



**Minutes of the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting held on
Tuesday 17 October 2023 in the Reading Room, Dent**

Present: Emma Richardson (Chair), Andrew Povey, Laura Thornley

To be presented at the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting on Tuesday 21 November 2023

AE149	/23	Apologies for absence: There were no apologies received.	
AE150	/23	Declarations of Interest: There were no interests to declare.	
AE151	/23	Minutes of the last meeting: RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the meeting on Monday 12 June 2023 as a correct record and a copy was signed by the Chair. It was noted that there was some conflicting information regarding the PC being involved in the potential purchase of the Sun Inn and the Clerk should speak with CALC/NALC again.	
AE152	/23	Public Forum: No members of the public were present and no items had been received for discussion that were not on the agenda.	
AE153	/23	Beech Hill Gardens: The Clerk had received a reply from Ian Kitson regarding the design for the gardens. Ian would like some kind of brief from the council. The following items were suggested as possible requirements: Seating including covered seating Needs to look attractive and inviting There needs to be some planting Should be open to the road It was suggested that up to £20,000 would be a good budget but that this would be dependent on grant funding.	
AE154	/23	Verge Maintenance: The list of potential problem areas had been received from Councillor Woof. It was noted that the landowners would need to be identified for each of these places. It was suggested that the Clerk and Cllr Woof should work together to identify the landowners.	
AE155	/23	Lucy Elam Monument: Correspondence had been received regarding the condition of the monument and its surroundings. It was noted by the clerk that local resident Ken McClurg had started work on clearing the area of foliage etc. since the correspondence had been received. Ken was due to finish this work shortly. It was RESOLVED to wait for Ken to finish his work before revisiting this item.	
AE156	/23	Ash Dieback: It was questioned whether Westmorland and Furness Council had a plan to fell all of the Ash trees that could be a potential hazard to road users. The Clerk will make enquiries of Westmorland and Furness Council. Any plans should be advertised in Cumbria Farmers Network, Lookaround, Cowgill Newsletter and Facebook.	

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AE157	/23	<p>Dent with Cowgill Community Forum Facebook Page: It was questioned whether the page could be opened up for everyone to post on as a number of people had requested posts that had not happened. It was RESOLVED that community groups can ask for someone to be made an admin so that they can post freely and that other posts should be allowed once they have been approved by an admin. Clerk to make the necessary changes to the settings. A post will be added to the page to advise that community groups can request to be an admin.</p>	
AE158	/23	<p>Cowgill Noticeboard: Cllr Richardson had drafted a notice to be put up advising what material was allowed in the noticeboard. RESOLVED to approve the notice which will be put up immediately.</p>	
AE159	/23	<p>Highways and Bridges: It was noted that a lot of work had been done since the last meeting with regard to Highways issues. It was questioned whether the hole at Scotchergill had yet been resolved and Cllr. Richardson agreed to check this on her way home and report back to the Clerk.</p>	
AE160	/23	<p>Footway Lighting: The Clerk noted that all of the lights had now been delivered and that Ian Hutt would be starting work shortly to install them. It was hoped that all work would be complete by the end of October or first week in November.</p>	
AE161	/23	<p>Seat outside Reading Room: It was noted that a local family would like to dedicate this bench to family member they recently lost. It would not be appropriate to have a bench with a grit bin in. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk will make enquiries of Westmorland and Furness Council Highways whether the grit bin could be removed or returned to its original location as it is not used.</p>	
AE162	/23	<p>The Green: It was noted that despite promises that the playground would be cleaned and the grass cut back neither had been done effectively. The grass has not been touched at all and a very poor job had been made of cleaning the playground. It was RESOLVED to ask Westmorland and Furness Council whether they would consider transferring this asset to the Parish Council and if they would contribute to putting it back into a reasonable condition.</p>	
AE163	/23	<p>Fountain Repairs: The Clerk noted that he had been in contact with a company who were interested in doing the work, They had requested some photos of the fountain and a reply with a proposal was now awaited.</p>	
AE164	/23	<p>Date of next meeting:</p>	

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		<p>RESOLVED that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 21 November 2023 at The Sedgwick Room, Dent. Clerk to check with Choir whether they are still practising in the hall in which case the meeting may move to the Reading Room.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20.27</p>	
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Action List

Speak with CALC/NALC regarding potential purchase of Sun Inn	ST
Send brief to Ian Kitson	ST
Identify landowners of potential verge issues	ST/GW
Write to Westmorland and Furness Council regarding Ash Dieback	ST
Change settings on Facebook page	ST
Speak to Westmorland and Furness regarding grit bin at Reading Room	ST
Speak to Westmorland and Furness regarding green	ST

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