

## CUMMERSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4 November 2024 at 7.00pm in Cummersdale Village Hall

**Councillors present:** Mr Keith McIntosh (Chairman), Mr Trevor Allison (Part), Mr Tom Brown, Mrs Diane Chicken, Mr David Harrison, Mr Warren Kerr, Mr David Lowe and Mr Keith Nesworthy

**In attendance:** Ms J Cornah Wade (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Mr Bryan Craig (Vice Chairman)

#### **65/24 To receive apologies for absence**

The Council received Councillor Craig's apologies.

#### **66/24 Requests for Dispensations, Declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality**

Nothing was declared.

#### **67/24 Public participation with regard to items on the agenda**

No members of the public were present.

#### **68/24 Report from the Cumberland Councillor**

No report from Cumberland Councillor Allison.

#### **69/24 Minutes** – to confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 October previously circulated

The Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes from the meeting on 7 October be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

#### **70/24 Finance**

##### **a. Bank Reconciliation**

- I. The Council **RESOLVED** to receive and note the monthly reconciliations and balances to 31 October 2024 previously circulated:

Unity Trust Bank	
Instant Access account	£30,409.38
Current account	£972.92
<u>Total</u>	<u>£31,382.30</u>

- II. **Bank Statements** – to acknowledge scrutiny and acceptance of the previously circulated bank statements

The bank statements for October 2024 were reviewed and accepted

- b. **Invoices for Payment** – to consider and approve invoices for payment itemised on the Payment Schedule

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the following payments totalling £897.37:

Voucher	Date	Description	Supplier	Net £	VAT £	Total £
187	08.10.24	Internal transfer	Current account	- 2500.00	0.00	- 2500.00
188	08.10.24	Internal transfer	Deposit account	2500.00	0.00	2500.00
189	05.11.24	Clerk CiLCA training	CALC	100.00	0.00	100.00
190	08.10.24	Transfer between reserves	General Reserve	- 1856.40	0.00	- 1856.40
191	08.10.24	Transfer between reserves	Car Park Reserve	1856.40	0.00	1856.40
192	14.10.24	Backpay 23/24 less 5.60 tax	Clerk	77.92	0.00	77.92
193	05.11.24	Open Spaces: waste bags	Glasdon	133.51	26.70	160.21
194	02.12.24	November Salary	Clerk	216.00	0.00	216.00
195	02.12.24	November Expenses: work from home (wfh)	Clerk	8.34	0.00	8.34
196	01.01.25	December Salary	Clerk	216.00	0.00	216.00
197	01.01.25	December Expenses: wfh	Clerk	8.34	0.00	8.34
198	05.11.24	Room Hire: October & November	Cummersdale Village Hall	40.00	0.00	40.00
199	05.11.24	Backpay 24/25	Clerk	70.56	0.00	70.56

**c. Budget** – to consider the draft budget for 2025/26

The Clerk presented the draft budget which the Council considered.

**d. Precept** – to consider and agree the setting of the Precept level for 2025/26

Having agreed the budget and taken the Reserves into account the Council **RESOLVED** to set the Precept at £14,557.44, a 2% increase of £285.44 on the previous year

Based on the Tax Base figure for 2024/25 the annual cost to a Band D household would be approximately £26.42 per annum, an increase of £0.52.

\*Cumberland Council (CC) have yet to release the Tax Base figure for 2025/26.

The Clerk will inform CC of the decision

**e. Staff Salary** - to note the NALC revised cost of living salary scale for the Clerk for 2023/24 and 2024/25 together with the amount backdated to May 2023 and April 2024 respectively  
The Council noted the NALC revised salary scales and the “cost of living” increases of £1 per hour to £13.50 on Scale Point 11 for 2023/24 and £0.63 per hour to £14.13 on Scale Point 11 for 2024/25.

**71/24 Planning**

**a. Planning applications** – to consider all recent applications received from Cumberland Council detailed below and any other planning applications submitted and published on the

CC planning portal (Cumberland.gov.uk) between the circulation of the agenda and the meeting:

**i. Application Number: 24/0351 Notification of Amended Details/Further Information**

Proposal: Erection of 722no. Dwellings & Public Open Space (Reserved Matters Application Pursuant to Outline Approval 09/0413)

Location: Land at Morton Bounded by Wigton Road, Peter Lane and Dalston Road, Carlisle, Cumbria

The Council considered the applications and **RESOLVED** to agree that there were no further comments or objections to the proposals other than those already submitted. The Clerk to respond to the consultation reflecting this decision together with a copy of the previous response.

**b. To note notices of decision**

**i. Application Number: 24/0519**

Proposal: Proposed enclosed loading bay area to rear of main manufacturing factory building

Location: Pirelli Tyres Limited, Dalston Road, Carlisle, CA2 6AR  
Granted by Cumberland Council 25 October

**72/24 Land adjacent to the Village Hall** – to receive an update from Cumberland Cllr Allison

The Council considered a request by the landowner for preferred options to replace the boundary and **RESOLVED** that native species hedging would be most in keeping with the village. The Council also suggested that should the outcome of the Biodiversity Net Gain report require more planting that a further hedge could be planted to separate the Church and Village Hall entrances. A temporary fence would need to be installed to enable the hedging to establish.

Cllr Allison reported that the surface would likely be stone chippings and not tarmac.

The Council requested that a temporary barrier for safety measures be installed to prevent the car park being used in the interim.

**73/24 Cumbria in Bloom (CiB)** – to receive a report from Cllr McIntosh on Cummersdale's 2024 entry

The Copse: Silver Guilt Woodland Copse

The Copse: Level 3 (Advancing) the Copse It's Your Neighbourhood (IYN)

The Crescent: Level 2 (Improving) IYN

Cllr McIntosh congratulated all those who participated and Cllr Chicken to post the results on Cummersdale Crack

**74/24 Cummersdale Christmas Tree** – to consider options for siting the tree

Cllr McIntosh had arranged with the Headteacher for the tree to be located at Cummersdale School and the Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk order a 10ft tree

**75/24 Cumberland Council Gilbert Road Tree Survey (August 2024)**

- a. The Council noted the contents of the report and that the Clerk had requested Cumberland Council to inspect the diseased tree opposite 15 Gilbert Road. (Reference EI/220825, dated 8 October, action assigned to the Highways Team.) The Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk follow up the request due to safety concerns.

- b. To consider if further action is required regarding the trees identified by the CiB report as being affected by ash dieback

The Council **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Brown and McIntosh request R & M Lowther to assess the Copse trees

#### **76/24 The Copse**

- a. Cllr Chicken reported that there had been a good response from Cummersdale Crack to the request for volunteers to assist with laying woodchip and planting wildflowers. Cllr McIntosh noted that the majority of the woodchip had since been laid and that Nicholson Ground Maintenance had topped the grass in preparation for the wildflower planting. The Council agreed to identify a date in November for the Woodland Trust to begin planting with help from Cummersdale School.
  
- b. Cllr McKintosh reported that he had not yet checked the condition of the sandstone post

Cllr Allison left the meeting at 8.00pm

#### **77/24 Additional car parking spaces, The Crescent, Cummersdale Village**

Cllr Brown reported that following his meeting with Pirelli's Property Manager on 16 October the project was likely to proceed in spring

#### **78/24 Land drains, The Common, Cummersdale**

Cllr Brown reported that further progress was expected in spring

#### **79/24 Allotment**

The Council considered alternative storage options and **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Brown and Chicken continue to research possibilities and report on progress at the next meeting.

#### **80/24 Attendance at Meetings and Reports from meetings**

There was no report from Cllr Allison who attended the CALC AGM on behalf of Cummersdale Parish Council

**81/24 Correspondence** – to note correspondence received not otherwise on the agenda where decisions are not required

The Council **RESOLVED** to note the correspondence

**82/24 Items for information or next Agenda only** – all items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by Friday 27 December

- a. **Winter Planting**

Cllr Chicken to identify a suitable location for the 3 self-watering planters previously located at the village hall and Cllr McIntosh to order the plants

- b. **CALC Membership and Training Surveys**

Cllr McIntosh and the Clerk to complete on behalf of Cummersdale Parish Council

- c. **Allotment review**

Clerk to agenda for the next meeting

**d. Dog waste bin**

Cllr Chicken to find a new volunteer to assist with emptying the one currently maintained by Cllr Harrison

**e. Fallen Tree, The Common**

Cllr Chicken reported that there had been complaints

**83/24 Date of next meeting** – Monday 6 January 2025 at 7.00pm in Cummersdale Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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Cllr K McIntosh  
Chairman

Date: 06.01.25