



**Minutes of the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting held on
Monday 12 June 2023 in the Sedgwick Room, Dent**

Present: Emma Richardson (Chair), Geoff Woof, Laura Thornley

To be presented at the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting on Monday 11 September 2023

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| AE136 | /23 | Election of Chair: Cllr. Richardson was nominated by Cllr. Thornley and it was RESOLVED to elect Cllr. Richardson as Chair for 2023-2024. | |
| AE137 | /23 | Apologies for absence: There were no apologies received. | |
| AE138 | /23 | Declarations of Interest: There were no interests to declare. | |
| AE139 | /23 | Minutes of the last meeting: RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the meeting on Monday 06 February 2023 as a correct record and a copy was signed by the Chair. | |
| AE140 | /23 | Public Forum: It was noted by a member of the public that the fountain should be made operational again. The Clerk explained that it had been turned off because of water not flowing into the drain correctly and running down the road. The council agreed to have this repaired and the Clerk will arrange this. | |
| AE141 | /23 | The Sun Inn: The Clerk had received a suggestion that the Sun Inn should be purchased by a Community Group to ensure that it remains as a pub. The Clerk advised that he had taken advice from CALC who gave examples of where other Parish Councils had been involved in this. It would require the setting up of a Community Benefit Society (or similar entity) and the Parish Council could not be solely responsible for it. It was noted that funding is available for this kind of venture but that this is usually when it is the last pub in a village. It was noted that registering as an Asset of Community Value through CAMRA may attract funding. The committee RESOLVED to recommend that further research is undertaken into the feasibility of this. | |
| AE142 | /23 | Beech Hill Gardens: This project had been put on hold due to the ongoing Car Park Improvement Project but it was RESOLVED that this should now restart. The Clerk will obtain the services of a Landscape Designer to look at this. It was noted that such a person lives in the Dale and the Clerk should make contact with them in the first instance. | |
| AE143 | /23 | Verge Maintenance: Cllr. Woof had not yet been to look at the areas that require attention and so it was RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting. | |

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| AE144 | /23 | Highways and Bridges: It was pleasing to see that work had started on the resurfacing of Laning as scheduled and that repairs to the culvert at Millbeck had been made prior to this. It was noted that the repointing of Stonehouse, Lea Yeat and Ewegales bridges may have been completed and the Clerk will check this with highways. | |
| AE145 | /23 | Footway Lighting: The Clerk noted that a grant of £10,000 had been awarded by YDNPA towards the cost of upgrading all the lighting. Quotes for up to date prices were currently awaited from suppliers before orders can be placed. | |
| AE146 | /23 | Seat outside Reading Room: It was noted that the person originally making the request for a seat had now moved. It was, however, agreed that a seat in this location would still be useful. It was suggested that combining the grit bin into the seat would be a good idea and the Clerk will look into this. | |
| AE147 | /23 | The Green: It was noted that green moss on the playground was still causing a problem in wet conditions and that the path between the green and the houses was getting narrower and narrower making it difficult for those in wheelchairs and with pushchairs. RESOLVED to take this up with Westmorland and Furness Council again. | |
| AE148 | /23 | Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be on Monday 11 September 2023 at The Sedgwick Room, Dent. Meeting closed at 20.10 | |

Action List

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| Arrange repair of fountain | ST |
| Look into Community purchase of Sun Inn | ST |
| Speak to local Landscape Designer | ST |
| Find seat with grit bin | ST |
| Speak to W&F Council about the Green | ST |
| Identify areas of verge | GW |

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