

Cummersdale Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 6th January 2023 the Cummersdale Village Hall at 7.15pm.

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7.15pm

Present:

Councillor Keith McIntosh (Chairman), Tom Brown, Trevor Allison, Warren Kerr, Dave Harrison, Keith Nesworthy

Also present: Diane Chicken, Mr & Mrs Shield

Cllr McIntosh welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained order of meeting

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Apologies

Apologies were received and authorised for Cllrs Bryan Craig, David Lowe

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th January 2023

It was resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th January 2023.

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Request for Dispensation

No requests were received

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Declarations of Interest

None declared

Cllr McIntosh proposed & it was agreed to move item 7 (117/22) up to discuss bench.

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Consideration of Memorial Bench for Ryan Shield

Mr & Mrs Shield explained reasons for memorial bench for Ryan, agreed location of the copse, suggested by Parish Council (previous email sent) and pointed out the location on map, sharing pictures & suggesting a recycled plastic picnic table, being inclusive, with wheelchair access. Mr & Mrs Shield are happy to pay for the bench and would appreciate the Parish Council to consider providing some funding for the purchase of the bench.

The cost of the bench is approx. £1005

They would be purchasing a memorial plaque & assist with instillation.

Cllr Macintosh enquired if there was a fund: just giving page *Ryan Shield Memorial Fundraising Fund* started by Ryan raised £5000, current balance £21,115.

Mr & Mrs Shield also enquired if it would be possible to plant a tree, in addition to the Cherry Tree already planted next to the bench - Cllr Macintosh, requested that they provide a plan.

CCClr Bainbridge joined the meeting

Mr & Mrs Shield left the meeting

A unanimous vote was resolved for the Parish Council to make a donation and pay for the cost of the bench.

Cllr McIntosh (Proposed), seconded by Cllr Brown that the Parish Council purchase the bench estimated at £1005

It was resolve to activate on the next agenda.

Clerk to inform Mr & Mrs Shield of the Parish Council's decision & inclusion of the purchase of the seat at the next agenda.

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Vacancy of Councillor & Authorisation for Co-opting a Councillor

Cllr McIntosh had invited Diane Chicken, proposing Diane Chicken as a Co-opted Councillor which was seconded by Cllr Nesworthy.

All Cllrs were in favour

Clerk gave paperwork for Diane Chicken to complete

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Public Participation

- a. Residents. Two members present - see 117/22
- b. Police No information on relevant matters, of local concern.
- c. Councillor Reports

- Cllr Trevor Allison: update re. planning application of 700 houses on Dalston Road deferred, possible issue raised re. access and implications of traffic flow.
Site traffic possible from Peter Lane - Cllr Allison to follow it up, request where it will be located.

- Roll on roll off skip was still there over the weekend and the owner was actively sourcing an alternative place for it.

- Cllr Bainbridge: update re. 8 months ago Garden Village Gleason application: issue neutrality, more information may come forward within the next few months Planning Officer, Stephen Daniel has appointed a planning agent.

- Cllr Bainbridge also thanked the Parish Council for the notice board at Garden Village

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Bank Reconciliation

Bank balances were received and noted up the to 31st January 2023

Unity Trust Statement 31.10.2022

(i) Current	15,654.53	
(ii) Deposit	11,00.51	Incl. Credit
Total	£26,655.04	(incl. outstanding payments & banking)

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Payment of Accounts

Payment of the accounts were authorised up to 5th November 2022

69	M Russell	Pay	127.56
70	M Russell	Postage	2.35
		Total	127.56

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Vacancy of Clerk & RFO

Cllr McIntosh had contacted Sue Tarrant to enquire if she would cover role as a stand-in Clerk until appointment of new clerk was made. Current clerk to liaise with Sue to arrange hand-over.

Clerk informed Parish Council that she would remain on the original hours and rate of pay, as Cllr McIntosh raised concerns re. Affordability.

Consideration was given to the following recommendations:

Clerk shared NALC 22-23 National Salary Scales, which should be considered when appointing new clerk. Clerk also recommended that an increase of hours would enable the new clerk to have adequate time to allocate to the role of Clerk & RFO. Budget was shared which assured Councillors that the consideration of a higher rate of pay and increased hours.

Office equipment: the laptop (only piece of equipment provided to clerk) has always been very sluggish & slow. Recommendation that it be reset of a replacement to be bought. Provision of printer, scanner, shredder etc would be required

Website: Councillors to familiarise themselves with website. Current allocated time has not been sufficient and there are still sections that require information and updates.

Immediate updates that will need attention: Contact of Clerk & RFO

Facebook: as noted to Cllr McIntosh & previous clerk, early in appointment, current Clerk was not happy to add the Parish Council Facebook page to her own personal page as she did not deem this appropriate or professional. The current Facebook pages ran within the community are adequate and the Parish Council website is sufficient.

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Village & Rights of Way Matters

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

- (i) Consideration of Speed Indication Device: Cllr Allison to raise the matter to see if funding is available. Next agenda and review mobile device. Round about may mean a device would not be required.
- (ii) Skip: Clerk to check to see if it's gone - if it is still there, Clerk instructed to write a follow-up letter advising of the next steps
- (iii) Tree & land beside Village Hall: Clerk recommends that the Parish Council consider their involvement as it is not within the remit of the council, being a matter between the landowner and Village hall. A response from landowner informs the Council that the land is currently in the process of being sold.

(iv) Potholes - has been reported, still causing issues throughout the Village.

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Coronation

Parish Council will consider any funds required to support community celebration and happy to support community events, building on the success of the Jubilee.

Happy to support events 6th May

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Update on Village Hall Committee

Declaration forms are required to be completed by Councillors McIntosh, Lowe, Brown and newly co-opted Councillor Chocken, who have become Cummersdale Village Hall Committee Members. An Update shared by Cllrs McIntosh & Chicken Encourage usage,

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Correspondence

None received

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Councillor Matters*

An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues, not on this agenda, on behalf of residents in their wards.

Cllr Chicken On next agenda: barbed wire in Copse - Cumbria in Bloom

Damage to post & netting surrounding common

Trimming of bushes around common

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Next Regular Meeting, 7:15pm, 6th March 2023 (Cummersdale Village Hall)

Meeting closed 08:52pm

* N.B. No decisions can be taken on these matters but the Clerk may make investigations and / or they may be placed on the agenda of a future Council or committee meeting

Reminder: Any change in personal interests/circumstances/gifts received should be detailed to the Clerk within 28 days. Clerk: Michelle Russell Chairman: Keith McIntosh