**TEBAY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2023 AT THE METHODIST HALL, TEBAY AT 6.30pm**

Present: Cllrs A. Todd (chair); B. Kipling; P. Wickwar; J. Nugent; A. Meadowcroft

1 member of the public, Westmorland & Furness Councillor J. Murray and the clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S. Ainsworth Hammond and J Hoggarth and from 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 27th September 2023**

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

**4. Art Work on the Roundabout**

An update on the position with regard to the installation of the sculpture had been received from the Westmorland Dales Landscape Project and was read out to the meeting. There were some issues with the traffic management system that had to be in place and the actual installation of the art work. Also it was noted that the consent of National Highways would have to be obtained as they own the roundabout, not Westmorland and Furness Council.

**5. Outstanding Business**

5.1 The defibrillators were reported to be in a good condition.

5.2 Cllr. Todd was progressing the project to replace the fencing around the play areas. The surface of the Mount Pleasant play area was still in need of repair.

5.3 Cllr A. Meadowcroft reported on the proposed work to the stone horse trough and an estimate was being obtained for the cost of lettering to be added.

5.4 The clerk was asked to enquire whether a numbered map was in existence showing the position of the highways drains.

**6. Grass Cutting/Strimming for 2024**

The clerk circulated the map showing the areas to be cut/strimmed/weeded and it was agreed that some areas could be omitted for 2024 and some areas could be cut later in order to save money. A new map would be prepared and submitted for tenders.

**7. Co-Option of New Councillor**

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the Council

**8. Budget**

The draft Budget was circulated to councillors and it was agreed that the precept received would have to be increased for 2024/25 to meet the additional costs of grass cutting, insurance and maintenance of the play areas and lighting. A fund would have to be set aside for the drainage of the recreation ground, and this was likely to be a substantial sum.

It was agreed to increase the precept asked for to £15400.

**9. Correspondence**

A dropped kerb would be installed at the entrance to the Highways Depot. There was no objection to the naming of the holiday chalets at The Cross Keys (Cross Keys Paddock)

It was noted that W & F Highways would instal a traffic monitoring system at Highfield to assess the extent of the problem there with speeding vehicles.

**10. Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

M. Longworth – salary for October 2023 £232.00

HMPG – PAYE for October 58.00

Cumbria Payroll Services 17.40

Advanced Arb – grass cutting 504.00

Rent for The Terraces play area 100.00

Tebay Methodist Church – donation for the Warm Spot 200.00

**11. Public Participation**

The clerk was asked to enquire whether planning consent was required for a change of use from residential use to use as an Air B & B. There were concerns that properties were being bought in the village for Air B & B, thus restricting the number of homes available for local people to purchase and altering the nature of the village.

It was agreed that the possible extension of the 20mph speed limit to Tebay would be added to the November meeting.

Concerns were expressed about the lack of lighting at The Terraces. The issue of funding for street lighting would be raised with W & F Councillor Peter Thornton at the January meeting as some parishes were having their footway lighting maintained by W & F Council for free.

Cllr J. Nugent raised the issue of having a pedestrian crossing at the school and this would be considered at a future date.

**10. Reports from Westmorland and Furness Council**

Cllr John Murray explained that the work to the A66 would not be carried out at the same time as the work to the motorway bridges, but would start in the spring of 2024.

The strike by some Urbaser workers had caused difficulties with rubbish collection, but W & F Council were working to minimise disruption.

There was a general discussion about the possible introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Tebay, and this issue would be debated further at the November meeting.

Cllr Murray reported on the work of the Locality Board for Eden and he explained that a sum of money would be put aside for local projects.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 29th November 2023 at The Methodist Hall, Tebay at 7.30pm

M. Longworth (clerk)

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

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