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 Cllr Sophie Ainsworth Hammond

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 29th January 2025**

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

The wavy bridge at the North Terraces play area had been damaged again and Cllr Adrian Todd had affected a temporary repair. A donation had been offered towards replacement of the whole bridge from the Kirkby Stephen and Tebay Place Action Group and from the Locality Board and an estimate for the work was awaited.

4.3 Partial closure of the M6 motorway. The chair reported on a recent meeting at Orton attended by Orton Parish Councillors, representatives of Westmorland Services and members of the public. The clerk was asked to write to the Minister for Future Roads on behalf of both Orton and Tebay Parish Councils to request a public meeting with representatives of Kier Construction and National Highways to address the numerous points of concern. This meeting would need to be advertised widely and the press should be invited to attend.

**5. Highways and Drains**

5.1 The defective drain at South Terrace had been reported to W & F Council and a temporary repair had been put in place to prevent water entering properties. The faulty road drain at Galloper Cottage had been cleaned out and was now working satisfactorily.

5.2 Some work had been done to the road surface at Roundthwaite, but much remained to be done and it was noted that it was on the plan for W & F Highways for this year.

5.3 It was agreed that any introduction of a 20 mph speed limit should extend through the whole village. The clerk briefly explained the procedure to be followed and would bring a draft consultation document to the March meeting. This questionnaire/consultation document would need to be hand-delivered to all properties on the route.

5.4 The Chair thanked Mr. Steve Marshall for his repair to the speed indicator device.

**6. Correspondence**

6.1 It was noted that the national Keep Britain Tidy event would take place in March/April but it was not thought that litter was a problem in the village.

6.2 An email had been received from the Church Warden at St. James’ Church asking for a donation towards the cost of cutting the grass at the churchyard. Regrettably, the Parish Council had no funds in the grass cutting budget to spare for this purpose.

6.3 The clerk had been notified of a free training session on emergency planning. She would liaise with the Sports and Social Club about this and see whether a formal emergency plan should be put together.

**7. Finance**

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

The following accounts were approved for payment:

M. Longworth – salary for February 232.00

Cumbria Payroll Services for January 17.40

HMPG for February 58.00

**8. Public Participation**

8.1 It was noted that a Tug-of-War event would take place on the recreation ground on 8th June. The grass might need to be cut prior to this event.

8.2 It was agreed that the roundabout was looking rather unkempt and the bushes would need cutting back.

8.3 The highways drain near the recycling centre needed to be cleaned out.

8.4 Potholes near to Coatflatt would need to be filled.

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

9.1 Cllr. Adrian Waite reported on the proposed devolution of powers to W & F Council and the likelihood of an elected mayor being appointed.

9.2 Concern was expressed at the lack of social care and nursing home places in the area and the fact that relatives of persons in nursing homes often had to undertake long journeys to visit the elderly.

9.3 The imminent rise in Council Tax was noted.

9.4 It was noted that there was a new bus service on a Wednesday to Kendal.

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

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

M. Longworth (clerk)

Signed as a true record ………………………….

Dated ……………………………………