



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 04 March
2024 at the Sportsmans Inn, Cowgill**

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

Peter Thornton, Westmorland and Furness Council

7 members of the public

Clerk, Scott Thornley

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 07 May 2024

659	/24	<p>Highways: The council received an informative presentation from Cllr. Peter Thornton, Westmorland and Furness Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Assets. Peter gave an overview of the work that the Highways Teams do and explained some of the projects currently ongoing as well as some of the constraints that are placed on the council due to budget issues.</p>
660	/24	<p>Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to accept apologies and record the reason from Cllr. Povey</p>
661	/24	<p>Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED to accept the declaration from Cllr. Mitchell regarding item 11 on the agenda in relation to the Car Park contract.</p>
662	/24	<p>Minutes of the meeting on Monday 08 January 2024: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 08 January 2024 were a correct record and a copy was signed by the Chair.</p>
663	/24	<p>Clerk's Report: The report had been circulated to all councillors and was accepted. It was noted that the clerk had been having further problems contacting Ian Hutt to discuss the installation of the new Footway Lighting but would continue to chase this up. Problems with drainage at the toilets had now reoccurred and the original works would now need to be completed. A meeting with Highways had been held that day and a full breakdown of the discussion would be sent to councillors.</p>
664	/24	<p>Chair and Member Announcements: Cllr. Mitchell noted that he had chased up the works on the Green and the proposal of the Parish Council taking over the area was now with legal. The works will still need to be completed and the Clerk will chase this up with the Locality team.</p>
665	/24	<p>Public Forum: No representations had been received prior to the meeting. The Chair invited two members of the public to raise issues of interest. 1. A member of the public expressed their support for the restoration of the fountain as a public amenity. The Chair noted their interest and confirmed that this was under consideration and an update would be given later in the meeting. 2. A member of the public raised concerns relating to the Council's actions regarding the siting of a caravan at West Clint. Several members of the public were in attendance and aired their views on the matter. The Chair confirmed that several residents had contacted the Council regarding the siting of the caravan, and the Council had passed on those concerns to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority as the relevant planning authority, and that this was the only action the Council had taken on the matter.</p>

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666	/24	<p>Budget Monitoring Report Q3 2023-2024: The Budget Monitoring Report had been circulated previously and it was RESOLVED to approve this. It was noted that future reports should include a year end projection.</p>
667	/24	<p>Memorial bench for Leanne Jones: The recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee to approve the installation of a bench on the car park at the expense of the requesting family who will also take responsibility for its maintenance was considered and it was RESOLVED to approve this request.</p>
668	/24	<p>Noticeboard on Bus Shelter: The council had received numerous complaints regarding the operation of the existing noticeboard and a recommendation had been received from the Policy and Resources Committee to purchase a replacement board. It was RESOLVED to approve this and a new board is to be ordered.</p>
669	/24	<p>Sedgwick Fountain: The Clerk had arranged to have the fountain surveyed and had asked the surveyor to provide two quotations for restoration works (one as a drinking fountain and one as a water feature). The quotes had been received that day and were £10,000 for the drinking fountain and £22,000 for the water feature. This information will now need to go back to the Amenities and Environment Committee for consideration.</p>
670	/24	<p>Payments for authorisation: RESOLVED to authorise the following payments: Scott Thornley (Clerks Expenses) £20.00 Graham Bradley (Works to drains) £1232.15 Flowbird (Payment processing costs) £37.20</p> <p>It was noted that the Clerk should chase up YDNPA regarding contributing to the drainage works and that possibly this should be with Alan Hulme. It was also noted that the Clerk should speak with Flowbird regarding negotiating a fixed cost for processing rather than a cost per transaction.</p>
671	/24	<p>Account Balances: RESOLVED to note the account balances as: Current Account £7,751.44 Deposit Account £15,627.21</p>
672	/24	<p>Payments made since the last meeting: RESOLVED to note the list of payments made since the last meeting.</p>
673	/24	<p>Policy and Resources Committee: The minutes of the recent meeting were presented and it was RESOLVED to approve them.</p>
674	/24	<p>Amenities and Environment Committee: The minutes of the recent meeting were presented and it was RESOLVED to approve them.</p>
675	/24	<p>Planning Committee: The minutes of the recent meeting were presented and it was RESOLVED to approve them.</p>
676	/24	<p>Exceptional Items: There were no exceptional items for discussion.</p>
677	/24	<p>Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 07 May 2024, in the Sedgwick Room, Dent to commence at 7.30pm. Meeting closed at 20.56</p>

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