



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 06 November 2023 at the Sedgwick Room, Dent

Present: Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong (Chair), Emma Richardson, Laura Thornley, Ian Mitchell,
Andrew Povey, Michael Akrigg

Clerk, Scott Thornley

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 08 January 2024

620	/23	Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to accept apologies and record the reason from Cllr. Woof
621	/23	Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED to accept the declaration from Cllr. Mitchell regarding item 11 on the agenda.
622	/23	Minutes of the meeting on Monday 04 September 2023: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 04 September 2023 were a correct record and a copy was signed by the Chair. Noted that the meeting with Dan Chalmers from Westmorland and Furness Highways had taken place and was mainly positive. Noted that repairs to the defect at Scotchergill had still not been actioned. Road signs were still present at the end of Flood Lane and needed to be removed. The Dent sign at the East end of the village was still missing. RESOLVED to seek another meeting with Dan as soon as possible. It was suggested that a reminder should be placed on Facebook to report defects online.
623	/23	Clerk's Report: The report had been circulated to all councillors and was accepted. It was noted that lights installed at the last house before Church Bridge pointed both upwards and downwards and were not therefore Dark Skies compliant. Cllr. Mitchell to approach the resident. Noted that the lights at Dent Station were very bright and may not be Dark Skies compliant. Clerk to report to Enforcement Officer. It was noted that there had been no meeting of the Sun Inn Working group recently and a meeting should be arranged for shortly after the next Amenities and Environment Committee.
624	/23	Chair and Member Announcements: It was noted that there were still a number of complaints regarding the noticeboard at the Bus Shelter and it was suggested that we should look to replace this in the budget for 2024-2025. It was noted that the Parish Plan was now very out of date and should be revisited. A small Working Group will be set up consisting of Cllrs. Povey, Manners-Armstrong, Mitchell and Thornley.
625	/23	Public Forum: No representations had been received prior to the meeting and there were no members of the public present.
626	/23	Committee Membership: RESOLVED to approve the recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee to shuffle membership of the various committees to ensure that each committee was quorate.
627	/23	Drainage Issues: It was noted that the work had been awarded to a local contractor who had been asked to start work ASAP. This had not yet happened and it was suggested that this go back on the Policy and Resources Committee agenda.
628	/23	Policy Reviews: The updated Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy will go back to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

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629	/23	<p>Community Forum Facebook Page: RESOLVED to approve the recommendation from the Amenities and Environment Committee to allow local community groups to nominate someone to be an admin on the page. It was suggested that some guidelines be written and attached to the page. Noted that the council should be celebrating positive achievements on there.</p>												
630	/23	<p>Village Green: Noted that the power washing of the play area and cutting back of the edge of the grass had not been done. Cllr. Mitchell asked the Clerk to forward emails to him so that he could chase up with the appropriate officer. Noted that local contractor Ian Middleton has a mobile power washer if required. It was noted that the Amenities and Environment Committee had enquired whether Westmorland and Furness Council would be willing to transfer the green into the ownership of the parish.</p>												
631	/23	<p>Payments for authorisation: RESOLVED to authorise the following payments:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Scott Thornley (Clerks Expenses)</td> <td align="right">£60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dent Memorial Hall (Room Hire)</td> <td align="right">£38.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flowbird (Payment Processing)</td> <td align="right">£103.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burton Turf Care (Grasscutting)</td> <td align="right">£2304.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michael Akrigg (Goalpost Stands)</td> <td align="right">£720.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brithish Gas Lite (EV Electricity)</td> <td align="right">£161.47</td> </tr> </table>	Scott Thornley (Clerks Expenses)	£60.00	Dent Memorial Hall (Room Hire)	£38.50	Flowbird (Payment Processing)	£103.73	Burton Turf Care (Grasscutting)	£2304.00	Michael Akrigg (Goalpost Stands)	£720.00	Brithish Gas Lite (EV Electricity)	£161.47
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632	/23	<p>Account Balances: RESOLVED to note the account balances as: Current Account £16,898.59 Deposit Account £14,580.63</p>												
633	/23	<p>Payments made since the last meeting: RESOLVED to note the list of payments made since the last meeting. It was suggested that a Go Fund Me page may be a possibility to raise funds for the fireworks in future years.</p>												
634	/23	<p>Policy and Resources Committee: The minutes of the recent meeting were presented and it was RESOLVED to approve them.</p>												
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637	/23	<p>Exceptional Items: There were no exceptional items to raise.</p>												
638	/23	<p>Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 08 January 2024, in the Sedgwick Room, Dent, to commence at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20.47</p>												

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