

CUMMERSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3 February 2025 at 7.00pm in Cummersdale Village Hall

Councillors present: Mr Keith McIntosh (Chairman), Mr Bryan Craig (Vice 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: None

98/24 To receive apologies for absence

No apologies had been received

99/24 Requests for Dispensations, Declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality

Cllr Keith McIntosh – 104/24 - 25/0002 HDG

100/24 Public participation with regard to items on the agenda

No members of the public were present

101/24 Report from the Cumberland Councillor

Cumberland Cllr Allison provided the following report:

Village Hall car park – planning application progress

The Biodiversity Net Gain report has been completed and will be submitted this week

a. Glaramara Drive – Replacement waste bin

The Cumberland Cllr will arrange to meet with Cllr Harrison to identify a suitable location

b. Cummersdale Road – Additional grit bin

An additional grit bin will be considered by Cumberland Council in the next financial year

102/24 Minutes – to confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 January previously circulated.

The Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes from the meeting on 6 January be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

103/24 Finance

a. Bank Reconciliation

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

Unity Trust Bank	
Instant Access account	£28,896.78
Current account	£645.32
<u>Total</u>	<u>£29,542.10</u>

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

The bank statements for January 2025 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 £483.22:

Voucher	Date	Description	Supplier	Net payment	Payment inc VAT
214	31.01.25	Monthly Bank Fee: January	Unity Trust	6.00	6.00
215	31.01.25	Employee Tax: January	HMRC	1.20	1.20
216	04.02.25	S137 Donation: Winter Warmth Appeal	Cumbria Community Foundation	250.00	250.00
217	03.03.25	March Salary	Clerk	224.88	224.88
218	03.03.2	March Expenses: work from home (wfh)	Clerk	8.34	8.34
TOTAL				483.22	483.22

104/24 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:** 25/0002 HDG
Proposal: Removal of hedgerow required as part of drainage works for Carlisle Southern Link Road
Location: Land at Grace Lane, Dalston Road, Carlisle, CA2 6DA
 The Council considered the application and **RESOLVED** to agree that there were no comments or objections to the proposal

b. To note notices of decision

No notices of decision had been received

105/24 Community Governance Review (CGR): Cummersdale Parish boundary – to receive an update from the Clerk on the request that Cumberland Council (CC) undertake a CGR of Cummersdale

The Clerk reported that a response from CC was pending, and Cllr Allison requested that the item be considered at the next meeting.

106/24 The Copse

Cllr McKintosh reported that R & M Lowther had conducted a visual survey of the Copse trees for evidence of ash die back and that there was nothing of immediate concern. R & M Lowther will revisit the site in spring to reassess the trees.

107/24 Allotment

a. Replacement storage solution

Cllr Brown presented a quotation from Graeme Howe Fencing Ltd for a 12ft x 8ft shed, base and installation of £3100.00 including VAT. The Council **RESOLVED** to apply to the Fells and Solway Community Panel for £1550.00 and to match fund the remainder. The Clerk to agenda for approval at the 7 April meeting.

b. Allotment tenancy agreements - to review the new allotment tenancy agreement and consider implementing from 1 April 2025, previously circulated

The Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the National Association of Local Councils Allotment Tenancy Agreement which will be issued to allotment holders by the Clerk prior to 1 April 2025. The Council discussed the current rental rates of £35.00 per plot and £20.00 per half plot and **RESOLVED** to consider implementing an increase of £10.00 per plot for 2026/27.

108/24 St Cuthbert's Garden Village Joint Parish Council Briefing, 13 January – to receive feedback following the briefing on the impact of the development on Cummersdale and consider requesting a further meeting

The Council acknowledged that in its current format the planned Garden Village does not financially benefit the parish of Cummersdale and that the Garden Village will create a new centre which will surround Cummersdale. The Council **RESOLVED** to participate in a further meeting with Cumberland Council Planning Department to further discuss the implications of the development for Cummersdale and to explore the need for a boundary review to encompass areas of the Garden Village. The Council also noted that the planning department would be holding a series of community consultations from 17 March.

109/24 Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge – to consider nominating two Councillors to attend twice yearly virtual meetings with the Neighbourhood Policing Team Locality Officer

The Council **RESOLVED** that Cllr Allison attend the virtual meetings on behalf of the Council

110/24 Correspondence – to note correspondence received not otherwise on the agenda where decisions are not required

The Council **RESOLVED** to note the correspondence

111/24 Items for information or next Agenda only – all items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by Friday 21 February

112/24 Date of next meeting – Monday 3 March 2025 at 7.00pm in Cummersdale Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

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Cllr K McIntosh
Chairman

Date: 03.03.25