

Cummersdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Cummersdale Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5 June 2023 at 7.00pm

Present Chairman Cllr K McIntosh

Cllrs B Craig, T Brown, D Harrison, D Chicken, T Allison (Part) & K Nesworthy

Apologies Cllrs D Lowe & W Kerr

19/23 Apologies

Resolved to receive and accept apologies from Parish Councillors Lowe and Kerr

20/23 Declarations of Interest

None declared

21/23 Requests for Dispensation

None requested

22/23 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15 May 2023

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2023

23/23 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No items of business required the exclusion of the press and public

24/23 Public Participation

No members of the public were present

25/23 Bank Reconciliation

(i) Resolved to receive and note the bank balances to 30 May 2023

Unity Trust Bank

Instant access account £28,829.86

Current account £4733.81

Total £33,563.67

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

26/23 Payment of Accounts

(i) Resolved to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the schedule of cheques dated 5 June 2023

VIN 13 Garthside £475.00 Grass cutting

VIN 14 J Wade £200.16 Payroll June

Total £675.16

27/23 Future expenditure Items considered

(i) To consider the purchase of defibrillators and cases for Clover Fields and Glaramara Drive at a cost of £1406, for a standalone vandal proof case and defibrillator (London Hearts). Installation is dependent on the location

Resolved in principle to purchase one defibrillator and case based on the above costing. Clerk to confirm cost at the next meeting to inform discussion regarding purchase of a second.

(ii) To consider a consultation with the communities and confirm a location for the units in each area

Resolved that Cllr Allison add to his newsletter requesting suggestions from the communities for preferred locations on behalf of the Parish Council and copy to the Clerk.

28/23 Village Matters

Resolved to receive an update on village matters and any issues of interest

(i) To consider a request for additional car parking spaces at the Crescent, Cummersdale Village

Resolved that Cllr Allison raise a request for funding and survey at a meeting with Cumberland Council on 6 June 2023 and Cllr Brown to prepare an estimate of costs to present at the next meeting.

(ii) To consider a grant request from Mrs Lund for a village event in support of the village hall & Freedom project West Cumbria (as discussed at the annual meeting with electors)

Resolved that the Parish Council donate £300.00, Cllr Allison to request a donation from the Community Panel and the Clerk to liaise with the organiser regarding options for event insurance/public liability

(iii) Sustrans Cycleway – update from County Cllr Trevor Allison regarding reinstatement

Resolved that Cllr Allison follow this up and report at the next meeting

(iv) Sale of land, adjacent to the Cummersdale Village Hall. To consider the Councils options to obtain this land.

Resolved that no further action be taken as the land was sold prior to the meeting

(v) Surveying the land drains – The Common, Cummersdale (noted at the AGM)

Resolved that Cllr Brown arrange for a survey before the next meeting (previously agreed that the Parish Council would fund £2000.00 towards the cost and apply for grants should more be required). Cllrs Allison and Craig and the Clerk to search for historical maps/plans of the land drains.

29/23 External Representation

None

30/23 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications

Resolved to receive and note the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting and not on the agenda (previously circulated)

31/23 Councillor Matters

(i) Speed indicators

Resolved following the Annual Meeting with Electors held on 15 May 2023 Minute ref AM/23/03 (ii) that the Clerk consult with former Clerk, S Tarrant, options for design and price of solar speed indicators and report at the next meeting.

(ii) Cumberland Council

- Following the newly formed Cumberland Council it is no longer clear what the organisational structure is

Resolved that Cllr Allison obtain a flowchart detailing the relevant departments and responsibilities and copy to the Clerk

- The Parish Council would like to engage with Cumberland Council

Resolved that Cllr Allison, as a member of the Community Panel, invite a representative from Cumberland Council to attend the next parish meeting and copy to the Clerk.

(iii) Speeding traffic in excess of the 20mph limit on Gilbert Road towards the Oval

It was noted that Cllr Allison ordered two signs following a request made at the Annual Meeting with Electors

(iv) New Ring Road

It was noted that work commenced on 5 June 2023 and that it could cause disruption for Cummersdale. Resolved that the Parish Council monitor this and consider at the next meeting.

Meeting closed 8.00 pm

Next meeting 3 July 2023 @7.00 pm in Cummersdale Village Hall