

MORLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Morland Parish Council held on Monday 3rd May 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Present: Parish Councillors; Bob Brown, Dan Fitton, Phillip Hancock, Lesley Robson, Peter Taylor (Vice-Chair), Paul Vines, Steve Wilson (Chair)
Officers; Lisa Beken (Clerk)
District Councillor: Mike Tonkin

One member of the Public was also present.

- 5/21/1 Election of Chair: RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Steve Wilson as Chair of Morland Parish Council for 2021/22.
- 5/21/2 Election of Vice-Chair: RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Peter Taylor as Vice-Chair of Morland Parish Council for 2021/22.
- 5/21/3 Apologies for absence: RESOLVED** that the following absences be noted:
a) County Councillor David Whipp (no apologies received).
- 5/21/4 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations: RESOLVED** that these had been reviewed by the Clerk, and no revisions were required at this time.
- 5/21/5 Council Policies: RESOLVED** that these had been reviewed by the Clerk, and no revisions were required at this time.
- 5/21/6 Annual Accounts: RESOLVED** that due to a delay with the internal audit, these would be approved at an Extraordinary Meeting to be held before June 30th 2021.
- 5/21/7 Standing Committees: RESOLVED** that the following standing committees were agreed:
a) **Allotments:** Councillors Fitton, Taylor and Wilson.
b) **Highways/maintenance:** Councillors Brown, Hancock and Vines.
c) **Finance:** Councillors Hancock, Robson, Vines and the Clerk.
d) **Planning:** Councillors Taylor, Vines and Wilson.
- 5/21/8 Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED** that no declarations of interest were made.
- 5/21/9 Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on March 8th 2021 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 5/21/10 Public Participation: RESOLVED** that a member of the public proposed identifying areas of grass verges that could be planted with wildflowers. It was agreed that further information would be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting. District Councillor Tonkin also informed the meeting that Eden District Council would be revising the issue of devolution of assets, through a scrutiny committee.
- 5/21/11 Progress Reports: RESOLVED** that Councillor Robson informed the Council that Eden District Council would no longer be able to provide a final check of the Neighbourhood Plan, due to time constraints at the planning department. Councillor Robson further confirmed that there is still a potential £900 available to Morland in grant funding, which could be used to pay for a health check of the plan.
ACTION: Clerk to apply for grant funding and quotes for health check.
- 5/21/12 Accounts:**
a) **RESOLVED** that the Council agreed to make payments as detailed in the payment schedule.
b) **RESOLVED** that Councillors received the bank reconciliation.
c) **RESOLVED** that Councillors agreed to renew the insurance policy with Zurich.
- 5/21/13 Highways and Maintenance: RESOLVED** that the following issues were discussed;
a) To hire a road sweeper to clear areas at the periphery of the village, and to revisit issue in the Autumn as needed.

- ACTION:** Clerk to pass details to Councillor Hancock
- b) Concerns over loose gravel on the road at the Church.
ACTION: Clerk to contact Cumbria Highways.
- c) It was noted that a light had been removed at Lower Gate House.
ACTION: Councillor Hancock to investigate possibility of placing new light.
- d) Councillor Wilson confirmed that he was still waiting for a response from Cumbria Highways regarding the storm drain at Lower Gate House.
- e) It was noted that the stile at the allotments had a broken step.
ACTION: Clerk to enquire with Countryside Access.
- 5/21/14** **Play Area: RESOLVED** that the following issues were discussed;
- a) Councillor Wilson informed the Council that Sovereign had now acknowledged that there was an issue with the play equipment. They had agreed to take away and repair, but at a cost to the Parish Council of £7,000. Councillors agreed that this was inappropriate, and that it should be Sovereign's responsibility to cover the cost.
ACTION: Councillor Wilson to follow-up.
- b) Concerns regarding exposed fixings on the climbing net were raised.
ACTION: Councillor Wilson to follow-up.
- c) Concerns regard flooding at the play area, and that a soakaway drain is required.
ACTION: Councillor Wilson to discuss with resident.
- 5/21/15** **Tree Survey: RESOLVED** that Councillor Fitton confirmed that this would be moving forward in the Spring.
ACTION Councillor Fitton to follow up.
- 5/21/16** **Wildflowers: RESOLVED** that this item was covered at public participation. (Minute number 5/21/10).
- 5/21/17** **Planning Applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments on behalf of the Parish Council as previously submitted were acknowledged:
- a) 21/0267 Land behind Tanglewood, High Street, Morland, CA10 3AS for a reserved Matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, attached to approval 20/0431.
Comments submitted – concerning number of properties and drainage concerns.
ACTION: Clerk to ensure all comments are circulated to all Councillors prior to submission.
- 5/21/18** **Annual Parish Meeting: RESOLVED** that the Annual Parish Meeting of Morland Parish will be held on Monday 17th May 2021, at 7.30pm at Morland Village Hall.
- 5/21/19** **Council matters: RESOLVED** that no further matters were raised.
- 5/21/20** **Date of next Ordinary Meeting: Monday July 12th, 2021 at 7.30pm, at Morland Village Hall.**

Meeting closed: 8.51pm