

## Cummersdale Parish Council

### Minutes of the Cummersdale Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6 November 2023 at 7.00pm

**Present** Chairman Cllr K McIntosh

Cllrs T Brown, D Lowe, D Chicken, D Harrison, T Allison (Part) & W Kerr

Clerk J Cornah Wade

**Apologies** Cllrs B Craig & K Nesworthy

#### 80/23 Apologies

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

#### 81/23 Requests for Dispensations, Declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality

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

#### 82/23 Public Participation

No members of the public were present

#### 83/23 External Representation

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

- Grace Lane: requested repairs are expected to commence week beginning 6 November 2023
- Gilbert Road: a gate is missing and requires reinstating and it isn't clear that the road surface is in such a state of disrepair that it would qualify for repairs at this time. Resolved that the Clerk, on behalf of Cummersdale Parish Council, contact Cumberland Council to establish who is responsible for replacing the gate. (It was noted the Gate was removed by the County Council to facilitate an alternative access to allow work to be undertaken at the Dalston Road entrance to Grace Lane and was not replaced.)
- Village Hall Capital Grant Scheme 2023/24: Cummersdale Parish Council was not one of the few successful applicants for the round two funding request of £1215.00 on behalf of Cummersdale Village Hall. The Cumberland Councillor indicated that the future of this scheme was uncertain and would update the parish council on its status at the next meeting.

#### 84/23 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 October 2023

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2023

#### 85/23 Finance

##### a) Bank Reconciliation

Resolved to receive and note the bank balances to 31 October 2023 and authorise the Chairman to sign the Council's bank statements

Unity Trust Bank	
Instant access account	£26,545.80
Current account	£1064.43
<u>Total</u>	<u>£27,610.23</u>

## b) Invoices for Payment

Resolved to authorise payment of the accounts listed in the payment schedule dated 31 October 2023

62. Garthside (grass cutting)	£475.00	November
63. Community Heartbeat (defibrillator pads)	£67.20 (inc VAT)	November
64. Carriage	£4.95	
65. Cumbria Association of Local Councils Chairs Forum, 04.12.23 (Cllr McIntosh)	£5.00	December
60. J Cornah Wade (Clerk November salary)	£164.50	01 December
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<u>Total</u>	<u>£881.15</u>	

*It was noted that the pending Local Government Pay Award 2023/2024 and a correction to the Clerk's hourly rate of pay from £12.21 to £12.51, as per the National Joint Council for Local Government Services agreed pay scale point 11 2022/2023, be backdated to 01.05.23*

## c) Internal transfer

The internal transfer was noted as being necessary to enable authorised payments from the current account

Internal transfer from 20450054	£1000.00	27.10.23
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## d) Budget & Precept 2024-2025

*Power to set the precept: Local Government Act 1972, s.41 (4)*

- (i) The remaining planned expenditure for 2023-2024 and the budget for 2024-2025 was agreed
- (ii) Resolved to request Cumberland Council for its precept 2024-2025 of £14272.19 (increase of 6.7%)

## 86/23 Correspondence

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

## 87/23 Planning

### a) Planning Application Ref: 23/0727

Resolved to note that application 23/0727 was withdrawn on 30.10.23 and that no new applications were received.

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

Resolved to note that no Notices of Decision were received

## 88/23 Defibrillators, Cloverfields and Glarmara Drive

- a) Resolved that the Clerk proceed with the application for match funding of c£750.00 via London Hearts for the second defibrillator

- b) It was noted the Clerk has applied for a third fully funded defibrillator from the British Heart Foundation on 06.11.23 and that the outcome would be known by 15.03.24.
- c) It was noted that the Lighting Officer for Cumberland Council is supportive of Cummersdale Parish Council's request to attach a defibrillator to a lamppost on condition of adherence to their Street Column Guidance and final installation check by Cumberland Council
- d) It was noted that an accurate quotation from a licensed contractor to connect the defibrillator was not possible without first identifying the location to enable a site visit but estimated to be c£200.00 and that the cost for a pole mounting kit from the Defibstore was £90.00 (inc VAT) free delivery
- e) Resolved that consultation with the local community in Amberwood be undertaken regarding the proposed location for the installation of the defibrillator, the Clerk and Chairman to produce an explanatory leaflet for circulation, to obtain feedback and comments.

**89/23 Additional car parking spaces, The Crescent, Cummersdale Village**

Resolved that the Cllr Brown met with Pirelli's Estate Manager and Alan Wilson on 19.10.23 and the outcome was that they were very supportive of the project and keen to assist.

**90/23 Surveying the land drains (phase 2), The Common, Cummersdale**

Resolved to allocate up to £2000.00 for the clearance of the ditch and that the work is not anticipated to commence until February/March 2024.

**91/23 Grant Applications**

**Planting and Care of Trees, Hedges & Orchards (UK): deadline 3 December 2023**

Resolved that Cllr McIntosh completed the application for £200.00 on behalf of Cummersdale Parish Council and will submit it prior to the deadline.

**92/23 Speed Indicator**

Resolved to install the speed indicator device week beginning 6 November 2023 near the entrance to The Copse when entering Cummersdale.

**93/23 Fells and Solway Community Panel workshop (11 October 2023)**

Resolved that the Clerk forward the presentation to members of the parish council who were unable to attend.

**94/23 Allotment, broken fence**

Resolved that Cllr Brown obtain two estimates from recommended contractors for re-fencing the allotment and replacing the gate posts and report at the next meeting.

**95/23 Cummersdale Road: overgrown hedge/grass verge**

- a) Resolved to accept the estimate of £300.00 from Garthside to address the overgrown verge on the understanding that work would commence during winter 2023/2024
- b) Resolved that Cllr McIntosh request George Douglas to carry out a more thorough cut of the hedge

**96/23 Gilbert Road: pot holes**

Please refer to 83/23

**97/23 Grace Lane**

Resolved that Cllr McIntosh inform the Cumberland Councillor once the maintenance work has been completed (see 83/23).

**98/23 Cummersdale Christmas Tree**

Resolved that the Christmas tree was ordered from R M Lowther (cost £185.00 in 2022) and that Cllr Lowe confirmed that permission was given to site the tree on the land adjacent to the Village Hall

**99/23 Cumbria Community Forest**

Resolved that the Clerk invite a representative from Cumbria Community Forest to attend the next meeting

**100/23 Councillor Matters**

Cllr McIntosh raised the following issue of concern raised by members of the community and resolved that the Clerk place it on the 8 January 2024 agenda

Village Hall Wi-Fi

Many users of the Village Hall require Wi-Fi for their events and it is also needed to receive payment by card. An estimate for the cost of installation, including a router, is £300.00. Cummersdale Parish Council to consider awarding a grant of £300.00 at the next meeting.

**101/23 Items for information or next Agenda only**

Resolved that all items for the next agenda be submitted to the Clerk by Friday 29 December 2023

**102/23 Date of next meeting**

Resolved that the date of the next meeting is Monday 8 January 2024 at 7.00 pm in Cummersdale Village Hall

Meeting closed 8.01 pm

*Signed:*

*Date: 08.01.24*

*Chairman Cllr K McIntosh*