

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Cartmel Fell Parish Council held at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre on Wednesday 29th May 2024 at 7.10pm.

Present were Councillors Alan Telford (Chairman), Chris Cannon, Matthew Martin, Helen Smith and Mike Smith, one resident and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Sue Sanderson.

As this was the first meeting of the 'new' Council, all Councillors signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form before taking their seats.

24/11 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Helen Smith was elected Chairman for 2024-25. She then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The thanks of the Council are expressed to Councillor Alan Telford for his long term of office as Chairman.

24/12 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

Councillor Alan Telford was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2024-25.

24/13 Election of Officers:

All the Officers were re-elected en bloc:

- a. Footpath Group – Councillor Helen Smith
- b. Parish Hall Representative – Councillor Mike Smith
- c. CALC Representative – Councillor Matthew Martin
- d. Highwayman – Councillor Matthew Martin
- e. Cartmel Fell Educational Foundation – no nomination required this year.

24/15 Declarations of Interest:

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

24/16 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/17 Finance:

- a. The Interim Accounts for 2023-24 were noted.
- b. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

Cartmel Fell Community Trust

£500.00

Grant for the Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell.

CALC	£166.45	Annual subscription
Zurich Municipal K M Price	£178.56	Annual premium
	£134.31	Quarterly expenses to 31st March, including use of home office and travel

- c. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign to sign the Declaration of Exemption, the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements. The Clerk supplied copies for each Councillor and explained the importance of each document.

24/18 Planning:

- a. *The following application was considered:*

7/2024/5194 Croft Cottage, Newby Bridge Road, Windermere, External site works carried out within the curtilage of Countysmeet and Croft Cottage comprising: - Adjustments to existing driveway to Countysmeet - Extension to said driveway to form vehicular access to Croft Cottage - Introduction of two electric gates - Erection of stone faced boundary wall to driveway - Temporary access track for construction vehicles to rear of Croft Cottage - Existing patio within rear curtilage of Croft Cottage extended and raised (Retrospective).

Refusal is recommended. Councillor Martin will draft an appropriate response for the Clerk to submit.

- b. A general discussion took place on the Appeal process for the recent Rosthwaite Farm application. Councillor Martin had been in touch with W&F Council and with the Planning Inspectorate. The Council is very concerned that the comments submitted and acknowledged have not yet appeared with other documents now in the public domain. Further investigation is ongoing.

The Appeal is due to be heard on 11th June at 1100 at The Belsfield Hotel in Bowness.

- c. Wings Over Windermere. This document had been circulated. Comments are required by 10th June and should be submitted to the Clerk before that date.
- d. Other planning issues were briefly considered but no proposals were made.

24/19 Date and place of the next meeting:

Wednesday 28th August 2024 at 7.30pm at the Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed:

Dated: