

MORLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Morland Parish Council held on Monday 11th November 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

Eight members of the Public were present, alongside Westmorland and Furness Councillor Neil McCall.

- 11/24/1** **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED** that there were no absences to be received.
- 11/24/2** **Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED** Councillor Garratt declared an interest in item 8 on the agenda (minute number 11/24/8) as an allotment holder, and Councillor Vines declared an interest in item 12(a) on the agenda (minute number 11/24/12 a) regarding a Tree Preservation Order for a neighbouring property.
- 11/24/3** **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th September 2024 were agreed, as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 11/24/4** **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised;
- Public House** – The current sale is expected to proceed once current issues regarding the damaged wall, and potential issues with drains, are resolved.
 - Church Lane** – Councillor Hancock raised a concern regarding a disabled resident having issues getting out to their car due to the camber of tarmac. Clerk to report to Highways, and Councillor Wilson to follow up.
- 11/24/5** **Progress Reports: RESOLVED** that the following updates were received;
- Neighbourhood Development Plan** – Councillor Robson has been informed that Westmorland and Furness are working with an outside party to finalise Neighbourhood Development Plans. Councillor Robson and the Clerk are arranging a date to meet with them to discuss final issues.
- 11/24/6** **Tree survey: RESOLVED** to defer to the January meeting.
- 11/24/7** **Tree planting: RESOLVED** to plant four trees on land near Byesteads Farm, to plant a crab apple at the allotments, and to plant further trees at the play area. The Town's Fund will cover the cost of tree guards on their land. Councillor Wilson to liaise with volunteers to arrange planting.
- 11/24/8** **Allotments: RESOLVED** that concerns have been raised over flooding. This is a new issue, occurring over the last two years, and appears to be due to the riverbank eroding in the above field. Councillor Taylor is arranging remedial works to try and alleviate issues. The Clerk will follow up with the Environment Agency regarding the tree in the Beck and increased flow due to erosion of the riverbank.
- 11/24/9** **Emergency Plan: RESOLVED** that Councillors Garratt, Vines and Fitton would form a working group to outline the plans aims and devise a consultation plan, involving other relevant stakeholders in the Parish.
- 11/24/10** **Governance: RESOLVED** that the following was agreed;
- The Clerk would produce a RAG (Red/Amber/Green) Report, to be updated following meetings, to keep track of current projects.
 - To adopt a Freedom of Information policy at the January meeting.
 - To adopt a Health and Safety Policy at the January meeting.
 - To conduct a review of the Risk Assessment for the March meeting.
 - To form a Staffing Committee to deal with HR matters. It was agreed to appoint Councillors Garratt and Vines to the committee, with Terms of Reference to be approved at the January meeting.
- 11/24/11** **Play Area: RESOLVED** that there were no major issues arising from the play area inspection, with Councillor Fitton attending to remedial issues. There are issues with

flooding around some play equipment, Councillor Wilson is seeking a solution. Wood treatment and planting of wild flowers will be deferred until early summer.

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Planning matters: RESOLVED

- a) **2024/1681/DISC** Land behind Tanglewood, High Street, Morland, Penrith, CA10 3AS. Discharge of condition 11 (surface water drainage), attached to approval 23/0442.

Councillors raised continuing concerns over the current drainage plan, that properties on Water Street would be at risk of flooding. Concerns were also raised regarding potential power cuts, and how this would affect the pumped drainage system. With regards to Nutrient Neutrality, a question was raised as to enforcement if proposals are not followed through. Clerk to pass concerns to Westmorland and Furness.

- b) No other planning matters were raised.

11/24/13

Highways and Maintenance: RESOLVED that the following was discussed;

- a) **Cliburn bridge** – ongoing issue, the bridge team at Westmorland and Furness are aware.
- b) An accident on the bridge to Maulds Meaburn knocked part of the wall down and dislodged several stones. This has been reported and the bridge team are aware. The road will be need to be closed for repairs to take place. Councillors also raised concerns that some of the stone work may have fallen in the river.
- c) **White bridge on Ford**. Some of the signage has disappeared. The meeting was reminded that this constituted theft, and was a criminal offence. Highways have requested that all signage be returned. The Parish Council has been working collaboratively with the Highways department to achieve a solution that causes minimal impact on the local amenity, and it is important that this relationship continues.
- d) Potholes have been filled around the Parish. However, concerns were raised over quality of the work. Councillor Wilson addressed Westmorland and Furness Councillor Neil McCall with concerns that the work being carried out was ineffective, and lacked efficiency. It was also noted that a large pothole remains at Jackson Croft.
- e) Drains are blocked, down from Eady House. It appears chipping and tarmac from recent pothole repairs have contributed to this.
- f) Councillor Hancock had spoken to the Lighting Manager, Scott McLaughlin, about the removal of the current light at Hilltop, which is required before the new light can be installed.

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Financial matters: RESOLVED that the following matter were agreed;

- a) To approve payments as listed in the payment schedule;
- b) To approve the Clerk's annual salary increase, as per NALC recommendations, backdated to April 2024;
- c) To accept the budget forecast as amended;
- d) To increase the Parish Precept by 5%, meaning a total of £8238.30 per annum;
- e) That Lloyds bank had notified the Clerk that new account opening was paused, as new terms, including charges, were being introduced in January. Clerk to investigate other options, and bring to the January meeting.

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Council matters: RESOLVED that Councillors discussed the following matters;

- a) Tree Preservation Order – there were no objections to the order.
- b) Grass cutting – to enquire with the current contractor to extend his contact.
- c) Fireworks – the Clerk was requested to write to Rob and Sarah Kite to thank them for the successful fireworks event.

11/24/16

Date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.30pm, at Morland Village Hall.

Meeting closed: 9:34 pm