

Cummersdale Parish Council

Minutes of the Cummersdale Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9 October 2023 at 7.00pm

Present Chairman Cllr K McIntosh
Cllrs T Brown, D Lowe, D Chicken, T Allison (Part) & W Kerr
Clerk J Cornah Wade

Apologies Cllrs B Craig, D Harrison & K Nesworthy

62/23 Apologies

Resolved to receive and accept apologies from Parish Councillors B Craig, D Harrison & K Nesworthy

63/23 Requests for Dispensations, Declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality

No requests for dispensation requested, no declarations declared and no gifts or hospitality received

64/23 Public Participation

No members of the public were present

65/23 External Representation

Resolved to receive and note the report from the Cumberland Councillor T Allison

- Attended the Cumbria Association of Local Councils AGM, 30 September 2023, on behalf of Cummersdale Parish Council – no matters of interest arising there from
- Will be attending the Fells and Solway Community Panel workshop, 11 October 2023

66/23 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 July 2023

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2023

67/23 Finance

a) Bank Reconciliation

- (i) Resolved to receive and note the bank balances to 30 September 2023 and authorise the Chairman to sign the Councils bank statements

Unity Trust Bank

Instant access account £27,545.80

Current account £979.74

Total £28,525.54

- (ii) Resolved not to proceed with alternative savings accounts as any potential interest gained would be diminished by the cost of opening another account

b) Invoices for Payment

Resolved to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the payment schedule dated 30 September 2023

Cumbria Association of Local Councils Chairs Forum, 25.09.23 (Cllr McIntosh)	£5.00	October
Moore, External Auditor 2022/23	£252.00	October
J Cornah Wade (Clerk salary)	£164.50	October
J Cornah Wade (Clerk travel expenses)	£18.81	October
Clerk handover meeting Garthside (grass cutting)	£475.00	October
Total	£915.31	

c) Invoices Paid and transactions

Resolved that it was considered that the following payments and internal transfer were conducted to avoid unnecessary charges

Wright Computers (website)	£171.59	05.09.23
Evolis Solar Mobile radar sign	£2807,99	08.09.23
Trustees of Cummersdale Village Hall (King's Coronation catering expenses)	£51.02	08.09.23
S Tarant (Clerk salary May – September)	£222.00	08.09.23
HMRC (Clerk tax)	£39.20	22 09.23
Total	£3291.80	

Internal transfer from 20450054	£2000.00	08.09.23
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d) External Audit Report and Certificate 2022/2023

- (i) Resolved to receive the notice of completion from the External Auditor, Moore, and note that no matters arising
- (ii) Resolved to note that all statutory documents were uploaded to the Parish Councils website as per the Local Government Transparency Code 2015.

68/23 Correspondence

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

69/23 Planning

a) Planning Application Ref: 23/0632

Development of land at South Morton bounded by Wigton Road, Peter Lane and Dalston Road, Carlisle: To update the access points parameter plan and land use & framework plan to show removal of one access onto Peter Lane and removal of access through Employment Area

Resolved that the clerk respond on behalf of Cummersdale Parish Council that the application mirrors previous concerns raised In January 2017 (Appn Ref 16/1072). Updated to reflect that

given the imminent construction of the Carlisle Southern Link Road and closure of Peter Lane that Cummersdale Parish Council is concerned about the resulting level of increased traffic for Cummersdale Road.

b) Notices of Decision - to note any notices of decision received

Resolved to note that no Notices of Decision were received

70/23 Defibrillator, Glarmara Drive

- a) Resolved to note that a new application was submitted to London Hearts for funding towards the cost of purchasing a defibrillator
- b) Resolved to note that the due to lack of response from Cumberland Council regarding possible permissions to site a defibrillator that the Clerk forward the initial enquiry to Cllr McIntosh and Cumberland Cllr Allison so they can progress the issue at the Fells and Solway Community Panel workshop.
- c) Resolved to note that the Clerk provide an estimate of costs for installation at the next meeting
- d) Resolved to note that Cllrs Brown, Chicken, Lowe and McIntosh agreed to meet and assess suitable sites for the defibrillator and speed device on Tuesday 10 October at 6.30pm and update at the next meeting

71/23 Additional car parking spaces, The Crescent, Cummersdale Village

Resolved to note that the planned meeting between Cllrs Brown, Chicken and McIntosh with Pirelli's Estate Manager in September did not occur. Cllr McIntosh contacted Alan Wilson of Pirelli who apologised that the Estate Manager did not attend as planned and the meeting was rescheduled for 19 October at 10.30 am. Cllr Brown will attend on behalf of Cummersdale Parish Council.

72/23 Surveying the land drains, The Common, Cummersdale

Phase 2

Resolved to note that Cllr McIntosh confirmed that the next step is to clear the ditch and it was agreed that George Douglas begin working on this. Resulting chipped wood could be used to refresh the footpaths in the Copse. Any further action required and the costs will be revisited upon completion of this phase.

73/23 Grant Applications

- a) **Planting and Care of Trees, Hedges & Orchards (UK): deadline 3 December 2023**
Resolved to note that Cllr McIntosh met with a representative from Cumbria in Bloom to discuss potential planting schemes. The Clerk to forward the application form for funding from the Tree Council to Cllr McIntosh who will update on progress at the next meeting.

b) Village Hall Capital Grant Scheme 2023/24 (round two): deadline 9 October 2023

Resolved to note that Cllr Lowe completed the application for £1215.00 on behalf of Cummersdale Village Hall and the Clerk to submit it following the close of the meeting

74/23 Speed Indicator

Please refer to the response to item 70/23 b

75/23 Fells and Solway Community Panel workshop (11 October 2023)

Resolved to note that Cllrs Allison, Craig, McIntosh and the Clerk confirmed their intention to attend on behalf of Cummersdale Parish Council and they will report at the next meeting

76/23 Allotment, broken fence

Resolved to note that Cllr Chicken will obtain two estimates from recommended contractors and report at the next meeting

77/23 Councillor Matters

Resolved to note that Councillors raised the following issues of concern raised by members of the community and the Clerk to place them on the 6 November 2023 agenda

- a) Cummersdale Road: overgrown hedge/grass verge
Cllr McIntosh to request estimates from Garthside to address the overgrown verge and George Douglas re the hedge and present at the next meeting
- b) Gilbert Road: pot holes
- c) Grace Lane
Following a compulsory purchase order Grace Lane repairs are the responsibility of Cumberland Council. In the past Cummersdale Parish Council has provided financial assistance for road surface repairs and hedgerow maintenance. Cllr McIntosh notified Cumberland Council in April 2023 that Grace Lane was in a state of disrepair including the road surface, verges and gate which was removed to create temporary access from Gilbert Road and not replaced. Cummersdale Parish Council to consider making representations to Cumberland Council on behalf of the residents of Grace Lane and the wider community at the next meeting.

78/23 Items for information or next Agenda only

Resolved to note that all items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by Friday 27 October 2023

79/23 Date of next meeting

Resolved to note the date of the next meeting as Monday 6 November 2023 at 7.00 pm in Cummersdale Village Hall

Meeting closed 8.07 pm

Signed:

Date: 06.11.23

Chairman Cllr K McIntosh