

MORLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Morland Parish Council held on Thursday 25th May 2023 at 7.30pm at Morland Village Hall.

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

Five members of the Public were also present.

- 5/23/1 Election of Chair: RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Steve Wilson as Chair of Morland Parish Council for 2023/24. (Nominated by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Vines)
- 5/23/2 Election of Vice-Chair: RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Peter Taylor as Vice-Chair of Morland Parish Council for 2023/24. (Nominated by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Vines)
- 5/23/3 Apologies for absence: RESOLVED** that the following absences be noted:
a) Councillor Lesley Robson, apologies received;
b) Westmorland and Furness Councillor Neil McCall, apologies received.
- 5/23/4 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations: RESOLVED** that these had been reviewed by the Clerk, and no revisions were required at this time.
- 5/23/5 Council Policies: RESOLVED** to approve the Equal Opportunities Policy as previously circulated. Further **RESOLVED** that all other policies had been reviewed by the Clerk, and that no other revisions to policies were required at this time.
- 5/23/6 Annual Accounts: RESOLVED** that these had been audited and were approved by the Council.
- 5/23/7 Standing Committees: RESOLVED** that the following standing committees were agreed:
a) **Allotments:** Councillors Fitton, Taylor and Wilson.
b) **Highways/maintenance:** Councillors Hancock and Fitton.
c) **Finance:** Councillors Hancock, Robson, Vines and the Clerk.
- 5/23/8 Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED** that no declarations of interest were made.
- 5/23/9 Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on March 13th 2023 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 5/23/10 Public Participation: RESOLVED** that no issues were raised.
- 5/23/11 Progress Reports: RESOLVED** that the following updates were received;
a) **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – This was now with Westmorland and Furness Council.
b) **Signage at Morland Ford** – A site meeting had been held at the Ford with Councillors, residents, representatives from the Highways department and Westmorland and Furness Councillors. It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide a plinth, to Highways specification, for the signs, in order for them to be less obtrusive. Agreement was not reached on the placement of depth gauges at the ford. Councillor Vines to draft a letter of objection, in conjunction with the resident group, Clerk to forward to Highways.
- 5/23/12 Allotments: RESOLVED** that the Council were informed that solicitors for the seller and the Parish Council have been appointed, with the sale ready to move forward.
- 5/23/13 Accounts;**
a) **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts as listed in the payment schedule.
b) **RESOLVED** to renew the Parish Council's insurance policy with Zurich.
- 5/23/14 Highways and Maintenance: RESOLVED** that the following was discussed;

- a) It has emerged that funding for resurfacing the Cliburn road has been lost, meaning the whole length will no longer be replaced.
- b) A tractor collision had taken place on the corner at Morland Hall. A large pot hole at the corner appears to have been a cause. Clerk to report to Highways.
- c) Continuing concerns over the condition of bridges, Clerk to report to Highways.
- d) Potholes and flooding on the Cliburn to Melkinthorp road. Clerk to report to Highways.

5/23/15 **Play Area: RESOLVED** that it was confirmed that Sovereign has replaced old metal with new as agreed, although waste was left at the site. Councillor Wilson also confirmed that he was making ongoing enquires with regard to the toddler unit.

5/23/16 **Planning Applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments on planning applications received since the last meeting of the Parish Council were agreed;

- a) **23/0282** Gatelands, Morland. Penrith. Roof over existing midden.

No objections

5/23/17 **Council matters: RESOLVED** that Councillors were informed that the newsletter will no longer be available in print, but will continue as a digital publication only. Councillors agreed to continue to publish a monthly update. Councillors were also informed of contact from a resident concerned that the noticeboard is not regularly cleared and updated. Clerk to reply to resident.

5/23/18 **Date of next Ordinary Meeting: Monday July 10th, 2023 at 7.30pm, at Morland Village Hall.**

Meeting closed: 9:00pm