

MORLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Morland Parish Council held on Thursday 14th November 2022 at 7.30pm at Morland Village Hall.

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

Five members of the public were also present.

- 11/22/1** **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED** that there the following absences were noted;
a) Councillor Lesley Robson, due to illness (apologies received),
- 11/22/2** **Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED** that no declarations of interest were made.
- 11/22/3** **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
- 11/22/4** **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that concerns over an overgrowing hedgerow on Water Street were raised again.
ACTION: Councillor Hancock to contact Mark Binney regarding work.
- 11/22/5** **Progress Reports: RESOLVED** that the following report was received;
a) **Footway Lighting** – Councillor Hancock informed the Council that the new light had been well received.
- 11/22/6** **Highways and Maintenance: RESOLVED** that the following issues were discussed;
a) **Cliburn Bridge:** An arch is blocked.
ACTION: Clerk to follow up with Highways to arrange with the Environment Agency.
b) **Bridges (18 tonne limit):** Concerns were raised that both bridges are limiting heavy vehicles simultaneously, which has led to these diverting through the village.
ACTION: Clerk and Councillor Wilson to contact highways for more clarity and to express concerns.
- 11/22/7** **Play Area: RESOLVED** that Councillor Wilson had arranged for a local company to assess the toddler unit for repairs. Clerk was requested to contact Sovereign regarding planned date for repair to climbing frame. Councillor Wilson also informed the Council that he was waiting for a quote for fencing and to fix goalposts. Concerns were raised regarding garden cuttings being dumped in the playing field. Clerk was requested to mention in next Newsletter article. Clerk was also requested to ask Eden District Council for a new litter bin, near to the post box, opposite the play area.
- 11/22/8** **Allotments: RESOLVED** that the Clerk was asked to request the attendance of allotment holders at the January meeting.
- 11/22/9** **Queen’s Green Canopy: RESOLVED** that it was agreed to purchase four trees for planting – a crab apple, a copper beech, an oak and a maple.
ACTION: Clerk to order, and to source prices for plaques.
- 11/22/10** **Clerk’s salary: RESOLVED** to increase Clerk’s salary in line with NALC recommendations for 2022/23, including backpay.
- 11/22/11** **Precept: RESOLVED** that the draft budget for 2023/24 was considered, and that it was agreed to keep the annual Precept at the same level as 2022/23.
- 11/22/12** **Accounts: RESOLVED** that payments were agreed as per the attached payment schedule.

- 11/22/13 Council matters: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised;
- a) Councillor Wilson raised the issue of community power generation, via a hydro turbine at the Mill Race. Councillor's agreed that there could be potential in the idea, possibly as a community endeavour. Councillor Wilson to seek further information.
 - b) The Clerk informed the Council that Eden District Council would be conducting a Settlement Study, in order to formulate the basis for a new Local Plan under the Westmorland and Furness Council Authority. No further action was required at this time.
- 11/22/14 Date of next Ordinary Meeting: Monday January 9th 2023 at 7.30pm, at Morland Village Hall.**

Meeting closed: 8:41pm

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