

Minutes of a meeting of Cartmel Fell Parish Council held at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre on Thursday 7th November 2024 at 7.30pm

Present were Councillors Helen Smith (Chairman), Chris Cannon, Matthew Martin, Mike Smith and Alan Telford, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Jenny Boak, and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

24/31 Public participation: None.

24/32 Requests for Dispensations: None.

24/33 Declarations of Interest:

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

24/34 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2024, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/35 Reports:

Councillor Boak reported on a number of matters, including the forthcoming planning application in respect of the Beech Hill Hotel. Once the application is received by this Council, the planning group will consider it.

A consultation on waste services is being conducted and the Council is encouraged to take part in this and to encourage the involvement of as many individuals and parish households as possible.

She said that the new Ward Councillor, Tim Bloomer, could not attend this evening and Councillor Andy Hull would represent Westmorland & Furness Council at future Parish Council meetings..

24/36 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

RBL Backbarrow Branch		
	£50.,00	Remembrance wreath and donation
T Flitcroft	£90.00	Payroll administration
K M Price	£127.23	Quarterly expenses to 30 th September, including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

- c. The Budget Report was presented by the Clerk and it was resolved to make a Precept upon Westmorland & Furness Council for the financial year 2025-26 in the sum of £12,000. It was felt that the Council should be able to be more active in the parish, especially as regards highways and maintenance, and the Parish Hall which is the only asset of the parish and that a higher precept will support the Parish Council in this regard.
- d. The details of the National Pay Award received from NALC and CALC were noted and it was agreed to adopt this. (The Clerk is currently employed at Point 20 on the salary scale, for 18.25 hours per month).
- e. It was felt that the draft Risk Assessment that had been circulated was too 'heavy' for such a small Council. Councillor Martin will produce a simpler template in the time for the next meeting.

24/37 Highways:

Councillor Martin said that he continues to monitor potholes and highway issues. He has spoken to Dan Chalmers about road sweeping, which is needed; and further grit bins and these discussions continue.

24/38 Planning hotspots and planning communications:

Westmorland & Furness Council's Enforcement is very much behind and so some of the Council's enquiries have not yet been assessed.

The Parish Council is deeply concerned as several planning communications and notification of Appeals have never been received. The Clerk has taken this up with LDNP but has not received a satisfactory answer yet. Councillor Boak said she would look into this.

Councillors Cannon and Martin will be attending the LDNP meeting at Coniston on 3rd December.

Peter Cook is resigning as Parish Council Representative on 'Love Windermere' at their next board meeting on 14th November. Councillor Martin will draft a letter of thanks to Peter for his representing the interests of our Parish Council and will ask 'Love Windermere' how they plan to ensure that local representation is maintained given the departure of Peter.

24/39 Planning:

None, but an application that arrived too late for inclusion on the agenda will be considered by the planning group.

24/40 Date and place of the next meeting:

**Provisionally Wednesday 19th February 2025 at the earlier time of 7pm, at
Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre.**

(to be confirmed in due course, by email)

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed:

Dated: