

MORLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Morland Parish Council held on Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.30pm at Morland Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors; Dan Fitton, Peter Taylor, Paul Vines

Westmorland and Furness Councillor Neil McCall was also present.

No members of the Public were present.

Due to the absence of the Chair, the meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chair, Councillor Peter Taylor.

- 11/24/1 Apologies for absence: RESOLVED** that the following absences were noted;
- a) Councillor Wilson, due to illness;
 - b) Councillor Robson, due to illness;
 - c) Councillor Garratt, due to illness;
 - d) Councillor Hancock, due to personal commitment.
- 11/24/2 Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED** that no interests were declared
- 11/24/3 Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th November 2024 were agreed, as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 11/24/4 Public Participation: RESOLVED** that there were no members of the public present.
- 11/24/5 Progress Reports: RESOLVED** that the following updates were received;
- a) **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – Councillor Robson, resident Julia Evans and the Clerk attended a meeting with Westmorland and Furness Council and planning consultants Bluestone Planning, who Westmorland and Furness Council have engaged to assist with Neighbourhood Plans. Minor changes have been suggested to help progress the plan to examination. It was **RESOLVED** to designate the Drying Field and the Beckside as Local Green Spaces, and to consult with the Village Hall regarding the space around the hall.
- 11/24/6 Tree survey: RESOLVED** that the survey had been received and circulated to Councillors, and that consideration of further action would be deferred to the March meeting.
- 11/24/7 Emergency Plan: RESOLVED** that as the committee had not had a chance to meet, this would be deferred to the March meeting. Councillor Fitton confirmed that he still had hessian sandbags. Westmorland and Furness Councillor Neil McCall was asked if Westmorland and Furness Council were intending to continue with a scheme run by Eden District Council provided sand and sandbags, for residents to fill. Councillor McCall and the Clerk to investigate.
- 11/24/8 Allotments: RESOLVED** that the Clerk had received a response from the Environment Agency, who had confirmed that they would not take any action on a site where there is no danger to property. Councillor Taylor had visited the site during a period of and used stones to divert the flow of water. Soil is to be delivered to the site for further work to be done, when the ground is softer.
- 11/24/9 Grass Cutting: RESOLVED** to reengage the services of Joseph Thwaites, as per his quotation.
- 11/24/10 Footway Lighting: RESOLVED** that Westmorland and Furness Council were proposing a new Lighting Policy, which would provide Parish Council's with the option to continue to own footway lights, with a maintenance and supply contract with Westmorland and Furness, or to return them to the ownership of Westmorland and Furness, who would continue to maintain current lights. This would need to be confirmed at a Westmorland and Furness Council meeting in March,

- 11/24/11** **Policies: RESOLVED** that the following policies as previously circulated, were approved;
- a) **Health and Safety Policy;**
 - b) **Freedom of Information Policy.**
- 11/24/12** **Staffing committee: RESOLVED** that the Terms of Reference, as previously circulated, were approved.
- 11/24/13** **20mph application: RESOLVED** that the Clerk was awaiting an update from Westmorland and Furness Council.
- 11/24/14** **Planning matters: RESOLVED** that there were no current planning applications open to comment in the Parish, and no recent planning decision had been made.
- 11/24/15** **Highways and Maintenance: RESOLVED** that the following was discussed;
- a) **White bridge on Ford.** Councillor Fitton was requested to measure up for the new railings.
 - b) **Sluice Gate** The Clerk was in the process of discussing possible funding for repair of the gate with Westmorland and Furness. Councillor Fitton agreed to approach the previous repairer of the gate for a specification.
 - c) **Road to Cliburn** Concerns were raised regarding ice on the road, with water coming from the neighbouring field, and gulleys blocked. Clerk to report to highways,
 - d) **Church Lane** Issues had been passed to Highways, Clerk to follow up.
- 11/24/16** **Financial matters: RESOLVED** that the following matters were agreed;
- a) To approve payments as listed in the payment schedule;
 - b) To move the website hosting and domain to NetNerd.
 - c) To move banking arrangements to Unity Bank.
- 11/24/17** **Council matters: RESOLVED** that no other matters were raised.
- 11/24/18** **Date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: Monday 10th March 2025 at 7.30pm, at Morland Village Hall.**

Meeting closed: 8:13 pm