

## Cummersdale Parish Council

### Minutes of the Cummersdale Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8 January 2024 at 7.00pm

**Present** Chairman Cllr K McIntosh

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

Clerk J Cornah Wade

**Also present** Zoe Pearson (Raise Data & Insights Manager), Gary Waters (Raise Forester) & Emily Nuttall (Green Space Officer, Cumberland Council)

**Apologies** Cllr B Craig

**Raise, Cumbria Community Forest** <https://www.raisecumbria.co.uk>

Prior to the meeting Raise gave a presentation followed by a Q&A session. Key points arising:

- Raise will host a village community engagement meeting in Cummersdale Village Hall on Monday 15 January 2024, 2.30 to 8.00pm
- Further progress of the proposed Community Forest for Cummersdale is dependent upon feedback received from the community
- A substantial area of land, owned by Cumberland Council, has been identified as being suitable for 3 types of planting schemes using native species suitable for wet, dry and scrub conditions
- Footpaths could link the new areas to the existing Copse
- The initial 15 year period of maintenance for the proposed scheme would be met by Raise with following years becoming the responsibility of Cumberland Council
- Raise is funded by the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) with match funding from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA)

The Chair and Councillors thanked the representatives for the presentation and following their departure the meeting commenced at 7.35pm.

#### **103/24 Apologies**

Resolved to receive and accept apologies from Parish Councillor B Craig

#### **104/24 Requests for Dispensations, Declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality**

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

#### **105/24 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

None

#### **106/24 Public Participation**

No members of the public were present

#### **107/24 External Representation**

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

- a. Grace Lane was subject to a compulsory purchase order by Cumberland Council and forms part of the Carlisle Southern Link Road (CSLR) project. On the understanding that Grace Lane is adopted and that the current state of disrepair is unacceptable the Cumberland Councillor has requested that Cumberland Council consider using tarmac rather than sub-base to remediate the pot holes.
- b. Gilbert Road, the gate to the bridleway at the top of Gilbert Road was removed during the initial phase of CSLR and not replaced. The Cumberland Councillor has requested that Cumberland Council replace the gate.

The Cumberland Councillor will present an update on the above at the next meeting

- c. Fallen Tree, Gilbert Road (lonning): the Cumberland Councillor to photograph the tree and forward to the Clerk so that a request can be made to the landowner to remove it.
- d. Tree Survey, Cummersdale: the Cumberland Councillor and Clerk to identify where the responsibility lies for tree maintenance within the parish and report at the next meeting.

### 108/24 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 November 2023

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2023

### 109/24 Finance

#### a. Bank Reconciliation

Resolved to receive and note the bank balances to 30 November and 31 December 2023 and authorise the Chairman to sign the Councils bank statements

Unity Trust Bank	30.11.23	31.12.23
Instant access account	£26,545.80	£24,723.62
Current account	£2,076.79	£1,084.49
<u>Total</u>	<u>£26,622.59</u>	<u>£25,808.11</u>

#### b. Invoices for Payment

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

Ref	Date	Description	Supplier/customer	Net £	VAT £	Total £
61	31.12.23	Account fee 04.09.23 to 04.12.23	Unity Trust Bank	18.00	0.00	18.00
62	08.01.24	Winter planting	M Capstick	286.00	57.20	343.20
63	08.01.24	Defibrillator 2: installation	EEC Ltd	925.00	185.00	1110.00
64	08.01.24	Speed Indicator: installation	EEC Ltd	560.00	120.00	672.00
65	01.02.24	Clerk Salary: January	J Cornah Wade	177.50	0.00	177.50
				<u>1966.50</u>	<u>362.20</u>	<u>2320.70</u>

### 110/24 Correspondence

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

### 111/24 Planning

#### a. Planning Applications

Resolved to note that no new applications were received

#### b. Notices of Decision

Resolved to note that Appn. Ref 23/0735 was granted by Cumberland Council

### 112/24 Historic documents

Resolved to acknowledge that the clerk made a permanent donation on behalf of CPC to Carlisle Archive Centre in accordance with *Local Government Act 1972, s.226* the following:  
Declarations of Acceptance, 2003-2022; and minutes of meetings, Apr 2013-Jan 2020

### 113/24 Defibrillators 2 and 3

- a. Resolved to acknowledge points (i), (ii), (iv) and (v)

- (i) The match funding application to London Hearts for a second defibrillator and heated cabinet was successful, cost £750.00.
- (ii) The application for a third fully funded defibrillator from the British Heart Foundation was not successful.
- (iii) The donation of a defibrillator and two cabinets by Northern Gas to the parish.
- (iv) With the assistance of a member of the community and the village social media page the residents of Amberwood were consulted prior to installing the second defibrillator and this unit is now operational.
- (v) It was not possible to connect the unit directly to a lamppost as originally intended and the quotation for works for both this and the Speed Indicator Device was accepted from licensed contractor EEC Ltd.

Cllr McIntosh clarified that he had received two defibrillator cabinets only (iii) and it was resolved that he would contact Northern Gas regarding the possibility of a defibrillator being part of the donation

- b. Resolved that Cllr Harrison identify a suitable location within the community to enable the installation of a third defibrillator

#### **114/24 Additional car parking spaces, The Crescent, Cummersdale Village**

Resolved that the Clerk contact Alan Wilson, Pirelli, for a progress update

#### **115/24 Surveying the land drains (phase 2), The Common, Cummersdale**

Resolved to acknowledge that the next update on progress will be available once the ditch has been cleared and this is anticipated to be February/March 2024.

#### **116/24 Gilbert Road, missing gate**

Refer to 107/24 b

#### **117/24 Village Hall Wi-Fi**

Resolved to award a grant of £300.00 to the Village Hall to assist with the cost of purchase and installation of a router

#### **118/24 Grant Applications**

- a. **Planting and Care of Trees, Hedges & Orchards (UK)**  
Resolved not to progress with the application.
- b. **Village Hall vestibule and entrance: redecoration and replacement carpets**  
Resolved that the Clerk submit an investment application for the above work to the Fells and Solway Community Panel. Total anticipated cost £2434.00, amount requested from Fells and Solway £717.00 plus £500.00 from the Cumberland Councillor's allowance (total £1217.00) and the remainder from Cummersdale Parish Council (£1217.00).

#### **119/24 Speed Indicator**

Resolved to acknowledge that the contractor, EEC Ltd, is liaising with Cumberland Council to obtain the appropriate permission for installation of the device on the road entering Cummersdale prior to the 20mph zone

**120/24 Traffic issues**

- a. Village Hall: Resolved that the Cumberland Councillor follow up concerns raised by the community regarding the area being used to park large commercial vehicles and site skips and equipment/supplies associated with Avon Construction and the housing development adjacent to the church.
- b. Pirelli: Resolved that the Cumberland Councillor install a sign providing correct directions for articulated vehicles travelling to Pirelli to address complaints raised by the community regarding articulated vehicles travelling through Cummersdale and causing obstruction

*The Cumberland Councillor left the meeting at 8.20pm.*

**121/24 Allotment: broken fence and replacement gate posts**

Cllr Brown confirmed that a survey has been carried out by G Howe and it was resolved that he request a quotation for consideration at the next meeting

**122/24 Cummersdale Road: overgrown hedge/grass verge**

- a. Grass verge: Cllr Chicken raised that Cumberland Council were possibly attending to this but following a discussion regarding uncertainty of when this might happen it was resolved that Cllr McIntosh request Garthside to cut the verge as previously agreed at a cost of £300.00.
- b. Overgrown hedge: Resolved that Cllr Brown follow up with George Douglas to attend to the hedge.

**123/24 Councillor Matters**

Cycle path to Dalston: Cllr Lowe reported that the path was extremely muddy and it was resolved that Cllr McIntosh inspect the route and report for consideration at the next meeting.

**124/24 Items for information or next Agenda only**

Resolved that all items for the next agenda be submitted to the Clerk by Friday 26 January 2023

**125/24 Date of next meeting**

Resolved that the date of the next meeting is Monday 5 February 2024 at 7.00 pm in Cummersdale Village Hall

Meeting closed 8.30pm

*Signed:*

*Date: 05.02.24*

*Chairman Cllr K McIntosh*