



**Minutes of the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting held on
Tuesday 21 November 2023 in the Reading Room, Dent**

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

To be presented at the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting on Monday 19 February 2024

AE165	/23	Apologies for absence: There were no apologies received.	
AE166	/23	Declarations of Interest: There were no interests to declare.	
AE167	/23	Minutes of the last meeting: RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 17 October 2023 as a correct record and a copy was signed by the Chair.	
AE168	/23	Public Forum: No members of the public were present and no items had been received for discussion that were not on the agenda.	
AE169	/23	Memorial Bench Request: A request was received from the daughter of a recently deceased regular visitor and contributor to the Music and Beer Festival, for a memorial bench in memory of her mother, Leanne Jones. It was noted that previous requests had been considered on a case by case basis and that this should be the same. No details as to the location of the bench had been discussed in the request and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should speak with the requester to find out the details.	
AE170	/23	Beech Hill Gardens: A brief had been sent to Ian Kitson after the last meeting but the Clerk had heard nothing back. Clerk to chase up.	
AE171	/23	Verge Maintenance: It was noted that some of the areas of concern had now been attended to but that there were still some areas requiring attention: Peggleside Level Land adjacent to Lucy Elam memorial Land from Well Head back to Dent Dent Foot Mill Nelly Bridge It was noted that most of the vegetation had begun to die back this year but it was RESOLVED that Robert Hodgson should be requested to trim these areas in 2024 after the Highways contractor had been through.	
AE172	/23	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 noted that Barth Bridge remained undamaged after the recent storm, although it was thought that the water did not reach as high as usual.	

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		The hole at Scotchergill had still not been repaired, although it was noted that this was likely to be a culvert repair. The culvert at Millwood was in the schedule for repair and would probably be repaired in the Spring.	
AE173	/23	Footway Lighting: The Clerk had spoken with Ian Hutt that afternoon and had suggested that all the lights needed to be installed ASAP. Ian had been off work due to a bereavement but confirmed that all the necessary parts had been delivered and he would commence work ASAP.	
AE174	/23	Seat outside Reading Room: The Clerk advised that he was still awaiting an agreement from Westmorland and Furness Council. Clerk to chase this up with help from Ian Mitchell if required.	
AE175	/23	The Green: This work was still outstanding. The Clerk had forwarded copies of emails to Ian Mitchell to take up with officers at Westmorland and Furness Council. It was RESOLVED that the council needed to see action here before the New Year otherwise it would need to consider alternative measures.	
AE176	/23	Sun Inn: The results of the survey showed a considerable public desire to keep the Sun Inn open, with a number of people willing to buy shares and volunteer to assist. The Clerk advised that he had spoken again with CALC and that the Parish Council did have the power to purchase the pub using the General Power of Competence. Money could be borrowed from the PWLB. It was RESOLVED that the Working Group should push on with working towards a community purchase.	
AE177	/23	Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be on Monday 19 February 2024 at The Sedgwick Room, Dent. Meeting closed at 20.30	

Action List

Speak with Nina Jones re Memorial Bench	ST
Chase Ian Kitson	ST
Speak with Robert Hodgson re Verge Maintenance	ST
Chase up agreement for seat	ST

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