**TEBAY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH 2024 AT THE METHODIST HALL, TEBAY AT 7.30pm**

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

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

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from W & F Councillor John Murray

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 31st January 2024**

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

**4. Art Work on the Roundabout**

The Chair, W & F Councillor Phil Dew and the clerk had met with David Evans of the Westmorland Landscape Partnership project. The project was now at an end and it was confirmed that the funds set aside for the art work on the roundabout were no longer available. However, David Evans would continue to be involved and assist with grant applications

**5. Outstanding Business**

5.1 The defibrillators were reported to be in a good condition except that the one at the Barnaby Rudge was partly obscured by a sign. This would be looked into. The heater for the defib at Cross Keys was faulty and might need to be reset.

The clerk reported that the surface at the Mount Pleasant play area was breaking up and a child had fallen there. It was arranged to meet on Friday 8th March to inspect the damage to the surface and to put in hand repairs as soon as possible.

5.2 Cllrs A. Meadowcroft and the Chair undertook to chase up the work to the stone horse trough.

**6. Highways**

6.1 Gullies and Drains. W & F Councillor Phil Dew reported that the drain at the top of Church Street had been investigated and a camera inserted. However, the drain was blocked and would need to be jetted out.

6.2 Pedestrian crossing at the school. The need for a pedestrian crossing was being looked into by Highways.

6.3 Traffic count at Highfield. The traffic count had taken place between 13th and 19th February and no drivers were found to be exceeding the speed limit. 907 vehicle movements had been logged.

**7. Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

M. Longworth, February salary 232.00

HMPG – PAYE for February 58.00

Cumbria Payroll Services for February 17.40

Alex Mason = hedge work at Roundthwaite 1411.20

It was agreed that the clerk should prepare an “expression of interest” to submit to National Highways Designated Funds asking for a financial contribution towards upgrading the play area at Mount Pleasant; draining the recreation ground and installing the art work on the roundabout.

**8. Tebay Sports and Social Club**

Cllr. Phil Dew reported that the grant application to W & F Council for funds to repair the roof had been successful and that £4000.00 would be awarded.

**9. Public Participation**

The Chair agreed to speak to the owner of the land at The Terraces play area to see if the lease to the parish council might be renewed in 2025.

Cllr Meadowcroft reported on fly tipping at the recycling centre

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

Cllr Phil Dew reported that The Westmorland and Furness budget had been agreed. He mentioned that Kirkby Stephen Grammer School had been rated “Good in All Areas” following the Ofsted inspection.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th March 2024 at The Methodist Hall, Tebay at 7.30pm

M. Longworth (clerk)

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