

Cummersdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Cummersdale Parish Council Meeting held on Monday
7th February 2022 at 7.15pm in Cummersdale Village Hall.

PRESENT:
Councillor Keith McIntosh – Chairman

Cllr D Lowe	Cllr W Kerr	Councillors
Cllr B Craig	Cllr T Brown	Cllr D Harrison
		Cllr J Nesworthy

Also present – District Cllr McKerrell

64/21 Apologies

Resolved to receive and accept apologies from District Cllrs Collier & Bainbridge and Parish Councillor Allison.

65/21 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st November 2021

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1st November 2021.
- (ii) Noted that the last meeting of the Parish Council scheduled for January 10th, 2022, was cancelled due to the Clerk contracting COVID and therefore could not attend.

66/21 Request for Dispensation

- (i) **Resolved**, none received.

67/21 Declarations of Interest

- (i) **Resolved** no declaration of interest were made.

68/21 Public Participation

- a. Residents – A resident of the village addressed members as the spokesperson for other bus using residents of Cummersdale. The Parish Council has had notification from Reays of changes to the bus timetable for the 74/75 bus route. The resident mentioned that there were currently few buses running at inconvenient return time and the cost was £11.50 return for a non-concession ticket. There are also children travelling on the 8.10 bus to Caldew School which will no longer run. The use of the recent statistics is not acceptable as there has been a pandemic for the last two years with many working from home therefore not using the bus service. The service offered is not proportionate to that in the City Centre, the resident requested that the Parish Council made representation to the County Council.
 - (i) **Resolved** to alter the items of business to allow 12 (i) to be considered. (Standing order 10 x)
 - (ii) **Resolved** to raise the concerns to Mark Hodgkiss , County Council bus officer, stating that the service is inadequate and the statistics are inaccurate due to their timing with the request to review the situation. In addition to write to John Stevenson (MP) for his assistance. *
- b. Police To follow.
- c. Councillor Reports
Cllr McKerrell- note that extra funding is available for jubilee projects and events. Requests to be made

69/21. Bank Reconciliation

(i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 25th January 2022.

HSBC

Community Account £6195.09

Deposit Account - £24882.99

Total £31078.08 (inc outstanding payments and banking)

Bank balance from 1st February 2022, anticipated

Unity Trust Bank

Instant access account £24,000

Current account £6,000

Total £30,000

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

(iii) Noted the new bank account has been opened, cheque payments have been made to transfer funds. On confirmation the HSBC bank accounts will be cleared of funds & closed.

70/21 Payment of Accounts

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts dated 10th January 2022

VIN 36 S Tarrant £146.06 Payroll Dec

VIN 37 HMRC £36.40 PAYE Dec

VIN 38 Garthside £1200.00 Grass cutting

VIN 39 S Tarrant £146.06 Payroll Jan

VIN 40 HMRC £36.40 PAYE Jan

VIN 41 Glasdon £85.55 Poo bags for village bins

TOTAL £1650.47

(ii) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts dated 7th February 2022

VIN 42 S Tarrant £146.06 Payroll Feb

VIN 43 HMRC £36.40 PAYE Feb

Vin 44 HSBC £8.00 new charges

VIN 45 HSBC £9.00 new charges

TOTAL £199.46

(iii) Noted Cllr Harrison requested a bag of dog poo liners for Newby West.

71/21 Planning Applications to be considered

(i) App 21/1145 Land off Orton Road

Erection of show home signage.

Resolved no observations (members previously emailed the Clerk due to time constraints with no observations, this was submitted to the planning authority)

72/21 Village & Rights of Way Matters

Members reported on matters of relevance to the village .

(i) The Copse – work has commenced, the scrub grass has been cut and a number of trees have died- to be removed and tree pruning required. Work will commence shortly by cutting back the trees opening the entrance on Dalston road. The mulch and chippings will be used to create a path way around the Copse. It was suggested that a group of volunteers with an interest could take over the management of the Copse. Cllr Nesworthy to investigate and report back.

(ii) Grass cutting- Noted that the grass cutting contract will be issued to prospective contractors in February, the Clerk apologised for the delay.

(iii) Notice board at Glaramara Drive has been approved by the planning authority. **Resolved** to order a notice board, this could have reference to QEII platinum jubilee.

(iv) Traffic count, as previously considered, Noted the traffic monitoring has been arranged by Cllr Allison for the Orton Road development. **Resolved** to accept the cost of £210 plus £60 for the licence.

(v) Noted the Clerk is liaising with the City Council regarding the extension to the parking area at the Crescent as requested by residents.

(vi) Fairy Beck access. Cllr Allison was unable to attend the meeting, to be deferred to the next meeting for the report.

73/21 Jubilee 70 Celebrations

(i) The Chairman issued some suggestion for events and activities; the Council would facilitate but not organise the events. These were briefly discussed. **Resolved** to arrange a meeting with key people from the settlements including Newby west, Amber Wood Clover fields, The Spinners Arms, School, Oval & Crescent; Clerk to send an invite.

(ii) Jubilee beacon- **Resolved** not to purchase a beacon due to the high cost and limited use.

(iii) Queens Canopy, **Resolved** to proceed with tree planting in the Copse(Plan required) and also there has been a request from the Crescent for additional trees. (Further investigation required) Cllr Lowe offered to donate a number of New Forests Oaks for the project.

(iv) Other suggestions;

- a. Memorial garden next to the village hall, contact to be made with owners to ask to either purchase the land or to have a long-term lease.
- b. Village hall events/bookings, resident Maria Tully? is assisting the committee by producing a flyer and social media interest in the hall and potential for the jubilee events. Liaising with Cllr Lowe.
- c. Meeting arranged for 28th February at 7.00pm in the village hall. Cllr Lowe offered to provide wine and Cllr Brown, samples of the new "Carlisle Gin". This was hoped to encourage attendance.

74/21 Personnel Matter

- (i) **Resolved** to receive and accept the resignation of the Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer with effect from 30th April 2022. (Following the internal and external audit of the accounts)
- (ii) **Resolved** to advertise the position via CALC initially, then review.
- (iii) **Resolved** to advertise a generic pay scale based on the NJC pay awards.

75/21 Correspondence

Resolved to receive and note schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting and not on the agenda.

- (i) Reay's reduction in bus service.

Councillor Matters*

None raised.

Next meeting 7th March 2022.

- Following the meeting a request was received from Wetheral Parish Council & Dalston Parish Council to work together on the bus service matter. Cllr Allison is arranging for a survey to be distributed to Dalston & Cummersdale Parish asking for the views of residents.