TEBAY PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2025 AT THE METHODIST HALL, TEBAY AT 7.30pm**

Present – Cllrs A. Todd (chair); A. Meadowcroft; B. Kipling; the clerk; Westmorland and Councillor Adrian Waite and one member of the public.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Westmorland and Furness Councillors John Murray and Adrian Waite.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 27th November 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. The W & F Highways sign was still leaning over the Barnaby Rudge defibrillator.

4.2 Play areas

A repair had been carried out by Playdale to the “wavy bridge” structure at the North Terraces play area.

4.3 Notice boards. It was unanimously agreed that a new notice board should be purchased from a local company to replace the missing notice board opposite the Cross Keys pub. It was decided to have one made of aluminium and capable of taking four A4 sheets. A budget of up to £500 was agreed and the notice board would be installed by the supplying company.

**5. Highways and Street Lights**

5.1 It was noted that “No HGVs” signs were need on the roads to Longdale and Chapel Waste.

5.2 The clerk reported on a recent meeting held by W & F Council to update the parishes on the street lighting position. A report was to go to W & F Cabinet recommending that the responsibility for street lighting be taken back by W & F Council.

**6. Correspondence**

6.1 The clerk reported that a letter of objection had been sent to the YDNPA concerning the proposed development of a “Safari Park” at Brockholes on highways grounds due to the poor visibility sprays at the entrance to the site. Also there were concerns about the visual impact of the proposed development.

6.2 It was agreed that a letter should be written to National Highways outlining the concerns of local people about the proposed closure of the M6 during the project to replace the Lune Bridges. There seemed to be no timeline for the works and this was causing uncertainty and concern.

6.3 The Yorkshire Dales draft Management Plan had been considered and it was agreed that the affordable housing proposed by that authority should be primarily for local people and should including properties for renting.

6.4 An email outlining the cost of grass cutting, strimming and pressure washing for 2025 had been received. It was agreed that it was difficult to see where financial savings could be made.

6.5 The chair had received an email notifying the council that the rent for the North Terraces play area was to increase from £100 per annum to £25 per week. The lease (due to expire in April) would only be refreshed for 2 further years and the play equipment would then have to be removed.

6.6 An email had been received notifying the council that the speed awareness sign had been damaged in a recent storm and the clerk was asked to contact the supplier about a repair.

**7. Finance**

The cash book made up to the end of November had been circulated for information.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

M. Longworth – salary for January 232.00

Cumbria Payroll Services for January 17.40

HMPG for January 58.00

Playdale – balance due for repair to play equipment 208.79

Information Commissioner – Data Protection registration fee 40.00

**8. Public Participation**

8.1 Concerns were expressed about the untidy condition of the Mount Pleasant bus shelter. Cllr B. Kipling agreed to look into this.

8.2 It was noted that a Tug-of-War event would take place on the recreation ground on 8th June.

8.3 Cllr B. Kipling reported that the cattle grid was becoming full again and that there were mole hills on the recreation ground.

8.4 A road sign at Old Tebay had fallen into disrepair and one at the roundabout had come down.

8.5 Road signs at the entrance to The Sidings should be replaced.

8.6 It was reported that some street lights were defective and a BT cable had blown down in a recent storm.

8.7 Railings at the re-cycling centre were in need of repair,

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

Cllrs. Adrian Waite and John Murray submitted written reports. The various highways issues were being pursued by Adrian Waite. He also outlined several possible sources of funding which might be available to assist with the cost of play equipment repairs and upgrades. He reported on central government’s proposed devolution programme and the possibility of Cumbria having an elected mayor. There was little new to report on the proposed works to the M6 Lune Bridges.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th February 2025 at The Methodist Hall, Tebay at 7.30 pm.

M. Longworth (clerk)

Signed as a true record ………………………….

Dated ……………………………………