

MORLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Morland Parish Council held on Thursday 13th November 2023 at 7.30pm at Morland Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors; Dan Fitton, Gillian Garratt, Phillip Hancock, Lesley Robson, Paul Vines, Steve Wilson

Twelve members of the Public were also present.

As the Clerk was unable to attend due to ill health, meeting minutes were recorded by Councillor Robson.

- 11/23/1** **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED** that the following absences be noted:
a) Westmorland and Furness Councillor Neil MacCall, due to weather conditions.
- 11/23/2** **Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED** that no interests were declared.
- 11/23/3** **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th September 2023 were agreed, as a true record and would be signed by the Chair.
- 11/23/4** **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that the following issues were raised;
- Planning (item 10 on the agenda, moved forward). Councillor Wilson summarised the history of the planning application behind Tanglewood. Councillor Fitton drew the Council's attention to the fact that permission to proceed had been granted to the developer, without a full agreement for drainage in place. Concerns were raised that an electric pump system is intended to be installed, with regard to efficiency, noise and reliability. The Chair requested that a letter be sent to Westmorland and Furness Council strongly expressing the lack of detail on provision and lack of communication with relevant neighbouring properties. Additionally, affected members of the public were encouraged to collectively and individually approach Westmorland and Furness to seek further answers as to why this had been approved.
 - Sewerage (item 7 on the agenda, moved forward). A resident offered to investigate water quality. It was agreed to meet with United Utilities to discuss concerns.
 - Signage at Morland Ford (item 6b on the agenda, moved forward). Councillor Wilson summarised recent issues, and explained that the white fencing is to be extended to accommodate the signage, which will face both ways to be clearly seen by motorists on both sides of the river. Depth gauges are still to be sited, at approximately four foot in height rather than six.
- 11/23/5** **Allotments: RESOLVED** that Councillor Wilson confirmed that as the new owner of the allotment field, the Parish Council is planning to repair the boundaries. It is then intended to look at issues of water availability at the site, as well as updating records on renters, payment schedules, rules around being an allotment holder and a general update on how plots should be used. A parishioner volunteered to assist with this, and would liaise with Councillors Taylor and Fitton.
- 11/23/6** **Progress Reports: RESOLVED** that the following updates were received;
- a) **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – the meeting was informed that the Heritage Report would need to be adopted as a formal document so as to be added as an extra supporting document to the plan. **RESOLVED** that the report was unanimously adopted.

- b) **Signage at Morland Ford** - this was discussed at item 11/23/4.
c) **Play area** – the meeting thanked Councillor Fitton for all his work. This was progressing and nearing completion.
- 11/23/7 Sewerage works: RESOLVED** that this was discussed at item 11/23/4.
11/23/8 Street Lighting: RESOLVED that Councillor Wilson had discussed the placement of a light with the manager of the café, who would approach their landlord to seek permission. It was further noted that there is a dark spot outside the Church and that lighting there had malfunctioned. Councillor Hancock is aware and dealing with. Councillor Hancock was further requested to arrange purchase of required materials for the new light at the café in anticipation.
- 11/23/9 Crown Inn: RESOLVED** that a group has been formed to action the possible purchase of the pub. As previously discussed, it was agreed that the Parish Council and the Town's Fund would provide a grant of £240 for membership of the Plunkett Foundation.
- 11/23/10 Planning: RESOLVED** that this was discussed at item 11/23/4.
11/23/11 Clerk Salary: RESOLVED that this would be discussed at the January meeting of the Parish Council.
- 11/23/12 Parish Precept: RESOLVED** that this would be discussed at the January meeting of the Parish Council.
- 11/23/13 Accounts; RESOLVED** that following the addition of a grant of £200 as a donation for the Fireworks Display payments as listed in the payment schedule were approved.
- 11/23/14 Highways and Maintenance: RESOLVED** that the following was discussed;
a) **Cliburn Bridge** – Councillor Wilson is currently dealing with this matter.
b) **Issues with river meander** - Councillor Wilson is arranging to speak to the Environment Agency.
c) **Outside Morland House** - that this repair has not been enacted.
d) **Noticeboard** – that these boards need to be more accessible. Councillor Fitton was aware that the board in the Square requires painting, and would action.
e) **Other matter** – Concerns were raised that bins in the village were overburdened with dog mess. Chair requested that polite notices put in boards asking owners to take waste home.
- 11/23/15 Council matters: RESOLVED** that Councillors discussed the following matters;
- An allotment holder offered to donate the proceeds of sales of produce to funds for the allotment site.
- With regard to trees for the jubilee and coronation, it was suggested that the Woodland Trust scheme could be utilised. To discuss at January meeting.
- It was suggested that a clear-up could be arranged at the Ford area, to repaint the bridge, prune trees etc.
- It was requested that a letter of thanks be sent with the fireworks donation. Councillor Hancock to action .
- 11/23/16 Date of next Ordinary Meeting: Monday 8th January at 7.30pm, at Morland Village Hall.**

Meeting closed: 9:10 pm