

MORLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Morland Parish Council held Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.30pm at Morland Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors; Dan Fitton, Gillian Garratt, Phillip Hancock, Lesley Robson, Peter Taylor (Vice-Chair), Steve Wilson, (Chair) Paul Vines
WandF: Neil McCall
Officers; Lisa Beken (Parish Clerk)

One member of the Public was also present.

- 05/24/1 Election of Chair: RESOLVED** that Councillor Steve Wilson was unanimously elected as Chair for 2024/2025. (Nomination by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Robson)
- 05/24/2 Election of Vice-Chair: RESOLVED** that Councillor Peter Taylor was unanimously elected Vice-Chair for 2024/2025. (Nominated by Councillor Wilson, Seconded by Councillor Robson))
- 05/24/3 Apologies for absence: RESOLVED** that there were no absences to be noted.
- 05/24/4 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations: RESOLVED** that Standing Orders had been reviewed by the Clerk and no changes were required at this time. Further **RESOLVED** that following publication of NALC's new Financial Regulations, these would be reviewed by the Clerk and submitted for approval at the July meeting of the Parish Council.
- 05/24/5 Council Policies: RESOLVED** that these had been reviewed by the Clerk and no changes were required at this time.
- 05/24/6 Annual Accounts: RESOLVED** to approve the annual accounts for 2023-24 as reviewed by the internal auditor.
- 05/24/7 Standing Committees: RESOLVED** that Standing Committees should be formed as follows;
- a) Allotments: Councillors Fitton, Taylor and Wilson.
 - b) Highways/maintenance: Councillors Hancock, and Fitton.
 - c) Finance: Councillors Hancock, Robson, Taylor and the Clerk.
 - d) Communication: Councillors Garratt and Vines.
- 05/24/8 Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED** that no interests were declared.
- 05/24/9 Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 11th March 2024 were agreed, as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 05/24/10 Public Participation: RESOLVED** that the following issues were raised;
- Ongoing concerns at Halmshaws Garage. The Clerk had submitted a request for Westmorland and Furness Council to investigate, and would follow up.
 - 20mph speed limit. The first round of applications is now closed; however, the Clerk was requested to investigate if further applications would be accepted, and report back to the July meeting.
- 05/24/11 Progress Reports: RESOLVED** that the following updates were received;
- a) **Neighbourhood Development Plan** The Plan is now complete and ready for submission.
- 05/24/12 Tree Survey: RESOLVED** that the Clerk would send out tender requests for tree survey, adding in the play area and allotments to previous survey area.
- 05/24/13 Grass Cutting** that due to unfortunate circumstances, the Parish Council are urgently looking for someone to cut grass. Councillor Garratt to advertise through Facebook, Clerk to chase contacts.

- 05/24/14 Allotment site: RESOLVED** that concerns over tree trunks in the river south of the village causing flooding on the allotment site and adjacent fields. Clerk to write to Environment Agency.
- 05/24/15 Crown Inn: RESOLVED** that Councillors were informed of a commercial bid for the site, and had no objections.
- 05/24/16 Footway Lighting: RESOLVED** that Councillor Hancock was in talks with Westmorland and Furness Council regarding the light at Hilltop.
- 05/24/17 Accounts: RESOLVED** to pay accounts as listed. Further **RESOLVED** to approve a grant to the Fellrunner Bus Service of £157.
- 05/24/18 Highways and Maintenance: RESOLVED** that the following was discussed;
- Cliburn Bridge** – debris at the bridge has cleared slightly, however concerns ongoing that it may have affected the bridge.
 - Issues with river meander** - Councillor Wilson is waiting for response from the Environment Agency.
 - Signage at Morland Ford** - it was agreed that costings would be needed for treated timbers. The bridge requires painting, and the Parish Council agreed to reimburse materials for volunteers.
 - An issue with agricultural waste on the road at Scolowell Lane down to Broad Ford was raised. Councillor Wilson agreed to speak to the farmer.
 - Issues with sucker wagon – Councillor Wilson had spoken to Sean Mitchell as Highways, who confirmed that they were supposed to do every drain on the gritting route, and that he would try to arrange for uncleared drains to be cleared.
 - Town end bridge – road still falling away. Clerk to report.
- 05/24/19 Planning: RESOLVED** that no matters were raised
- 05/24/20 Council matters: RESOLVED** that Councillors discussed the following matters;
- Play Area – chase up issues for ROSPA report.
 - Recycling and refuse – issues have arisen over blocking road, leaving recycling, creating litter, missed some residents, blue bags been thrown in Beck.
- 05/24/21 Date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: Monday 8th July at 7.30pm, at Morland Village Hall.**

Meeting closed: 9:19 pm