



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 07 May 2024
at the Sedgwick Room, Dent**

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

2 members of the public

Clerk, Scott Thornley

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 01 July 2024

678	/24	Election of Chair: Cllr. Manners-Armstrong was nominated by Cllr. Richardson and seconded by Cllr. Povey and it was unanimously RESOLVED to elect Cllr. Manners-Armstrong as Chair for 2024-2025.
679	/24	Declaration of Acceptance: Cllr. Manners-Armstrong will sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the next opportunity.
680	/24	Election of Vice-Chair: Cllr. Richardson was nominated by Cllr. Povey and seconded by Cllr. Manners Armstrong and Cllr. Povey was nominated by Cllr. Richardson and seconded by Cllr. Mitchell. A ballot was held and it was RESOLVED by 3 votes to 2 that Cllr. Povey be elected Vice-Chair of the council for 2024-2025.
681	/24	Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to accept apologies and record the reason from Cllrs. Woof and Thornley.
682	/24	Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED to accept the declaration from Cllr. Mitchell regarding item 17 on the agenda in relation to the Car Park contract.
683	/24	Minutes of the meeting on Monday 03 March 2024: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 03 March 2024 were a correct record and a copy was signed by the Chair. It was noted that nothing had been heard from Westmorland and Furness Council in relation to the acquisition of the Green.
684	/24	Clerk's Report: The report had been circulated to all councillors and was accepted. It was suggested that the Clerk should locate the email from Steve Hastie regarding the works to the drains at the toilets and that the Clerk and Chair should arrange to meet with Alan Hulme as soon as possible regarding funding of works on the car park.
685	/24	Chair and Member Announcements: Cllr. Povey gave an update on the Sun Inn Community Pub Group. It was noted that the group had received a lot of help from the Plunkett Foundation and that public pledges will assist the group in its application for grant funding. Cllr. Richardson suggested that a note of thanks be sent to Tony Playfoot for his contributions to the community and Parish Council during his time in the Dale. The Clerk will send a message. It was suggested that they key to the noticeboard in Cowgill should now be left in the phone box at Lea Yeat with a note to local residents to advise that the board is primarily for Parish Council notices. Board to be monitored for inappropriate notices. It was noted that a fence had been put up along the Barbon Road. This is likely to be part of a Countryside Stewardship Scheme. Clerk to write to the relevant parties to register complaint.
686	/24	Public Forum:

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		It was noted that a planning application had been submitted for replacement of 4 windows at the Methodist Chapel School Rom and that an application for solar panels was likely to follow.	
687	/24	Bonfire and Fireworks: A recommendation had been received from the Policy and Resources Committee to continue with the Bonfire and Fireworks. It was RESOLVED that the event will go ahead in 2024.	
688	/24	Annual Governance Statement: The Annual Governance Statement was presented by the Clerk and it was RESOLVED to approve the statement. Cllr. Mitchell noted that the bank reconciliations had not been signed for some time and that this should restart.	
689	/24	Annual Accounting Statement: The Annual Accounting Statement was presented by the Clerk and it was RESOLVED to approve the statement.	
690	/24	Annual Internal Audit Report: The Annual Internal Audit Report had once again been provided by Jean Airey. It noted that the council had followed all recommended guidance and regulations in preparation of its accounts. It was RESOLVED to approve the report.	
691	/24	The Sun Inn: The council had been asked to consider registering the Sun Inn as an Asset of Community Value. It was RESOLVED to do this and the Clerk will make the approach to Westmorland and Furness Council.	
692	/24	Payments for authorisation: RESOLVED to authorise the following payments: Scott Thornley (Clerks Expenses) £28.99 The Fountain Company (Survey) £720.00	
693	/24	Account Balances: RESOLVED to note the account balances as: Current Account £30,515.41 Deposit Account £15,662.80	
694	/24	Payments made since the last meeting: RESOLVED to note the list of payments made since the last meeting.	
695	/24	Policy and Resources Committee: The minutes of the recent meeting were presented and it was RESOLVED to approve them. It was suggested that Cllr. Mitchell will clean the Fountain.	
696	/24	Amenities and Environment Committee: The minutes of the recent meeting were presented and it was RESOLVED to approve them. The Clerk was asked to chase up a meeting with Ian Kitson regarding the Beech Hill improvements.	
697	/24	Planning Committee: The minutes of the recent meeting were presented and it was RESOLVED to approve them.	
698	/24	Exceptional Items: There were no exceptional items for discussion.	
699	/24	Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 01 July 2024, in the Sedgwick Room, Dent to commence at 7.30pm. Meeting closed at 20.20	

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