

MORLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Morland Parish Council held on Monday 13th September 2021 at 7.30pm at Morland Village Hall.

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

- 9/21/1** **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED** that the following absences were noted;
a) Lisa Beken, Parish Clerk, due to self-isolation.
- 9/21/2** **Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED** that Councillor Fitton declared an interest with regard to school bus provision, to be raised at item 7 on the agenda (minute number 9/21/7(d)).
- 9/21/3** **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th July 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
- 9/21/4** **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised on behalf of the public:
a) Councillor Fitton presented a request for financial support for a local fireworks display. Councillors agreed to donate £50.
b) A request to consider installing a skate park at the play area was put forward.
ACTION: Feasibility and costs to be investigated and discussed at next meeting.
- 9/21/5** **Progress Reports: RESOLVED** that the following reports were received;
a) **Neighbourhood Development Plan** - Councillor Robson informed the Council that a response was currently being waited for from Eden District Council with regard to issues raised in the health check.
- 9/21/6** **Accounts: RESOLVED** that payments were agreed as per the attached payment schedule.
- 9/21/7** **Highways and Maintenance: RESOLVED** that the following issues were discussed;
a) **Highways Issues:**
i. Councillor Wilson confirmed that a meeting would be taking place in the following week regarding the storm drain on Lowergate.
ii. Continuing issues regarding potholes, on the Cliburn ling and the road between Glenesk House and the allotments.
ACTION: Clerk to follow up.
iii. A manhole cover outside Morland Hall has been dislodged, causing a hazard.
iv. Councillor Hancock reported that Cumbria County Council's 'report a pothole' line was proving very effective and that Councillors as individuals can report issues as they arise, as well as through the Parish Council.
b) **Trees at Morland Hall Farm:** A resident had requested that trees bordering their property at Morland Hall Farm be cut back and reshaped, as they were causing too much shade. A report from a tree surgeon was submitted, and the resident was happy to pay the costs.
ACTION: The Chair requested Councillors visit the trees to gain a visual perspective, and that the matter be further considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council.
c) **Street Lights:** A light on Water Street is not working.
ACTION: Councillor Hancock to investigate.
d) **School Bus:** Councillor Fitton informed the meeting of the sudden withdrawal of the school bus service for students travelling to secondary schools in Penrith, which would affect around 20 pupils. The possibility of organising an alternative

was raised. District Councillor Tonkin offered to speak to County Councillor Whipp regarding the issue. The Parish Council would support a local solution.

- 9/21/8** **Planning Applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments submitted on behalf of the Parish Council since the last meeting were noted;
a) 21/0674 – 12 Cobblestone Corner, Morland, Penrith - Internal and external alterations to dwelling including rear extension. **No objections**
- 9/21/9** **Noticeboards: RESOLVED** that Councillors agreed to further inspect the current noticeboard, and agree a solution at the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- 9/21/10** **Goalposts: RESOLVED** that it was agreed to purchase new 5-a-side socketed goal posts for the play area with a contribution from the Towns Fund.
ACTION: Councillor Fitton to enquire about storage at the school
- 9/21/11** **Play Area: RESOLVED** that the annual inspection by ROSPA had been received and that the following actions were agreed;
a) To remove the basket swing as a matter of urgency.
ACTION: Councillor Wilson arranging for replacement beam.
b) To close the toddler unit, ready for refurbishment.
- 9/21/12** **A66 Consultation: RESOLVED** that the Chair requested that Councillors take the opportunity to visit the consultation events planned regarding the changes to the route of the A66.
- 9/21/13** **CiLCA: RESOLVED** that the Council were informed that the Clerk had now passed her Certificate in Local Council Administration.
- 9/21/14** **Email/phone issues: RESOLVED** that the Chair confirmed that he does not use email or texts as a means of contacting Councillors, and that any received purporting to be from him should be deleted.
- 9/21/15** **Council matters: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised;
a) Councillor Fitton raised a concern regarding an old car stored at Halmshaws garage. Children had been seen playing inside it, and there was potential for metal and glass shards to be present.
ACTION: Clerk to contact environmental health at Eden District Council.
- 9/21/16** **Date of next Ordinary Meeting: Monday November 8th, 2021 at 7.30pm, at Morland Village Hall.**

Meeting closed: 9:00pm