**TEBAY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26th JULY 2023 AT THE METHODIST HALL, TEBAY AT 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs A. Todd (chair); B. Kipling; P. Wickwar; S. Ainsworth Hammond; J. Nugent; S. Hodgson and J. Hoggarth

Nine members of the public and the clerk.

*Before the meeting commenced there was a short presentation by Mr. S. Lambert and his team about the possible development of Brockholes. A planning application was being submitted to expand the use of the site for holiday lets and also to incorporate a small zoo (not open to the public). Visits to the site and the zoo could be arranged by prior appointment and school visits would be accommodated. The proposed development was generally welcomed and would provide new jobs for local people. Existing access to public footpaths and for fishing would continue. The chair thanked the staff for attending and providing some up to date information on the project.*

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. A. Meadowcroft and Westmorland and Furness councillor P. Dew.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 28th June 2023**

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

**4. Art Work on the Roundabout**

The clerk confirmed that a planning application had been submitted. This would take 6 – 8 weeks to be decided.

**5. Outstanding Business**

5.1 Defibrillators and Play Equipment

Cllr. Ainsworth Hammond reported that all the defibrillators were in good order. A quote was awaited for repairs to the vandalised surface at the Mount Pleasant play area. It was likely that the whole surface would need to be replaced in the future. However, disposal of the existing surface could prove difficult as it would constitute hazardous waste.

5.2 Fencing Play Areas

Cllr. Todd had obtained a price for the materials and it was agreed that the cost of labour would be revised. Possibly funds would only run to fencing the Mount Pleasant play area.

5.3 Street Lights

These will need to be inspected every month and a volunteer is needed to complete the monthly checks.

**6. Seats on the New Footpath**

This issue had been deferred from the June meeting. It was agreed that the bench chosen by Lonsdale Estates would not be appropriate at this location as it lacked robustness and there could be a difficulty in fixing it to the ground, making it liable to be stolen.

**7. Resignation of Councillor S. Hodgson**

It was noted, with regret, that Councillor Steven Hodgson was relocating to Ukraine in August. The Chair, and the Councillors, thanked him warmly for his work over many years on the Parish Council and it was agreed that his contributions to debate would be missed. The chair wished him well with his new role overseas.

Cllr J. Nugent volunteered become the third cheque signatory in his place.

**8. Biodiversity**

The new biodiversity duty imposed on the Parish Council by section 40 of the Environment Act 2021 was noted.

**9. Finance**

The cash book for June had been circulated and the following accounts were approved for payment:

M. Longworth – salary for July 2023 £232.00

HMPG – PAYE for June 58.00

Cumbria Payroll Services 17.40

Advanced Arb – grass cutting 672.00

M. Longworth – fee for planning application for sculpture 181.00

G. Murphy – grass cutting 60.00

**10. Public Participation**

It was mentioned that a stonemason had been contacted about the inscription to be added to the stone horse trough. A new street sign had been erected by Scaur Terrace and this was causing some concern to residents as it obscured their light. The drop kerb had still not been attended to near to the Services/Highways Depot. Cllr. Ainsworth Hammond would look into the provision of litter-picking equipment. The defective cattle grid at Intake had been notified to Highways.   
The notice board at The Station had been replaced and the one at Cross Keys would be repaired as the glass had fallen out. It was noted that two footpaths had become overgrown and the road surface at Highfield needed attention.

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

It was agreed that there would be no meeting in August and the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 27th September 2023 at The Methodist Hall, Tebay at 7.30pm

M. Longworth (clerk)

Signed as a true record Dated ……………………………..

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