TEBAY PARISH COUNCIL

*Chair – Mr. Adrian Todd, Honeypot House, Gaisgill*

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2025 AT THE METHODIST HALL, TEBAY AT 7.30pm

Present: A. Todd (chair); S. Ainsworth Hammond; A. Meadowcroft; B. Kipling; and S. Redwood

Westmorland and Furness Councillor John Murray

Five members of the public and the clerk.

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Westmorland and Furness Councillor A. Waite

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 25th June 2025**

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

**4. Planning.**

The councillors considered the report that a caravan had been parked on land next to The Laurels. The owner of the caravan attended the meeting and explained that planning permission for the caravan had been applied for. The Chair mentioned that a complaint had been received from a member of the public and this would be reported to the planning authority.

**5. Outstanding Business**

5.1 The defibrillators were in satisfactory condition and new pads and batteries for all five appliances were to be ordered. Two heaters were not functioning and would need to be repaired before winter. The clerk explained that the Community Heartbeat Trust were not acknowledging her correspondence and had not sent the new pads and batteries. This would be pursued.

5.2 It was reported by Cllr Meadowcroft that the person who had made the noticeboards had taken these away for much-needed repairs. New noticeboards would be ordered if the parish council finances were adequate for this at the end of the financial year.

5.3 The chair reported that the defective chains to the swings at Mount Pleasant were shortly to be replaced.

**6. Correspondence**

6.1 Cllr Redwood would attend a meeting in the near future to discuss the Constabulary’s Neighbourhood Pledge.

6.2 Tenders were being prepared for the bus services as Classic Coaches would not be running these in the future.

6.3 There was a public meeting on 2nd August held by National Highways to

explain in further detail the proposed works to the M5 Lune Valley Bridges. A meeting had been held with the residents of Roundthwaite who had been assured that Pikestone Lane would not be used as a diversionary route during the bridge works. W & F Cllr John Murray reported that the issue of the closure of slip roads was being looked at again.
6.4 SPARK. It was agreed that the clerk would lodge an Expression of Interest in a community energy feasibility study for low carbon small scale energy systems for rural communities.

6.5 A letter had been received complaining about the condition of the recreation ground following the Tug-of-War competition held in July. It was alleged that the surface had been left with serious ruts in it, presenting a danger to users. Several councillors had inspected the ground and felt that it was in an acceptable condition. Furthermore, it was reported that the organisers of the competition had arranged for a groundsman to visit and level any ruts and re-seed with grass seed. It was agreed that no further action should be taken.

6.6 The clerk reported on a letter she had received complaining about the condition of the car park near the North Terrace play area. The chair explained that the parish council had no maintenance obligations and that the complaint should be addressed to the freehold owners of the car park.

**7. Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

M. Longworth – salary for July 232.00

HMRC – PAYE for July 58.00

Cumbria Payroll Services 18.90

Everything Arb – grass cutting for June/July 2565.00

Playdale Playgrounds – repair of floor to slide 1044.82

Wicksteed – replacement chains for swings 669.85

The Play Inspection Company – survey of play equipment 374.30

M. Longworth – salary for August 232.00

HMRC – PAYE for August 58.00

Cumbria Payroll Services for August 18.90

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

Cllr John Murray reported on a community event held at Highfield. He agreed to make enquiries about the recent flooding at Vicarage Terrace. He reported further on the likely impact the work to the M6 Lune Valley Bridges would have on local businesses in Cumbria, including Kirkby Stephen.

**9. Public Participation**

9.1 It was reported that the Lake District National Park Authority had carried out work to a public right of way at Roundthwaite without giving any adequate notice to residents and causing disruption and damage. The clerk will write to the LDNPA expressing concern.

9.2 A member of the public reported that vehicles were parking on the land adjacent to the highway at Old Tebay and damage had been caused to a vehicle. The clerk was instructed to write to the landowner requesting permission to erect a sign saying that people parked there at their own risk.

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

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, 24th September 2025 at the Methodist Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Dated ……………………………………………