TEBAY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30th APRIL 2025 AT THE METHODIST HALL, TEBAY AT 7.30pm

Present: A. Todd (chair); S. Ainsworth Hammond; A. Meadowcroft; B. Kipling; J. Hoggarth; Westmorland and Furness Councillor A.Waite; Ms. Suzanne Stolberg; three members of the public and the clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. J. Nugent.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 26th March 2025**

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

**4. Address from Ms. Suzanne Stolberg of the Lake District National Park**

Ms. Stolberg explained her role as parish representative on the Lake District National Park. She outlined the difficulty the National Park faced when dealing with the conflict between preserving and conserving the special landscape of the National Park with encouraging tourism and local businesses. The parish councillors mentioned their concerns about the number of second homes in Tebay and also those properties used for holiday accommodation. It was difficult for local people to afford housing in the area. Generally, it was considered that if more than approximately 20% of the properties in an area were second homes/holiday lets the viability of the village began to suffer, with schools and local businesses closing. Government policy was being drafted, with the possibility of introducing a register of second homes. It was agreed that there was a lack of housing for single people in Tebay. Young people were not able to stay in the village as they could not afford accommodation. There were concerns about farmland being taken over for re-wilding; with a subsequent loss of job opportunities and changes to the landscape.

The chair thanked Ms. Stolberg for attending the meeting and for her useful and interesting talk.

**5. Outstanding Business**

5.1 The defibrillators were in good condition.

5.2 Play Areas. The new “wavy bridge” structure was to be installed in May and, in the meantime, the structure would be taped up so it could not be used. The clerk reported that she had closed the play area down as soon as the damage had been reported, but someone had re-opened it and torn down the notice of closure without her knowledge.

5.3 Lighting. The chair had checked the lighting stock against the inventory provided by Westmorland and Furness Council and discrepancies would be reported to them by the clerk.

5.4 The chair noted, with thanks, that repairs were being made to the noticeboards.

**6. 20 mph Consultation.**

It was agreed that the councillors would deliver questionnaires to local people to see if the majority were in favour of the possible introduction of a 20mph speed limit through the village.

**7. Asset Register and Risk Assessment**

The Asset Register and Risk Assessment were considered and approved.

**8. Finance**

The cash book made up to 31st March 2025 had been circulated for information.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

M. Longworth – salary for April 232.00

HMRC – PAYE for April 58.00

Cumbria Payroll Services 18.90

CALC – subscription 264.65

Tebay Methodist Church – hire of hall for meetings 2024/25 275.00

A. Mason – hedge layering (100 metres) 1560.00

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

Cllr. Adrian Waite reported on a recent meeting about the proposed works to the M6 Lune Bridges and it was agreed that every effort would be made to keep Junction 38 open. The financial impact on local businesses would be calculated and reported to National Highways and the contractors, although it seemed that no compensation would be offered.

**10 Public Participation**

10.1 The clerk was asked to arranged for the police speed control camera van to be present in the village again.

10.2 There was a short presentation to the meeting about the future plans for Brockholes and the planning application outstanding for works/changes of use on site. The chair thanked the speaker for the useful talk and additional information about the proposals for the site. There were no plans for the site to be used as a zoo. The site would not be open to the public, but accommodation would be provided for holiday-makers with some farm animals on site, including deer, goats, sheep, etc.

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

The next meeting will be the AGM, to be held on Wednesday, 28th May 2025 at the Methodist Hall at 7.30pm.

Signed as a true record ………………………………….

Dated ……………………………………………