

Minutes of a meeting of Cartmel Fell Parish Council held at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre on Thursday 22nd February 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Alan Telford (Chairman), Chris Cannon, Matthew Martin, Helen Smith and Mike Smith, and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

24/1 Public participation: None.

24/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

24/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

24/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/5 Finance:

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

HMRC	£443.91	PAYE
Crosthwaite CE Primary School	£1,000.00	Grant
Great North Air Ambulance	£500.00	Grant
North West Air Ambulance	£500.00	Grant
Cartmel Fell Community Trust	£500.00	Grant to Parish Hall
Crosthwaite PCC	£17.00	Parish Magazine subscription
K M Price	£120.93	

Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

24/6 Lanes, Verges and Grit Bins / Grit Piles (follow up):

This was an opportunity for the Council to formally discuss a letter received from Frank Mills (circulated) regarding recent problems caused by snow and ice, when the roads in the parish are not being cleared.

Whilst the Parish Council could pay for some road clearing, it can only be carried out by contractors registered with Westmorland & Furness Council. Similar problems were discussed at the last meeting when the Council had been informed that, should trees etc block the road, it is not permissible for the Council to arrange for the blockage to be cleared.

Councillor Martin reported that the grit piles had been topped up, for the first time in three years and regularly replenished. Further grit bins are required, however.

It is felt that an official 'strategy for small communities' is needed to address some of these problems and this will be followed up with Westmorland & Furness Council.. In the meantime this Council must continue to report problems on each occasion and keep on doing so until some action is taken.

24/7 Reports: None..

24/8 Planning:

There were no planning applications to consider but the opportunity was taken for Councillors to reflect on the visit from Planning Officers at the last meeting.

The visit of a Planning Officer and a member of the Planning Committee at this meeting was much appreciated. However, concern was expressed that planning applications are being granted contrary to what was said.

Councillors will keep a close eye on applications and decisions and will ensure that all applications are responded to by this Parish Council.

24/9 Parish Council Elections 2024:

The Clerk outlined the Election procedures. The date is Thursday 2nd May, if the Election is contested. Publicity will be available during March and the deadline for nominations is likely to be early April. The Clerk will send all Councillors an Election pack, once these are received, unless advised to the contrary. Nominees should contact the Clerk or Westmorland & Furness Council Elections Team, if there are any questions or to obtain the relevant numbers for Proposer and Seconder.

24/10 Date and place of the next meeting:

Wednesday 29th May 2024 at 7pm
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting.)

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed:

Dated: