TEBAY PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2024 AT THE METHODIST HALL, TEBAY AT 7.30pm**

Present – Cllrs A. Todd (chair); A. Meadowcroft; B. Kipling; J. Hoggarth and S. Ainsworth Hammond; the clerk

Westmorland and Furness Councillor A. Waite and 1 member of the public

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 30th October 2024**

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

**4. Outstanding Business**

4.1 The defibrillators were all reported to be in a good condition apart from the heaters not working at the Cross Keys and Roundthwaite defibrillators.

4.2 Play areas

An estimate had been received from Playdale Playgrounds for repair of the Wavy Bridge at the North Terrace play area in the sum of £418 and it was unanimously agreed to accept this estimate.

4.3 It was agreed that a hedge at Roundthwaite would be trimmed and layered and the clerk was instructed to commission this work for approximately £1500.

**5. Highways and Rights of Way**

5.1 The chair reported on site visits that had taken place to observe the condition of the roads at Roundthwaite and the defective highway drains by 1 South Terrace and Galloper Cottage. The defects had been reported to W & F Council and Cllr.A. Waite would also look into the situation.

5.2 The repair to the cinder path was noted and was of good quality.

**6. Correspondence**

6.1 The clerk would attend a Teams meeting on the future provision of waste services. It was noted that members of the public could respond to a survey on waste collections and Cllr J. Hoggarth put a post on the Tebay Facebook page to alert the public of this.

6.2 The clerk reported that the National Association of Local Councils were carrying out a consultation exercise to find out whether parish councils would like to meet via the internet instead of in person. It was unanimously agreed that face to face meetings were preferred.

6.3 The chair reported on the recent 106 Bus Partnership meeting which had been well-attended and the service was popular and viable.

6.4 Following the donation made to Tebay School for their Drum and Brass project a letter of thanks had been received. Cllr Hoggarth reported that the first session had been held successfully with 20 pupils attending.

**7. Finance**

7.1 The clerk had circulated a draft budget for 2025/26 and this was considered in detail. It was agreed that work would be needed in 2025 to the play areas and the recreation ground. Grass cutting remained a substantial item of expenditure. It was agreed to ask for a precept for 2025-26 of £17,000.

7.2 Cllrs. A. Todd and A. Meadowcroft signed a form of authority for Barclays Bank to remove S. Hodgson and P. Warwick as cheque signatories.

7.3 The following accounts were approved for payment:

M. Longworth – salary for November and December 464.00

Cumbria Payroll Services (November and December) 34.80

HMPG (November and December) 116.00

Burns Generators – service of generator 955.80

Playdale – 50% deposit for repair to way bridge at North Terrace

 Play Area 209.00

Michelle Brunskill – fee for internal audit 112.00

Rocket Sites – website domain and hosting 138.00

**8. Public Participation**

8.1 It was noted that the road between Tebay and Orton would be closed for one week to enable essential bridge repairs to be carried out.

8.2 The recreation ground had been damaged by vehicles and this should be reported to the police.

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

9.1 Cllr Adrian Waite reported that the council tax was likely to increase by 5%.

9.2 Central government was consulting on proposed devolution of services and the possible merging together of W & F Council and Cumberland Council.

9.3 The proposed ward changes were discussed and it was agreed that it would be preferable if Tebay and Orton could be in the same ward.

9.4 The M6 motorway would be closed over two weekends to enable work to be carried out on two railway bridges at Clifton. There was no further news about the major Lune Bridges scheme but it had been deferred until 2027.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday January 29th 2025 at The Methodist Hall, Tebay at 7.30 pm.

M. Longworth (clerk)

Signed as a true record ………………………….

Dated ……………………………………