July 2022

454	/22	<p>Election of Chair: Cllr. Manners-Armstrong was nominated by Cllr. Richardson, seconded by Cllr. Woof and was elected unanimously. RESOLVED that Cllr. Manners-Armstrong will Chair the council for 2022/2023.</p>
455	/22	<p>Declaration of Acceptance: RESOLVED that Cllr. Manners-Armstrong signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.</p>
456	/22	<p>Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to accept apologies and record the reason from Cllrs. Seekins, Taylor and Akrigg. Apologies also received from District Cllr. Lancaster but no reasons had been given.</p>
457	/22	<p>Declarations of Interest: There were no interests to be declared.</p>
458	/22	<p>Election of Vice-Chair: Cllr. Richardson was nominated by Cllr. Manners-Armstrong, seconded by Cllr. Thornley and was elected unanimously. RESOLVED that Cllr, Richardson will be the Vice-Chair of the council for 2022/2023.</p>
459	/22	<p>Minutes of the meeting on Monday 07 March 2022: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 07 March 2022 were a correct record and a copy was signed by the Chair.</p>
460	/22	<p>Western Dales Bus: The meeting heard from Jock Cairns, Chair of the Western Dales Bus. Mr. Cairns gave a brief history of the bus service which had been operational since 2011 when Cumbria County Council removed all subsidies and the then operator withdrew. First of all leasing a bus but then receiving a grant in 2015 to purchase a bus and another in 2019 to purchase a second bus. Since then routes have been expanded to include services to Kirkby Stephen, Penrith, Hawes as well as the service to Kendal. In 2018 the company recorded 6500 journeys per year. However since then journey numbers have declined and have been severely affected by the COVID pandemic with 4600 journeys in 2020 and only 1500 in 2021. Recovery has been very slow and is currently at about 80%. Mr. Cairns noted that there were not enough local residents using the bus with very few Dentdale residents travelling to Kirkby Stephen or Hawes and this may lead to a reduction in journeys, with the Winter timetable likely to be affected this year and more journeys moved to Summer only. The service is run almost entirely by volunteers with only one part-time employee joining recently and Mr. Cairns appealed for assistance with publicity and “word of mouth” recommendations as well as any information regarding ownership of holiday cottages who could put literature in their property. Cllr. Thornley offered to speak with Mr. Cairns outside the meeting to offer assistance with publicity and marketing.</p>

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		<p>Cllr. Manners-Armstrong asked if the company would be doing more market research and noted that the council may be able to assist in reaching the community.</p> <p>Mr. Cairns was thanked for his time and for keeping the council informed on what is a vital public service.</p>	
461	/22	<p>Chair's Report: The Chair's Annual Report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was approved by the council. A copy is available online at https://www.dentwithcowgillpc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Annual-Report-2021-2022.pdf</p>	
462	/22	<p>Clerk's Report: The report had been circulated to all councillors and was accepted.</p>	
463	/22	<p>Chair and Member Announcements: Cllr. Manners-Armstrong noted that she intended to put herself forward for election to the YDNPA as the Parish Council Representative.</p>	
464	/22	<p>Public Forum: The 2 members of the public had left the meeting. District and Unitary Cllr. Ian Mitchell stated that he had been overwhelmed by the support he had received in the recent elections for the Westmorland and Furness Council and the margin by which he had won. He noted that Westmorland and Furness Council was currently a shadow authority and as such had no money or staff at its disposal with a Chief Executive not expected to be appointed until around December. This being the case all reporting to District and County Council remained as it is for now. The new council would meet again on Tuesday 17 May at which point a leader and cabinet would be elected.</p>	
465	/22	<p>Internal Audit Report: The report of the Internal Auditor had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was RESOLVED to accept and approve the report.</p>	
466	/22	<p>Annual Governance Statement: The Annual Governance Statement had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was RESOLVED to approve the statement.</p>	
467	/22	<p>Annual Accounting Statement: The Annual Accounting Statement had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was RESOLVED to approve the statement.</p>	
468	/22	<p>Committee Membership: A review of the membership of all committees was undertaken and it was RESOLVED to make the following changes: Policy and Resources – Remove Cllr. Mitchell, to be replaced by Cllr. Thornley. Amenities and Environment – Remove Cllr. Mitchell, to be replaced by Cllr. Taylor. Planning – Remove Cllr. Mitchell, to be replaced by Cllr. Thornley. It was also noted that a change of meeting day would be of benefit. Playing Field – Remove Cllr. Mitchell, to be replaced by Cllr. Winn with the extra vacancy to be filled by Cllr. Seekins. A review of representation to other bodies also took place and it was RESOLVED to make the following changes: Dent Combined Charities – Cllr. Howes to fill a pre-existing vacancy. Dent Memorial Hall – Cllr. Seekins to be replaced by Cllr. Thornley Dent Meditation Centre – Cllr. Seekins to become a Trustee of the Centre.</p>	

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469	/22	Recommendations from the Policy and Resources Committee: There were no recommendations to be considered.	
470	/22	Recommendations from the Amenities and Environment Committee: There were no recommendations to be considered.	
471	/22	Payments for authorisation: RESOLVED to authorise the following payments: Scott Thornley (Clerks Expenses March and April 2022) £50.00 Waterpus (Car Park Water and Wastewater Feb/Mar 2022) £88.16 Jean Airey (Internal Audit 2021/2022) £90.60 Flowbird (Payment Processing March 2022) £73.32 PHS Group (Sanitary Bins Servicing) £408.14	
472	/22	Account Balances: RESOLVED to note the account balances as: Current Account – £21,820.77 Deposit Account - £42,815.86	
473	/22	Payments made since the last meeting: RESOLVED to note the following payments made since the last meeting:	
		AIB Merchant Services (Payment Processing)	£19.26
		Flowbird (Payment Processing)	£44.09
		YDNPA (Car Park Rent)	£4,800.00
		WEL Medical (Defibrillator and Cabinet)	£1,542.00
		Peter Hunt (Website Hosting – Dentdale.com)	£131.88
		Ian Mitchell (Car Park and Toilets)	£712.50
		Nest (Clerk's Pension Contributions)	£48.32
		Npower (Car Park Electricity)	£71.30
		Npower (Footway Lighting Electricity)	£28.50
		Dentdale Choir (2nd Grant Instalment)	£350.00
		CALC (Subscription)	£205.05
		SLDC (Litter Bin)	£300.00
		AIB Merchant Services (Payment Processing)	£33.10
		SLCC (Subscription)	£115.26
		Royal Mint (Jubilee Coins)	£450.00
		HMRC (PAYE Q4 2021-2022)	£413.98
474	/22	Policy and Resources Committee: RESOLVED to note the minutes of the meeting on Monday 11 April 2022	
475	/22	Amenities and Environment Committee: RESOLVED to note the minutes of the meeting on Monday 14 March 2022	
476	/22	Planning Committee: RESOLVED to note the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 22 March 2022 and Tuesday 03 May 2022.	
477	/22	Exceptional Items: The Clerk noted an email from CALC requesting contact details for all councillors. RESOLVED that any information in the public domain was ok to send.	
478	/22	Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 04 July 2022 at The Sedgwick Room, Dent to commence at 7.30pm. Meeting closed at 20.30	

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