

# MORLAND PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Morland Parish Council held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm at Morland Village Hall.

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

Four members of the public were also present.

- 9/21/1** **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED** that the following absences were noted;  
a) Councillor Lesley Robson, apologies received after the meeting.
- 9/21/2** **Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED** that there were no declarations of interest made.
- 9/21/3** **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 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) A resident enquired about ongoing issues with drainage on Water Street. Councillor Wilson confirmed that he is following up issues with Highways.  
b) Residents enquired about the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, and were informed that a response regarding proposed development sites is due from Eden District Council, and that the Plan should soon be ready to move forward to referendum.  
c) County Councillor Mike Tonkin confirmed the draft Structural Changes Order for the new unitary authority had been issued, confirming the two authorities are Westmorland and Furness; and Cumberland. Westmorland and Furness will have a total of 65 members. Elections are due to take place in May 2022, then every four years from 2027. A joint committee, with three representatives from each Council has been set up to oversee the transfer to the new authority, with District reserves going towards costs.
- 9/21/5** **Progress Reports: RESOLVED** that the following reports were received;  
a) **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – The Clerk informed the Council that a response was currently being waited for from Eden District Council regarding potential development sites.  
b) **Footway Lighting** – Councillor Hancock informed the Council that the light at Tuers malfunctioned and had been replaced, with the original being returned to the manufacturer. Permission had also been given from the Markham Trust to place the light at the Stable shop, which was now operational. Following a request from Councillor Hancock, it was agreed to increase the wayleave payment from £25 to £35 per annum, to cover increased electricity costs.
- 9/21/6** **Grants: RESOLVED** to make the following grant payments:  
a) Fellrunner Bus Service - £136.50  
b) 3 Dads Walking - £100.
- 9/21/7** **Accounts: RESOLVED** that payments were agreed as per the attached payment schedule.
- 9/21/8** **Precept: RESOLVED** that the precept would be increased by 2%, in line with Council Tax increases.
- 9/21/9** **Highways and Maintenance: RESOLVED** that the following issues were discussed;  
a) **Highways Issues:**

- i. The Clerk was requested to enquire with Eden District Council regarding ownership of a piece of ground in Morland village, known locally as 'the drying field'.
- ii. Work on the Cliburn Ling should be done in December.
- iii. Issues with the manhole cover outside Morland Hall.
- iv. Overgrown hedge onto the curb at the substation/telephone exchange on the High Street.
- v. At the crossways, a high tree needs reducing.
- vi. Issues with a dead elm on the bridge behind Little Appleby Lane.
- vii. The roadside by Glenesk is dropping away.
- viii. It was agreed to obtain two kissing gates from Highways.

**ACTION:** Clerk to arrange.

- ix. 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.

**9/21/10** **Planning Applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments were agreed on application received;

- a) 21/0895 at Crossfell, Morland, CA10 3AZ for the replacement of porch with open porch, general refurbishment of property and formation of car parking space. **No objections.**

**9/21/11** **Noticeboards: RESOLVED** that the noticeboard was currently being repaired by Richardsons, and that the bill would be forwarded to the Clerk once received.

**9/21/12** **Play Area: RESOLVED** that the basket swing had now been removed. A new beam was being obtained. Repair of the play equipment was still being investigated, and would require the purchase of security panelling. Issues with moles were raised.

**9/21/13** **Annual New Year Parish Meeting: RESOLVED** that it was agreed that the meeting would take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022, to include the auction of Charity Lands. **ACTION:** Clerk to ensure notices put up by end of November.

**9/21/14** **Council matters: RESOLVED** that no further matters were raised.

**9/21/15** **Date of next Ordinary Meeting: Monday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7.30pm, at Morland Village Hall.**

Meeting closed: 20:52pm