**TEBAY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2023 AT THE METHODIST HALL, TEBAY AT 6.30pm**

*Prior to the commencement of the meeting there was a presentation from representatives of Kier Construction and Balfour Beaty on the proposed works to the A66. It was explained that the main driver behind the project was road safely as, sadly, the A66 has a poor record of accidents and fatalities. The project was presently delayed until March while the Secretary of State considers elements of the environmental impact, especially carbon reduction. However, the work would start at some point during 2024 (probably the last quarter) and would last approximately 5 years. There would be some night time closures. Questions were taken from members of the public and it was agreed that there would be a further update on the plans in due course.*

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

2 members of the public, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Phil Dew and the clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J. Nugent

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 25th October 2023**

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

Matters arising from the Minutes. Cllr P. Dew mentioned that he was taking forward the proposal that there should be a pedestrian crossing at the school and also that a traffic count would be undertaken at Highfield.

**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. Steps were being taken to keep the project within budget and there was to be a small alteration to the design of the Bank Engine to ensure that it was an authentic representation.

**5. Outstanding Business**

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

5.2 Cllr. Todd reported that the fencing to the Mount Pleasant play area had been done, and arrangements were being undertaken to repair the defective surface.

5.3 Cllr A. Meadowcroft undertook to chase up the work to the stone horse trough.

5.4 Street lights. This issue would be mentioned to Westmorland and Furness councillor, Peter Thornton, when he attends the January 2024 meeting of the parish council.

5.5 The clerk reported on the difficulties with the notice boards and it was agreed the notices could be posted via Facebook as well as on the boards. It was agreed that there should be one key for all the boards.

**6. Planning**

Westmorland and Furness Council application 23/0677. Land adjacent to 1-2 Galloper Garth, Low Lane, Tebay. Retrospective application for the erection of an agricultural polytunnel for storage, growing veg and specialist livestock care with associated access track.

No objection provided that the development was adequately screened.

**7. Twenty is Plenty – 20mph Project**

The Parish Council would like to pursue this further and Westmorland and Furness Councillor Peter Thornton would attend the January meeting to explain the scheme in more detail. In the meantime the Traffic Speed Awareness team at Cumbria Constabulary would be asked to visit Tebay again in the near future.

**8. Finance**

The clerk referred to a letter received from the Social Club asking for a donation to assist with the cost of urgent repairs to the fabric of the structure. It was agreed that the sum of £1000 could be earmarked for this project and the clerk was instructed to contact Westmorland and Furness Council to see if a grant could be obtained.

The cash book was circulated for information and the following accounts were approved for payment:

M. Longworth – November and December salary 464.00

HMPG – PAYE for November and December 116.00

Cumbria Payroll Services for November and December 34.80

Rocket Sites – payroll hosting 138.00

Relphs – timber and materials for Mount Pleasant playground fence 895.80

Barclays Bank accounts – it was agreed to add Peter Wickwar and the clerk as cheque signatories.

**9. Public Participation**

The chair reported that work needed to be done to trim the parish council’s hedges at Roundthwaite and an estimate of £12.00 per metre had been obtained. It was agreed to proceed with that.

It was pointed out that a dead tree near the swings at Old Tebay should be removed, but it was agreed that this was on Lowther land, and not the responsibility of the parish council.

It was mentioned that the books in the bus shelter needed to be tidied so that there was room for people to stand/sit and wait for buses and also the books needed to be protected from the weather.

Cllr Phil Dew encouraged local people to clear any street drains blocked by leaves and debris and he said that he was pursuing the matter of the blocked highway drain at Church Street.

Cllr Hoggarth told the meeting that local children had attended an event where environmental issues were discussed and they had asked the Parish Council to provide more litter bins. The clerk was instructed to find out the W & F Council’s current policy on bin provision and the children would be asked to pin-point suitable locations for bins.

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

Cllr Phil Dew reported on the current position with the Upper Eden Medical Practice and said that the situation was looking more stable for the next nine years and there were plans to expand the practice

**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 ……………………