TEBAY PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER 2022 AT THE METHODIST HALL, TEBAY AT 7.30pm**

Present – Cllrs A. Todd (chair); A. Meadowcroft; P. Wickwar; S. Hodgson; B. Kipling.

County Councillor Phil Dew and Nicola Estill of the Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership.

Two members of the public and the clerk.

**1.** **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. G. Murphy and J. Nugent

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest in any item on the Agenda.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 28th September 2022**

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the above meeting.

**4. Outstanding Business**

4.1 The Play Areas

It was agreed unanimously to accept the offer of compensation from the insurers for the damage to the Mount Pleasant play area equipment in the sum of £22870. Cllr Hodgson agreed to accept the quote from Wicksteed for the new equipment and arrange delivery and installation. Some work could be done by the Parish Council to keep the cost within budget. The damaged play equipment would be removed as soon as possible. All remaining equipment would be pressure-washed. The seats to the swings at Old Tebay would be replaced. It was agreed that the independent survey of the play equipment would be commissioned as soon as the new items were installed.

4.2 Defibrillators

These had been checked and were satisfactory.

4.3 Footpath at the Recreation Ground

The chair reported that work would start in November.

4.4 Art Work on the Roundabout

Nicola Estill reported that two estimates had been obtained and she would arrange a meeting with Andrew Kay, the preferred bidder, at the site with other interested parties. A public consultation exercise would begin in November and there would be a display at the Social Club where members of the public could see the proposed art work. There would be photographs of steam engines and Nicola was given the names of people to contact to assist with this exhibition.

**5. Planning**

The situation with the land adjacent to The Laurels was discussed with the site owner and his son. He explained that his land had been used for fly-tipping and there had already been two successful prosecutions. It was his desire to keep the site tidy, but others were using it as a tip. He said if a skip were provided he would assist in placing the rubbish in it. The Chair explained that the Parish Council had to report complaints received, but it was up to Eden District Council to check that all planning conditions were complied with. EDC had re-opened their files and would monitor the site. The Chair stressed that the Parish Council was an impartial body and he thanked the site owner and his son for their attendance at the meeting.

**6. The Budget**

A draft budget had been prepared and was considered by the councillors. It was decided to keep the precept for 2023/24 at the 2022/23 figure of £14,000.

**7. Finance**

The cash book for August and September had been circulated for information.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

M. Longworth – salary for October 2022 £176.00

HMPG – PAYE for October 2022 44.00

Cumbria Payroll Services 14.40

Advanced Arb Ltd. – grass cutting 280.00

**8. Public Participation**

Some trimming of trees was needed in the vicinity of Vicarage Lane and it was reported that there was an issue with the cattle grid on the road to the fell. Cars had been driven over the verges near to the recycling centre causing damage.

**9. Reports of District and County Councillors**

County Councillor Phil Dew thanked Cllr Steven Hodgson for his work on the insurance claim for the damaged play equipment. He reported on the situation with the Upper Eden Medical Practice and on Local Government Reorganisation. There would be a hub in Penrith following the creation of the new Authority and it would be at Vereda House.

**10. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 30th November 2022 at 7.30pm at The Methodist Hall, Tebay.

M. Longworth (clerk)

Signed ……………………………………………….

Dated ……………………………………………….