

MORLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Morland Parish Council held on Thursday 13th March 2023 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

Due to the absence of the Parish Clerk, notes from the meeting were taken by Councillor Robson

- 3/23/1 Apologies for absence: RESOLVED** that there were no apologies to give.
- 3/23/2 Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED** that no declarations of interest were made.
- 3/23/3 Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
- 3/23/4 Public Participation: RESOLVED** that the following issues were raised;
- a) Residents updated the Parish Council on the potential sale of the Crown Inn. This remains unsold. A 'Friends of the pub' group had been formed, who were gathering material regarding a potential community buyout. The Chair emphasised that an involved community group was essential for this type of undertaking.
 - b) Residents were concerned about proposed signage to be erected at the ford. A member of the Parish Council was able to delay installation, in order for further discussions to take place with the County Council. Residents have also undertaken research as to the legal position. The Parish Council would arrange a meeting with Highways, and include residents.
 - c) Residents raised concerns over damage to the ford due to large vehicles struggling to turn. It was suggested that a no parking sign should be erected directly opposite to the ford. The Parish Council would forward a request to highways.
 - d) A resident offered to repaint the bridge at the ford, if materials could be supplied.
 - e) Residents raised concerns over damage to play equipment. It was explained that some equipment is due to be refurbished by supplier, and a further project is being investigated to restore the toddler unit.
 - f) Residents raised concerns over parking on the bridge just beyond the pub, with a suggestion that some form of hard standing may improve the surface.
 - g) Residents raised concerns over dog bins. The Parish Council would arrange for more signage.
 - h) Residents raised concerns over damage to the pathway sign and missing bridge rails at Little Appleby. Parish Council to look into repair.
 - i) Councillor Wilson also informed the meeting that grant funding is still being sought to fund potential purchase of allotment field. Eden District Council have awarded a grant to the Parish Council, and thanks were passed to District Councillor Mike Tonkin for his assistance in this matter.
- 3/23/5 Annual Parish Council Meeting: RESOLVED** that the timing of this meeting would need to be clarified with the Clerk
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- 3/23/7 Planning Applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments were agreed on planning application received since the last meeting of the Parish Council;
- a) **23/0140** Old Cow, Byre, Morland, Penrith. Proposed rear sun room extension and detached garage/carport. **No objections**

- b) **23/0044** 4 Damson Bank, Crown Inn Fields, Morland. Variation of condition 2 (plans compliance) for amendments to porch and insertion of top hung opening window to first floor bathroom for ventilation, attached to approval 19/0057. **No objections**

3/23/8

Highways and Maintenance: RESOLVED that the following issues were discussed;

- a) A sweeper has been to Wilson Brow, but needs to return for further work.
- b) Councillor Wilson met with Highways to discuss issues at Morland House stables regarding water run-off.
- c) Bridge at Town End has been hit hard by a vehicle, and is in need of repair. Clerk to report.
- d) Silt issues are recurring at Cliburn bridge, and the Beck at Glenton Vale is getting closer to the road. Clerk to raise with relevant bodies.

3/23/9

Grass Cutting: RESOLVED that Mark Binney would be engaged for 2023. The Council was very pleased with his work in previous years. It was agreed to add a once yearly task of shrub clearance at the roadside opposite Tuers garage.

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Play Area: RESOLVED that this was discussed at item 4.

3/23/11

Accounts: RESOLVED that these would need to be further clarified with the Clerk.

3/23/12

Council matters: RESOLVED that the following matters were raised;

- a) The light at Hilltop House is not working
ACTION: Councillor Hancock to investigate.

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Date of Annual Parish Council Meeting: To be determined

Meeting closed: 8:40pm