

Cummersdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Cummersdale Parish Council Meeting held on Monday
3rd April 2023 held in Cummersdale Village Hall at 7.15pm

PRESENT:
Councillor Keith McIntosh – Chairman

Councillors

Cllr D Lowe **Cllr D Harrison**
Cllr D Chicken **Cllr Craig**

138/22 Apologies

Resolved to receive and accept apologies from Parish Councillors Brown, Kerr & Allison.

139/22 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th February 2023.

(i) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6th March 2023.

140/22 Request for Dispensation

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

141/22 Declarations of Interest

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

142/22 Public Participation

- a. Residents- None present
- b. Police
Clerk to circulate police newsletter.
- c. Councillor Reports
Cumberland Councillor Allison was not present.

143/22 Bank Reconciliation

(i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 31st March 2023 (estimated due to lack of bank access)

Unity Bank	Current Account	£8653.02
Unity Bank	Deposit Account	£15,654.53
Total		£24,307.55

(ii) Noted receipt of £1500 from the CPCA for Cummersdale Village Hall grant.

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

144/22 Payment of Accounts

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts dated 3rd April 2023

VIN 01	S Tarrant	120.00	Feb/March 8 hours.
VIN 02	S Tarrant	14.00	Postage of election forms
VIN 03	Cummersdale Village Hall	1500.00	CPCA grant
Total		£1634.00	

(ii) Noted, confirmation of the willow tree removal- Clerk to arrange payment to R M Lowther.

145/22 Notice of Election of Parish Councillors

(i) **Resolved** to receive notice of an election, for the three wards of Cummersdale Parish Council.

(ii) Non-contested election a poll in respect of an election will not be required. All members to be re-elected.

146/22 Annual General Meeting of the Council and Annual meeting with Electors.

To receive notification that the AGM of the Council and meeting with Electors will be held on Monday, 15th May 2023 commencing at 7.00pm with the Annual meeting with electors, followed by the AGM.

147/22 Planning Applications to consider;

(i) 23/0148 Land to the west junction on Orton Road & Sandsfield lane.
Residential development with infrastructure.

Resolved – Objection

The Council members would like the opportunity to raise concerns and request refusal.

- (i) **Local Plan**, this site was not included in the Carlisle & District Local Plan and should be considered with the developments in Carlisle West included in the proposed Morton Development 722 dwellings and the Garden Village, delivering 10,000 homes. This development should be subject to public consultation, as such included for consideration in the new local plan for Cumberland Council.
This is an example of the development considered individually not the cumulative effect on the area as with other recent developments in this vicinity.
- (ii) **Lack of infrastructure**, traffic flows at the existing junction of Orton rd/Wigton road is over capacity, this was outlined in the Oakleigh Fields application, this development adds stress to the junction taking it over capacity. The members request a revised traffic flow assessment , as they do not reflect the movements that Oakleigh fields will generate or the proposed James Rennie Sixth form.
Sandsfield lane, has major issues with speeding vehicles and volume of traffic. The application indicated 2% of traffic will use this lane, currently the volume of traffic has increased with the direct link to the CNDR, linking Kingstown & Kingmoor for employment. This lane should be assessed, with revisions to improve its safety as it would anticipate more than 2% use.
- (iii) **School places**, secondary school places at Morton Academy is at capacity, primary school provisions at Yewdale as has available places, however the development is outside the catchment area for the school (on the boundary), places are not guaranteed. With 284 pupils on roll, the school has a major problem with a demand for parking at drop off and pick up times currently, this would exacerbate if the school was to capacity with the influx of children from the nearby developments.
- (iv) **Water discharge**, there is an issue with the highway gullies between the site and the entrance to Prior wood Close which regularly overflows and the camber directs the this across the road. The increase in discharge may effect this gully, the rainwater study was undertaken in January 2022, during a light period of rain, this may not be a true reflection of the impact of the development.
- (v) **Section 106 funds**, this funding should be allocated to the local area, Yewdale Community Centre require capital to improve and invest in the early years provision, this should be included in the legal agreement.

148/22 Village & Rights of Way Matters

Members reported on matters of relevance to the village.

- (i) Noted -Barbed wire in the Copse, Cllrs McIntosh & Kerr have removed the barbed wire, the posts will require removing, litter pick needed.
- (ii) Noted, contractor has commenced the maintenance of the bushes/ trees around Cummersdale Common. Thinning to be arranged asap before bird nesting.

149/22 Cumberland Council

Clerk to circulate Cumberland LGR briefing. (power point presentation)

150/22 Recruitment

Update received following the interviews for the position of Clerk & RFO held on Friday 31st March 2023, one candidate rescheduled. Members to be updated following the final interview.

151/22 Correspondence

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

- (i) Practitioners Guide 2023 -updates to be included in the revised Financial Regulations. May 2023.
- (ii) CALC newsletter – emailed.
- (iii) Notification of National Emergency Alert, planned for April 23rd 2023. **Resolved**, Clerk to circulate publicity material.

Councillor Matters*

Flytipping

Peter Lane due to reopen.

Next meeting, Annual Meeting with Electors at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council on Monday 15th May 2023.