

Cummersdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Cummersdale Parish Council Meeting held on Monday
19th April 2021 . In a virtual meeting room commencing at 7.00

(This meeting was a virtual meeting and therefore did not take place at a physical location following guidelines set out in Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020.)

PRESENT:
Councillor Keith McIntosh – Chairman

Councillors
Cllr P Nicholson

Cllr D Lowe **Cllr T Allison**
Cllr B Craig **Cllr K Nesworthy**
Also present, District Cllr Bainbridge

84/20 Apologies

Resolved to receive and accept apologies from District Cllrs Bainbridge, McKerrell & Collier and Parish Cllrs, Harrison, Brown & Kerr.

84/20 Declarations of Interest

None were declared

85/20 Requests for Dispensation

None were requested.

86/20 Public Participation

a. Residents

No residents were present.

b. Police –Newsletter previously circulated

c. Councillor Reports.

~Cllr Allison reported another incident of a HGV turning onto Cummersdale Road. Cllr Allison offered to install a new directional sign for Dalston Road.

Potholes to be reported on Peter lane and the CNDR, especially at the roundabouts to Cumbria CC.

~Cllr Bainbridge – Borderland meeting, Cllr Allison to circulate the minutes.

87/20 Minutes of the Meetings.

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting of 1st March 2021.

88/20 Bank Reconciliation

(i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to March 31st 2021

Deposit Account - £28,720.67

Community Account £1,735.48

Total **£30,456.34**

(inc outstanding payments and banking)

(ii) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign the Councils bank statements.

(ii) Noted receipt of £587.46 HMRC VAT refund.

89/20 Payment of Accounts

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts dated 19th April 2021 .

VIN 01	S Tarrant	£146.06	Payroll
VIN 02	HMRC	£36.40	PAYE
VIN 03	George Douglas	£345.60	Hedge cutting
VIN 04	DM Payroll service	£120.00	Payroll admin
VIN 05	CALC	£ 270.93	Subscription

Total £918.99

(iii) Village hall grant (Min39/20) To authorise the grant of £530. (£435 grant awarded from CPCA towards the work)

90/20 Village Matters & Rights of Way

Members reported on matters of relevance to the village and to report issues.

- (i) Cumbria in Bloom 2021- **Resolved** to circulate a flyer or post Cummersdale Crack to ask for village applications. The Allotments & Copse would be entering possibly the Crescent, **Resolved** to pay all entry fees on behalf of entrants.
- (ii) Noted the Parish Council has undertaken work to cut the hedge from the school to the river. This was organised with Carlisle City Council & Cumbria County Council. The footpath was almost impassable. Issues raised with safety, along the footpath- rotten overhanging branch held up with ivy.
- (iii) Noted that the village playground had been refurbished by Carlisle City Council

91/20 Consultations

(i) <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposals-for-locally-led-reorganisation-of-local-government-in-cumbria-north-yorkshire-and-somerset>

Resolved to support a single Unitary Authority.

Members also commented ;

- a. Concerns regarding how the members will serve and appointed on the Area Boards, this has not been reflected in the proposal documents.
- b. More clarity required on the Area Boards and would they just replicate the current tier system.
- c. Support in many Authorities for an Elected Mayor, would this be included?
- d. Noted that the urban areas of Carlisle and Barrow may be Parished.

(ii) <http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-authority-remote-meetings-call-for-evidence>

Members had no preference but understand the need to return to face to face meetings.

92/20 Internal Auditor

(i) **Resolved** to appoint Mr D Johnson as the Internal Auditor for the Parish Council for a period of three years.

(ii) Noted an increase in his fees to £30.00 per hour, this includes inspection, travel and report production.

93/20. External Auditor

Resolved to undertake a Limited Assurance External Audit for transparency. (Noted the Council is exempt as the income and expenditure does not exceed £25,000.)

94/20 Face to Face meetings

COVID 19 emergency legislation has not been extended.

- (i) Noted face to face meetings, will recommence on 17th May 2021.
- (ii) **Resolved** to hold the next meeting face to face on Monday 7th June 2021 at the Wetheral Village Community Hall. (Due to Cummersdale Village hall not being COVID safe currently

- (iii) No requirement to delegate responsibility to the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman as face to face meetings will proceed.

Cllr Matters

*-Footpath behind Pirelli is in a bad state when it rains, impassable to report to the County Council
Copse interpretation panel frame repaired by a resident, donation of £10 was given by Cllr Nicholson.
Clerk to check on the tenancy for the Copse as this is currently held with the City Council, does this
automatically transfer to the County Council if it becomes one Unitary Authority.*

Vandalism at the allotments, potential for CCTV or motion camera system- to be considered at the next meeting.

Request for litter pickers

Trees along Cummersdale Road overgrowing the road, Garthside Grounds Maintenance to inspect.

Next meeting

May 4th 2021 Annual Meeting with Electors, followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Council. (Due to Bank holiday Monday)