

Minutes of a meeting of Cartmel Fell Parish Council held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Alan Telford (Chairman), Chris Cannon, Matt Martin, Helen Smith and Mike Smith, Westmorland & Furness Councillors Peter Endors and Sue Sanderson, LDNPA Planning Officer Neil Henerson, Councillor Mark Kidd (Planning Committee member and Chairman of Staveley with Ings Parish Council) one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

**23/36 Public participation:** None.

**23/37 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**23/38 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

**23/39 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**23/40 Planning**

Planning Officer Neil Henderson and Councillor Mark Kidd (Planning Committee member and Chairman of Staveley with Ings Parish Council) had been invited to attend, in order to discuss Parish Councillor's concerns regarding planning.

A number of questions had been submitted by Councillors prior to the meeting and these led to an interesting and informative discussion regarding planning policies and decisions. Planning Officers are always happy to receive comments and questions from Parish Councils.

**23/41 Finance:**

a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

T Flitcroft	£90.00	Payroll administration – annual payment
Matthew Martin	£14.15	Reimbursement for travel to 'Action for Clean Water in Windermere' at Ambleside. meeting
Royal British Legion	£50.00	Remembrance wreath
K M Price	£96.70	Back Pay to 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023 (Pay Award)
K M Price	£129.57	Quarterly expenses to 30 <sup>th</sup> September, Including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

- c. The Budget Report was considered and it was resolved to make a Precept upon Westmorland & Furness Council for the financial year 2024-25 in the sum of £6,307. There is therefore no change in the parish element of the Council Tax.
- d. The Pay Award for Clerks, notified via CALC/NALC was approved. The effectively amounts to an increase of £1 per hour across all salary points. The Clerk here is employed for 18.25 hours monthly on salary point 20.
- e. An application for funding was received from the Great North Air Ambulance and it was resolved to make a grant of £500.
- f. An application for funding had been received from Crosthwaite C of E School and it was resolved to make a grant of £1,000.

### **23/42 Reports:**

Councillors Endsor and Sanderson both spoke briefly and commented that it is taking much longer than anticipated for the new Westmorland & Furness Council to settle down; however, there have been significant achievements thus far.

### **23/43 Planning:**

*The following application was considered and there were no objections.*

7/2023/5686 Fell End, Ghyll Head, Windermere. Extension and alterations to the roof and elevations of the house and the conversion of part of the garage to an office/studio.

### **23/44 Grit bins and Grit piles:**

This is ongoing and the number of grit bins required is being assessed. Councillor Martin is liaising with Councillor Sanderson on this.

### **23/45 Highways:**

- a. The Clerk will report the broken boundary stone at Countysmeet.
- b. The reply received from Westmorland & Furness Council regarding the retaining wall between Hartbarrow Junction and Summer Hill (minute 23/29 refers) appeared to be dismissive and did not address the Council's concerns. It was resolved that the Clerk will write again.

### **23/46 A592 road:**

- a. Councillor Cannon reported overhanging trees at various locations and was disappointed that there had been no contact from Westmorland & Furness Council since the meeting held to discuss these. Councillor Sanderson agreed to follow up the concerns on the A592 road at Avonwood.
- b. Councillor Sanderson agreed to ask why the potholes 'sprayed' prior to the last meeting had still not been repaired.

**23/47 Agenda items for the next meeting:**

- a. To consider making a grant to the Cartmel Fell Parish Hall.
- b. To consider making a grant to the North West Air Ambulance.

*(Any other agenda items may be sent to the Clerk no later than 14 days prior to the next meeting)*

**23/48 Date and place of the next meeting:**

***Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre.***

*The meeting closed at 9.15pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*