

MORLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Morland Parish Council held on Thursday 10th July 2023 at 7.30pm at Morland Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors; Dan Fitton, Phillip Hancock, Peter Taylor (Vice-Chair),
Paul Vines,
Officers; Lisa Beken (Clerk)

Five members of the Public were also present.

In the absence of the Chair, this meeting was chaired by Councillor Peter Taylor, Vice-Chair

- 7/23/1** **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED** that the following absences be noted:
a) Councillor Steve Wilson, apologies received;
b) Westmorland and Furness Councillor Neil McCall, apologies received.
- 7/23/2** **Co-option of Councillor: RESOLVED** that Gillian Garratt was unanimously co-opted on to the Parish Council.
- 7/23/3** **Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED** that Councillor Taylor declared an interest in item 10a on the agenda (minute number 7/23/10a).
- 7/23/4** **Minutes: RESOLVED** that an amendment to the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 25th 2023 was agreed, and that that the amended minutes would be approved at the next meeting of the Parish Council. as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 7/23/5** **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that the following issues were raised;
- A resident informed the Council of a recent Facebook post regarding an unsolicited contact from strangers at a property in Morland, who had been asking questions about livestock and left a mark on the driveway. The police had been contacted and were investigating.
 - A resident raised the issue of the play area toddler unit. They were under the impression that this would be fixed by May. The Council informed them that a company had been engaged to fix the unit, but were unable to repair the bridge to required standard. A new company have now been found to fix the bridge. The resident asked if the unit could be partly accessed. Councillor Fitton to investigate to see if it is able to be partially opened.
 - Issues over surface damage to Church Lane, in particular the turning circle outside No 2 Church Lane. Clerk to enquire with highways.
- 7/23/6** **Progress Reports: RESOLVED** that the following updates were received;
- a) **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – the officer in charge of assessing the plan is away until 1st August, Clerk will continue to pursue a further update.
 - b) **Allotments** - the sale is ready to proceed, just awaiting final reports.
 - c) **Signage at Morland Ford** – Councillor Garratt informed the Council that Councillors and the Protecting Morland Ford Group had been working together to come up with an alternative option for signage, which would involve extending the railings. Try your brake triangles would go on resident wall, with their agreement. Councillor Garratt has spoken to residents directly in line of site and they are happy with it. Councillor Garratt to send details with new plan to the Clerk, explaining rationale, and Councillor Wilson will speak Sean Mitchell at Highways. MP Neil Hudson is also contacting Westmorland and Furness Council and the Department of Transport regarding depth gauges.
- 7/23/7** **Accounts;**
- a) **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £80 to the Fellrunner Bus Service

- 7/23/8** b) **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts as listed in the payment schedule.
Highways and Maintenance: RESOLVED that the following was discussed;
- a) **Play area** – discussed in public participation.
 - b) **Overhanging hedges** – signs have been put up regarding overhanging hedges. A resident offered to contact the home owner directly to request them cut back foliage.
 - c) The pot hole outside Morland House has been filled.
 - d) Gravel build-up at the sides of road is causing skidding past Ivy Cottage towards the power station. Clerk to report.
 - e) A resident had contacted Countryside Access about the stile at the allotments. Will need to check ownership of the stile, and whether it is part of the land purchase.
- 7/23/9** **Sewerage** – Councillors agreed that there were ongoing concerns and agreed to discuss these further at the next meeting, having contacted a representative of United Utilities.
- 7/23/10** **Planning Applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments on planning applications received since the last meeting of the Parish Council were agreed;
- a) **23/0442** Land Behind Tanglewood, High Street, Morland, Penrith - Variation of conditions 5 (shared access), 6 (access and parking), 10 (root protection plan), 12 (surface water drainage), 13 (surface water management plan), 14 (flood defence) and 15 (drainage) to amend the wording of the conditions to allow commencement of the development, attached to approval 16/0682
Objections - On the grounds of drainage/water management. Councillors were concerned with proposals to rely on pumps, particularly if there was a loss of power and over potential discharging into Beck. Councillors strongly objected to any proposals that work could begin before drainage plans were agreed, and supported concerns raised by Highways.
- 7/23/11** **Council matters: RESOLVED** that Councillors discussed the following matters;
- a) **Crown Inn** – A member of the public requested that the Parish Council consider making an Expression of Interest in the pub under the government Community Funding Scheme. Councillors were concerned that the Parish Council did not have the requisite skills and availability to manage a project both to purchase the pub and to subsequently run it. Requests for community volunteers to be involved had not met with any strong response. It was agreed that a public meeting be held in early September, to garner local opinion on the future of the pub, and whether there was sufficient interest in forming a community group to manage both the project to purchase the pub, and to be responsible for running it.
- 7/23/12** **Date of next Ordinary Meeting: Monday September 11th, 2023 at 7.30pm, at Morland Village Hall.**

Meeting closed: 8:53pm