

# MORLAND PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Morland Parish Council held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm at Morland Village Hall.

**Present:** Parish Councillors; Dan Fitton, Phillip Hancock, Peter Taylor, Paul Vines  
WandF: Neil McCall

Eight members of the Public were also present.

*In the absence of the Chair the Meeting was Chaired by Vice-Chair Peter Taylor*

- 03/24/1** **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED** that the following absences be noted:  
a) Councillor Lesley Robson, due to illness;  
b) Councillor Gillian Garratt, due to vacation;  
c) Councillor Wilson, due to prior commitment;
- 03/24/2** **Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED** that no interests were declared.
- 03/24/3** **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were agreed, as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 03/24/4** **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that the following issues were raised;  
• Continuing concerns over Halmshaws Garage. Whilst the Parish Council has no power to act, the Clerk has been in touch with Westmorland and Furness Council on behalf of residents, and would continue to follow up these issues.
- 03/24/5** **Progress Reports: RESOLVED** that the following updates were received;  
a) **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – that the deadline for the statutory consultation had now closed. Councillor Robson and the Clerk would be meeting to discuss minor corrections raised by the Westmorland and Furness Council planning officer, and then would be submitting the plan to them for final consultation and to be passed to examiner.
- 03/24/6** **Street Lighting: RESOLVED** that the Council were informed that Westmorland and Furness had now agreed that there would be no charge for the maintenance and supply of adopted light for this financial year, 2023/24 and the next financial year 2024/25. They had also confirmed that there would be a review into footway lighting across the new council area. Councillor Hancock following up regarding the light at Hilltop.
- 03/24/7** **Planning: RESOLVED** that there were no matters to be raised.
- 03/24/8** **Allotments: RESOLVED** that the was instructed to liaise with residents representatives to issue invoices. A blockage at the beck was reported, Councillor Taylor to inspect and clear.
- 03/24/9** **Grass Cutting: RESOLVED** that Councillors discussed the tender document, and following amendments, agreed that the Clerk should circulate to vendors and that to award the contract at the May meeting.
- 03/24/10** **Noticeboard: RESOLVED** to that Councillors agreed to order new noticeboard.
- 03/24/11** **Play Area: RESOLVED** that Councillor Fitton has completed work on the Play Area, with some painting still required. Councillor Wilson will inspect, look at fencing behind goalposts.
- 03/24/12** **Annual Parish Meeting: RESOLVED** that this would be held at 7pm on Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2024.
- 03/24/13** **Accounts; RESOLVED** that payments as listed in the payment schedule were approved.
- 03/24/14** **Highways and Maintenance: RESOLVED** that the following was discussed;  
a) **Cliburn Bridge** – has cleared slightly.  
b) **Issues with river meander** - issues being followed up with the Environment Agency.

- c) **Signage at Morland Ford** - Waiting for a response from Westmorland and Furness.
- d) Kissing gates have now arrived, and will need to be installed.
- e) A drain sucker was utilised by Westmorland and Furness Council at Water Street, Wilson Brow and around village. However, several appeared to have been missed as they were covered in gravel. Drains are blocked from Lower Gate to High Gate Farm and at Little Appleby Lane.
- f) The road side past the allotments to Ivy Cottage is eroding away. Clerk to report.
- g) Westmorland and Furness will be returning to adjust the drain at Morland House. Will be coming back out to adjust drain at Morland House.
- h) Concerns were raised over the height of trees on Water Street.

**03/24/15**

**Council matters: RESOLVED** that Councillors discussed the following matters;

- Tree survey – the Clerk was requested to check the date of the last tree survey, and to put this on May's agenda.

**03/24/16**

**Date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm, at Morland Village Hall.**

Meeting closed: 8:38 pm