

TEBAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Tebay Parish Council held on Wednesday 30th August 2017 at the Methodist Hall, Tebay at 7.30 pm

Chair: Adrian Todd, Honey Pot House, Gaisgill

Clerk: Margaret Longworth, Yew Tree Farm, Greenholme, Penrith

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Present: Cllr A. Todd (chair); Cllr Keith Kelly; Cllr Gary Murphy; Cllr Steven Hodgson; Cllr David Morland; Cllr Angela Meadowcroft; Cllr Becky Wolstenholme.

County Councillor Phil Dew.

One member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Kevin Wharton

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 26th July 2017

The Minutes were signed as a true record of that meeting, with one amendment to note that the resurfacing to be carried out (item 8 – progress reports) related to the MUGGA area, and not to the tennis courts.

4. Planning

The Chair introduced the topic of Neighbourhood Planning and explained the process and the possible advantages in engaging in this project. The first steps had already been taken and Tebay already had Area Designation. Grant funding is available to defray the costs of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan. The project would need to be led by two or more councillors and a planning consultant would have to be employed. Various local organisations would be invited to have input into the Plan, and it would be the subject of a Referendum in due course.

RESOLVED: Councillors will consider the literature supplied and information available and the issue will be debated at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

6. Finance

The clerk outlined the difficulties being met due to the lack of a printer/scanner and the slow and old laptop.

RESOLVED: An application will be made to the Transparency Fund for a grant for a new laptop and for a printer/scanner.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

CALC	Annual subscription	180.54
Cumbria Payroll Services		28.80
M. Longworth	Salary, month 5	140.00
HMRC	PAYE, month 5	35.00
S.W.H. Tree Services	Grass cutting, August	786.00

7. Progress Reports

7.1. Highways

The “Keep Clear” signs at The Brow were still not in place and the white lines at the bus stop should be repainted. County Councillor Phil Dew will see if these matters can be expedited. The pot holes at Low Lane had still not been filled. It was noted that the police were looking for volunteers to use a “speed gun” to detect speeding through the village, and the councillors would consider whether anyone might volunteer for this job. The clerk would write to Cumbria Constabulary to see if a mobile speed monitoring unit could be used.

7.2 Devolution of Services

Cllr Adrian Todd reported that a meeting had been held on 29th August 2017 when representatives of the parish council had met with Neil Buck from Eden District Council and Sonia Hutchinson of CALC to discuss the transfer of the two play areas and responsibility for street lighting from EDC to Tebay Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That Tebay Parish Council would accept a transfer of the assets at the two play areas and also the street lights following a condition survey of the various items. The financial implications were noted.

7.3 Water Supply

The issue of insufficient water supply in the event of a fire was raised with County Councillor Phil Dew. This had been made evident following a barn fire at Orton. Phil Dew explained that United Utilities had informed the County Fire and Rescue Service that the water supply and pressure was sufficient. This was disputed by several councillors. Phil Dew agreed to supply the name of the person at United Utilities dealing with the matter so that the clerk could write to him/her outlining the concerns of the meeting.

8. Public Participation

8.1 Play Area at Gaisgill

Cllr Adrian Todd read out an email from a resident of Gaisgill enquiring whether land could be found at Gaisgill for a play area for children. This was agreed to be a sound proposition and enquiries will be made as to whether a suitable area might be found for the parish to use for this purpose.

8.2 Trees to the front of North Terrace.

It was reported that these had become overgrown and enquiries would be made as to the ownership of the land and trees.

8.3 Abandoned Vehicle

Cllr Gary Murphy reported that a horsebox had been abandoned in the village and the clerk agreed to enquire as to its removal.

8.4 Dog Bin

Cllr Gary Murphy enquired whether an additional dog mess bin could be provided on the cinder path, and the Chair agreed to take this up with Eden District Council.

8.5 Reports from Cumbria County Council

County Councillor Phil Dew reported that Shap Surgery would be withdrawing from Tebay.

Phil Dew also reported on a flooding survey that had been carried out. There was some discussion as to the remedial works that might be needed to deal with flooding issues, but the work would need to be carried out on private land. It was agreed that the landowner (Lowther Estates) should be contacted about this. It was not thought that the parish council had the legal power to enter onto land to carry out the work.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th September at the Methodist Hall, Tebay at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Margaret Longworth

Clerk to Tebay Parish Council

Signed as a true record on September 2017

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