

MORLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Morland Parish Council held on Thursday 8th July 2024 at 7.30pm at Morland Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors; Dan Fitton, Gillian Garratt, Phillip Hancock, Peter Taylor, Lesley Robson, Steve Wilson, Paul Vines
WandF: Neil McCall

Seven members of the Public were also present.

- 07/24/1** **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED** that there were no absences to be received.
- 07/24/2** **Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED** that no interests were declared.
- 07/24/3** **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024 were agreed, as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 07/24/4** **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that the following issues were raised;
- Residents thanked Dan Fitton for all his work on the play area, which is now being well used by residents. Thanks were also passed on to the new grass cutting contractor, for their hard work.
 - Residents also passed on their thanks to the new contractor for the grass cutting at the river side, and the way they have cleared up.
 - A resident had reported a fallen tree in the churchyard. This is on Town's Fund land and is being dealt with.
- 07/24/5** **Progress Reports: RESOLVED** that the following updates were received;
- a) **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – that the plan has now been submitted.
- 07/24/6** **Grass cutting: RESOLVED** that J Thwaite had been engaged, having agreed to the same rate as the previous contractor. Thanks were passed to Gillian Garratt and Peter Taylor for their work in ensuring a contractor was found.
- 07/24/7** **20mph speed limit: RESOLVED** that following contact with Westmorland and Furness Council, they had agreed to accept an application for a 20pmph zone in the village. Any application would be subject to further investigation and consultation before being implemented. Councillors agreed to proceed with the application, which Councillor Garratt and the Clerk would finalise.
- 07/24/8** **Communications: RESOLVED** that Councillors agreed to renew the subscription to the newsletter.
- 07/24/9** **Tree survey: RESOLVED** to proceed with the basic tree survey.
- 07/24/10** **Financial Regulations: RESOLVED** that the anew Financial Regulations as previously circulated were approved.
- 07/24/11** **Local Plan: RESOLVED** that the Clerk had attended the Local Plan initial consultation meeting, and circulated slide for Councillors information.
- 07/24/12** **Halmshaws Garage: RESOLVED** that no further action had been taken at this time, as the officer at Westmorland and Furness had not been able to make contact with the owner.
- 07/24/13** **Planning: RESOLVED** that there were no matters to be raised.
- 07/24/14** **Highways and Maintenance: RESOLVED** that the following was discussed;
- a) **Play Area.** Some ongoing maintenance is required at the far area where plastic was put down for wildflowers. Councillor Wilson to look at putting down more seeds.
 - b) **Cliburn bridge** The situation has improved, but it is still partially blocked under the bridge. Sean Mitchell at Highways is aware.
 - c) **Allotments** Councillor Taylor has overseen change of hands of a couple of allotments and will put the old noticeboard up at the site.

- d) **Noticeboard** This has been delivered and Councillor Taylor will arrange to put in place.
- e) Triangle – Councillor Wilson raised concerns over vision. Bushes need trimming back. Request to residents to ask neighbours to cut back.
- f) Some work on has been undertake on potholes, but some at Jackson Croft have been missed. Clerk to report.
- g) Grids that were missed are still blocked, and also at Wilson Brow, outside of the 30mph limit. Sean Mitchell at Highways is looking to replace grids with solid tops to stop leaves getting in.
- h) Road surface down by the Church and at the triangle is creating a skid risk. Clerk to report.
- i) Issues with the traditional sandstone drain grids at the Stable Flat and boundary with shop are for Morland House need to address. Councillor Wilson to get in touch with Morland House.

07/24/15 Council matters: RESOLVED that Councillors discussed the following matters;

- a) Councillors agreed to look at issues over the coming year at the September meeting and agree and Action Plan.
- b) Tree survey results to be received in September.
- c) Sale of the Crown Inn is progressing, with the buyer currently looking at issues with the wall.

07/24/16 Accounts; RESOLVED that payments as listed in the payment schedule were approved.

07/24/17 Date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: Monday 9th September at 7.30pm, at Morland Village Hall.

Meeting closed: 9:10 pm