

ALLITHWAITE AND CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ALLITHWAITE AND CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ALLITHWAITE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER at 3.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Donally (Chair); Dean, Huggett, Pendlebury and Sim. The Parish Clerk Christine Downey. One member of the public.

- 126 **Apologies** from members unable to attend:-
- 126.1 To note apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.
Cllrs Johnson, Lamb and Lewis. Cllr Endsor. Prospective councillor Barrett.
- 126.2 To consider acceptance of reasons for absence – if consideration of reason requested. **None.**
- 127 **Declaration of interest:-**
- 127.1 To note declarations of interest not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Discretionary Pecuniary Interests. **None.**
- 127.2 To approve dispensation requests – if dispensation request received. **None.**
- 128 **Public Participation:**
- 128.1 **To receive comments & Concerns:** To hear matters raised by members of the public or Cllrs with an interest (that are allowed to speak) either on agenda items or for future consideration. (NB: for non-agenda items Members of the Council are not permitted to respond, except to ask questions for the purpose of clarification: A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes)
None.
- 128.2 **Unity Council update:- No report received.**
- 129 **Filing council vacancies:-**
- 129.1 To consider written applications for the office of parish councillor and to fill vacant seat by co-option. (Paper 2023/35)
RESOLVED: That John Barrett is co-opted onto the Council.
- 129.2 Council to consider what action to take to fill any remaining council vacancies.
RESOLVED: Cllr Sim will prepare and distribute a poster advertising the current vacancies.

Cllr Huggett joined the meeting at this point and apologised for being late.

- 130 To **Confirm the Minutes** of the previous meeting on 14th September 2023. (Paper 2023/36)
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of 14th September 2023 are agreed and signed.
- 131 To receive the **Clerks Report** (for information only). (Paper 2023/37)
Received.
- 132 **Fish Slabs and Pinnacle Project** and celebrations:
To receive an update on the Fish Slabs and Pinnacle Project and funding. **Received.**

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RESOLVED: That the recommended statement is approved and will be uploaded to the website.

RESOLVED: Councillors who receive any further complaints to direct people to the statement on the website.

133 To consider matters regarding **The Cottage** and agree a way forward:-

It was reported that Elite Windows have been informed about a crack in the front door and Cllr Donally has arranged from them to come and look at it.

133.1 To consider separating the title into four parts, namely Cottage, Allotment, Playground and Orchard.

It was reported that in order to avoid a lengthy delay (due to a backlog of work at the Land Registry) that the quickest way of accomplishing any division would be to leave the Cottage on the original title, and to effect back to back transfers of the Allotment, Playground and Orchard, firstly into the clerk's name for £1, and then back to the Parish Council. The fees are expected to be approximately £1,500 plus vat, and Land Registry fees of up to £500.

RESOLVED: To separate the title into four parts.

RESOLVED: To retain the full Title with the Cottage.

RESOLVED: To transfer the three non-cottage Titles for £1 each to the Clerk with a back to back simultaneous transfer to the Council.

133.2 To consider a quote for a land survey to facilitate the division of the title into four parts. (Paper 2023/38)

RESOLVED: To proceed with the land survey as per the quote of £400 from Spatial Data Limited.

133.3 To consider quotes for resolving the title issues, if any.

Dealt with under 133.1 above.

133.4 To agree the instructions to be given to the Council's Solicitor.

RESOLVED: Cllr Dean to instruct the solicitors to proceed as resolved at item 133.1.

134 To receive an update from the **Cartmel Riverside Toilet Working Group** and agree a way forward.

Received.

In addition, it was reported that Cllr Dean has contacted Cllrs Boak and Endor regarding the possible surrender of the lease and is waiting for a reply.

135 **Highway Matters:-**

135.1 To consider a proposal for adoption of 20 mph speed limit, for submission to Westmorland and Furness Council. (Paper 2023/39)

RESOLVED: Cllrs Donally and Pendlebury will merge the proposals for Allithwaite and for Cartmel into one document and forward it to the clerk for submission to Westmorland and Furness Council for consideration.

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135.2 To consider the position regarding Speed Indicator Devices (SID) and to agree a way forward.

RESOLVED: Carry forward to the next agenda.

135.3 To consider and note Highway Matters for information. (Councillors can comment on any minor highway issues currently causing concern).

- Road closure notice to be noted.
- Cllr Dean has arranged a meeting with a Highways Officer regarding the condition of footpaths. It will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- Consideration should also be given to the condition of the footpath at Aynsome Road. Cllr Dean will include this matter in his meeting with the highways officer.

See also item 140.

136 To consider the following **planning applications**:-

136.1 TR/2023/0130. Easedale, Aynsome Road, Cartmel, LA11 6PR. T1 – Maple Tree – Fell. Tree in conservation area.

RESOLVED: No objections.

137 **Finance**:-

137.1 To agree the Accounts for Payment. (Papers 2023/40 and 2023/41)

C Downey	Clerk salary October	901.50
HMRC PAYE	Tax and NIC	157.93
Cumbria Waste Recycling	Waste collection	29.16
Reimbursed to Cllr Sim	Orchard Expenses	50.00
Waterplus	Water bill toilets	16.03
South Lakeland Orchard Group	Annual subscription	30.00
Dean Shaw	Grass cutting	880.00
Grange Now	Newsletter	369.88
IH Media	Extra email storage	27.50
CALC	Staff training	30.00
Moore	Audit fee	504.00
John Coward	<u>Architects' fees</u>	598.80
Cartmel Village Society	Community award	500.00
Dobsons	File storage	42.00
Arien Signs and Graphics	Information Board	1,482.00
Npower	Electricity bill toilets	34.30
TOTAL		5,653.10

RESOLVED: That the payments are approved.

RESOLVED: That the payments will be authorised by Cllrs Huggett and Lamb.

137.2 To receive an update regarding quote for providing councillors with professional equipment, for consideration at Precept.

RESOLVED: Carry forward to the next agenda.

138 **The Quarry**:-

138.1 To consider the position regarding the Grantscape grant and to agree a way forward. (Papers 2023/42 and 43)

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138.2 **RESOLVED: Clerk to request an extension to the funding from Grantscape.**
To receive an update regarding the Quarry and to agree a way forward.
Received.

139 **Orchard and Meadow:** to review the updated orchard and meadow contract. (Paper 2023/44)

RESOLVED: Updated orchard and meadow contract reviewed and agreed.

140 To consider the draft **Statement of Licensing and Gambling Policy** from Westmorland and Furness Council and agree a response. (Closing date 31/12/23). (Paper 2023/45)

A number of concerns were expressed regarding the draft policy, in particular regarding the regulation of music. There was a discussion of the issues and the main points were:-

- There is already a problem with amplified sound outside.
- The volume needs to be controlled.
- Who maintains/polices the policy, and how?
- How does the draft statement differ from the current policy? What would actually change?
- A “one size fits all” policy across the county does not work. What is suitable in towns may not be suitable in small villages.

RESOLVED: Clerk to download the actual draft Statement of Licensing and Gambling Policy and circulate it to all councillors.

RESOLVED: With a view to submitting a robust response to the draft policy all councillors will review the draft policy, give it some serious thought, and forwarded their thoughts and ideas to the clerk.

RESOLVED: The clerk will collate all thoughts and ideas on the subject that are forwarded to her.

RESOLVED: Following the offer by Jonatham Brook (Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council) to attend a PC meeting if there was anything the PC would like to discuss with him, the Clerk to invite Cllr Brook to attend the next PC meeting in order to discuss the concerns regarding the draft Statement of Licensing and Gambling Policy.

RESOLVED: To extend the invitation to another senior decision maker, in the event of Cllr Brook not being available on the date of the next PC meeting.

RESOLVED: To include the following items for discussion with Cllr Brook, or another senior decision maker:-

- **The draft Statement of Licensing and Gambling Policy, as resolved above.**
- **Traffic parking manger.**
- **Condition of footpaths.** (Item 135.3 refers)
- **When are the rest of the roads to be resurfaced in Allithwaite and Cartmel.**

141 To consider the following correspondence an to agree a way forward and/or a response:-

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141.1 Footpath from Cartmel to Grange-over-Sands. (Paper 2023/46)
RESOLVED: That this will now be the responsibility of Westmorland and Furness Council.

141.2 Grass at junction of Kirkhead Road and Allithwaite Road. (Paper 2023/47)
It was reported that the grass has been cut by the lengthsman.

142 To receive reports from councillors who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only) – if any.
None.

143 Minor items for information only, and items for next agenda.
Minor items:-

- The allotment holders need a letter from the clerk reminding them of their responsibility under their lease to keep the allotments tidy please.
- The booking of Cartmel Village Hall on Tuesday 21st November 2023 for the initial consultation regarding the changes to parking restrictions has NOT been confirmed. The clerk needs to obtain a number of suitable alternative dates from James Thomson (Member of the Traffic Management Team. Westmorland and Furness Council) for consideration.

Next Agenda:-

- To consider the position regarding Speed Indicator Devices (SID) and to agree a way forward.
- To receive an update regarding quote for providing councillors with professional equipment, for consideration at Precept.
- Report from Cllr Dean's meeting with a Highways Officer regarding the condition of footpaths.
- Tithe Barn on Priest Lane. Public footpath to Parsons Well, but now has a gate in the wall.
- There is road closure on Hags Lane next week for resurfacing. Which raised the question of when will the rest of the roads in Allithwaite and Cartmel be resurfaced? Patching isn't adequate. Add to the question for Cllr Brook, or the senior decision maker, at the next PC meeting.

144 Date of next meeting: **09/11/2023 at Allithwaite Community Centre. 3.30 pm.**

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 16.32 pm.