TEBAY PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE 2024 AT THE METHODIST HALL, TEBAY AT 7.30pm**

Present – Cllrs A. Todd (chair); S. Ainsworth Hammond; A. Meadowcroft; B. Kipling

Westmorland and Furness Councillors P. Dew and J. Murray

8 members of the public and the clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P. Wickwar

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 24th April 2024**

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

**4. Chairman’s Report for 2023/24**

The chair reported on the work of the year with special reference to the various local initiatives that had been supported by the Parish Council including The Link magazine; the Winter Warm Spot; the Sports and Social Club and the 106 bus. The chair had attended the AGM of the 106 Bus Partnership and reported that the bus service was working well and had good support from local people. The question of street lighting was still being debated by W & F Council and it was hoped that their new policy on street lighting would be fair to all parishes.

**5. Election of Chair and Vice-chair for the year.**

Cllr A. Todd was unanimously elected as Chairperson for the year and Sophie Ainsworth Hammond was unanimously elected as Vice-chairperson.

**6. Financial Report for 2023/24**

6.1 The Governance Statement was approved for 2023/24

6.2 The Accounting Statement was approved for 2023/24

6.3 The internal audit had been circulated for information and was noted and the Certificate of Exemption from external audit was signed.

**7. Outstanding Business**
7.1 The defibrillators were all reported to be in a good condition, although the leaning road sign at Barnaby Rudge had not been repaired.

7.2 The chair was attending to sourcing the replacement chains for the swings at the Mount Pleasant play area and would speak to the landowner of the Terraces play area to see if the lease could be extended.

7.3 No progress had been made with the repair to the stone horse trough.

7.4 W & F Cllr. Phil Dew had spoken to the Chief Executive of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and there was a possibility that their Sustainable Development Fund might meet some of the cost of the installation of the art work at the roundabout. The clerk was asked to look into this and make an application, if appropriate.

**8. Highways**

8.1 The drain at Church Street was blocked and W & F Council had arranged for a camera survey to be carried out. This revealed that the drain was blocked with tree roots. This blockage would be dealt with in due course.

8.2 The clerk was instructed to report pot holes in Church Street to the highways authority and the chair would look into possible flooding at the roundabout, with a report of water running from the vicinity of the roundabout into Old Tebay

8.3 The issue of a possible pedestrian crossing at the school was still being considered by W & F Council.

**9. Planning**

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority application E/15/21 for a steel framed agricultural building to cover over existing muck midden at Gaisgill Row Farm, Tebay.

No objection

**10. Correspondence and Meetings**

10.1 The Chair reported on a meeting he had attended with representatives of Westmorland Services about the proposed expansion of the two service areas and the possible addition of solar panels on land nearby. It was agreed that this initiative should be supported.

10.2 It was noted that an exhibition on the history of the railway to be mounted by the Stainmore Railway Company would take place in 2025 and a possible venue was the Methodist Hall.

10.3 Concerns were expressed about a planning application on land adjacent to The Cross Keys which might involve double yellow lines being painted in the road at Woodend Terrace. The clerk reported that she had spoken to the planning officer at W & F Council and he had stated that he could see no need for double yellow lines at this location.

**11. Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

M. Longworth – salary for May 232.00

HMPG – PAYE for May 58.00

Cumbria Payroll Services 17.40

Arthus J Gallagher – insurance premium 1672.04

WelMedical – batteries for defibrillators 192.00

Community Heartbeat Trust 480.00

Northern Arb – grass cutting 1182.00

M. Longworth – stationery, postage stamps and printer ink 50.06

**12. Public Participation**

Cllr Meadowcroft had received complaints about lack of visibility for pedestrians crossing the road at the roundabout due to tree growth. The chair agreed to look into this.

It was noted that the road sweeper had not been to Galloper Park for some years.

An area of grass cutting had been omitted by the contractors at Church Street from the salt bin to the seat and the chair would mention this to the contractors.

Len Clark was thanked by the chair for his work in cutting grass and strimming grass over many years. This was much appreciated.

A rail was missing at the recycling centre and the cattle grid would soon need attention.

**13. Reports of the Westmorland and Furness Councillors**

Cllr Phil Dew reported on the boundary change made by the Upper Eden Medical Practice. This will not affect existing patients. The Appleby Horse Fair had started and the bunding at the roadside was proving to be effective, but the problem parking had moved elsewhere.

Cllr John Murray reported that Voreda House was now fully in use. The work on the A66 had been put back to March 2025.

The full written report of Cllr Murray is attached to these Minutes.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th June 2024 at The Methodist Hall, Tebay at 7.30 pm.

M. Longworth (clerk)

Signed as a true record ………………………….

Dated ……………………………………