

Present: Cllr G Moss (chairman), Cllr R Park (vice chairman), Cllr S Barbour, Cllr S Edwards, Cllr H Graham, Cllr G Mounsey-Heysham, Cllr D Longworth, Cllr J Munro, Cllr G Percival

Apologies: none

**MINUTES FOR ROCKCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 21ST 2022 7.30pm
IN THE ROCKCLIFFE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

426 – Accept apologies

427 – Declaration of Interest

Cllr Giles Mounsey-Heysham agenda item 443, Cllr G Percival agenda item 443

428 – Requests for Dispensation

429 – Attendees

Cllr J Mallinson, Cllr T Pickstone & Mrs L Faulder (clerk)

430 – Minutes of the last meeting held 26th September

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held 26th September 2022 as a true record.

431 – Public Participation – 4 members of the public in attendance.

Points of discussion during this item were: -

Parking on Blencarn Park, this is an ongoing problem and will be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

A complaint was received about the amount of litter along the APR, lots were from the councils' own vehicles, a video showing this has been sent in. The Environment Agency say despite this being a licensed site any complaints should be sent to the City Council. Cllr Mallinson confirmed that Cumbria Waste Management has no connection with the City Council, its connection is with Cumbria County Council.

432 – Police update – **RESOLVED** to note that 1 incident was reported near Todhills, shoplifting using the police crime map. No further information from PCSO.

433 – Representative feed back

a) Beckburn Windfarm: no meeting held

b) Northern Resource Park (including Hespian Wood): no meeting held

c) Brampton Skips/North West Recycling Ltd – update from meeting held 10/11/2022, Cllr Edwards

A meeting was held 10/11/2022, Cllr Sue Edwards attended on behalf of the council. Several questions were asked on behalf of the council.

Litter in hedgerow ; regular litter pickers sent out which included a lot of beer cans and McDonalds wrappers. **Pyrolysis Plant planning 9007**, that was the old plan and the new one at

NWRL hasn't gone in yet. Mr Rick Allen couldn't understand the hostility from parishioners, he suggested that the presentation was not carried out in the best way possible. Cllr Edwards suggested a recording of the presentation be made available to allow uninterrupted viewing. **The number of skips on the road**, according to permitted highways planning they are below quota which is 10,000. The area served is Dumbries, Hexham and all of Cumbria, they see no changes in the future. **Bad driving and litter spewed from the back of lorries**, they know nothing of this and have no photographic footage nor any complaints. All complaints/evidence should be sent by email to Beccie.Oliver@nwrecycling.co.uk **The new pyrolysis proposal**, two already up and running in the Philippines and Kenya. The proposed pyrolysis building will meet current British emissions as per planning approval. They will not be recycling medical waste. Will only produce some sort of fuel which NWRL will predominantly use themselves. **Cargo Hill Farm**. No waste, only rubble is permitted by planning for leveling out. Not under investigation of any kind by the environmental agency. Was not willing to comment on late night dumping during lockdown. **Farmers complaints**, Not had any complaints from farmers nearby. Spoke to a farmer that day and he had no complaints. **Fire clean up**, inside rubbish was cleared up by themselves, any asbestos in the building which is soon to be taken down will not be disposed of on site, but taken to a company called Highfield which deal with asbestos. **Fire prevention in the future**, New fire prevention plan in infrared cameras fitted internally and externally monitored by a company called RAD Systems

- d) Longtown & Bewcastle Forum – **RESOLVED** to remove this agenda item, the forum has been closed

434 – Hespian Wood

- a) Update: There have been several occasions when the parish has been polluted by plastic waste from the back of HGV'S, one was Cumbria Waste Management and four from NWRL. The Environment Agency and both the City Council and the City & County Councilors. There is no evidence of compliance enforcement or help to stop it happening again. It was AGREED to get in touch with our local MP Dr Neil Hudson and gain public support through the media.

Litter from Refuse Collection Vehicle along the ANPR from Harker to Todhills has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. We have asked Cumbria Waste Management to help prevent reoccurrence and support a tidy up

- b) Planning – no planning applications have been received.

435 – Northwest Recycling Ltd – including Cargo Farm

- a) Please see agenda item 433 (c)
- b) Planning – no planning applications for NWRL have been received

436 – Planning

- a) Decisions - none
- b) New applications
 - i Appn Ref 22/01/137 – Appeal to Secretary of State, retrospective planning for detached outbuilding in front garden. Stones, Harker Carlisle CA6 4DS – no comment
 - ii Appn Ref 22/0836 – respond by 05/12/2022

Proposal: Hybrid Planning Submission Comprising Full Application For

Industrial/Workshop/Trade Counter & Logistics Units, Together With Site Accesses, Service Roads, Development Platforms, Drainage Lagoons & Associated Service Infrastructure & Landscaping; Outline Application For Further Industrial & Logistics Units & Roadside Services Within Use Classes And Sui Generis To Include Roadside Facilities Such As EV Charging Facility/Petrol Filling Station/Hotel/Restauraunt/Drive Thru Restaurant And Public House

Location: Former Grearshill Farm and land surrounding, Harker, Carlisle, CA6 4HW

Grid Ref: 338994 560263

RESOLVED Cllr G Moss & Cllr R Park will discuss and take all parishioners comments and objections into consideration and compile a comment for submission.

437 – Highways:

Following the road works on Lonning Foot by Electric Northwest. There has been a report of a cracked road surface and a problem with the drains at the entrance. Cllr G Moss will report this to Electric Northwest and report back to the next meeting.

438 – Blackburn Community Fund: to note

- a) Income & Expenditure report – circulated
- b) Allocation criteria and amount limits
 - i allocations up to £2000
 - ii can't fund individuals from parish pot only community projects
 - iii education grants full and part time can be applied for
 - iv applications to the 'big fund' must have safeguarding in place
- c) New Applications – **RESOLVED** to approve at this meeting
 - 1 Rockcliffe School Storage and signage £800
 - 2 Beekeepers Association on site shed to store hives and associated equipment £1000
It was **AGREED** to postpone this payment until the next meeting, Cllr Moss to speak with the chairman of Carlisle Beekeepers Association to discuss this.
 - 3 Defib £782
 - 4 St Mary's Church grass cutting £800

439 – Finance

- a) Update on Unity Banking – the Clerk reported that Unity Bank is fully operational, Cllr G Moss and Cllr H Graham have a copy of all the payments waiting for authorization including Cllr R Park for the fireworks. The Cumberland BS is not yet closed. The purchase of the Defib will go ahead as soon as they receive payment.
- b) VAT claim for £422.23, the Clerk reported that the VAT claim had been received, bringing the available balance to £5038.53.
- c) Bank reconciliation – the Clerk explained that 2 bank reconciliations have been completed to show how the situation in both Cumberland BS and Unity Bank. However, a grant for the community centre will probably be paid into the Cumberland BS delaying closure.
- d) Payments for November

Payment for November meeting –

RESOLVED to pay the expenditure below with the exception of Bee Keepers Association.

RESOLVED to pay Mr Gordon Percival £260 via BP for grass cutting, to go through the accounts at the January 2023 meeting.

Payment for November meeting			
BP	HMRC	clerk salary month 7 & 8	£144.40
BP	Rockcliffe Community Hall	room rent for meetings	£120.00
BP	Armeria	footpath	£0.50
BP	Rocket Sites	Operation London Bridge	£48.00
BP	Rockcliffe School	storage boxes BB	£800.00
BP	Carlisle Beekeepers	shed for storing hives in winter BB	£1,000.00
BP	Eden Lyne Buzz	support the magazine BB	£250.00
BP	London Hearts	Defib BB	£782.00
BP	Mrs L Faulder	clerks salary month 7 & 8	£616.06
BP	Mr R Park	fireworks BB	£710.00
BP	St Marys Church	grass cutting BB	£800.00
		total for november meeting	£5,270.96

The cost of the defib was £782.00 excluding VAT - £156.40. The invoice showed £938.40, which is the amount that left the bank account. The VAT will be claimed back.

- e) The report by the clerk for the budget 2023/2024 has been circulated.
A budget of 4% gives a precept of £7671.65, with the possibility of £2300 being added to cover the elections which are being held in the spring bringing it to £9971.65.
- f) A budget of 6% gives a precept of £7819.19, with the possibility of £2300 being added to cover the elections which are being held in the spring bringing it to £10119.19.
If the Parish Council does not need to fund the elections the lower figure will be used.
RESOLVED, the Councilor's agreed on a precept of 4% with no additional money for the May elections.
- g) NALC have agreed to an increase in clerks' pay scale. Pay scale circulated. Back pay to April 2022 and paid in January will be £277.36 and the monthly pay will be £395.90. The Parish Council need to decide on this increase.
RESOLVED to agree the pay increase for the Clerk

440 – Policies for review – Data Protection Policy and Standing Orders.
RESOLVED to accept the above policies

441 – Local Government Reorganization – RESOLVE to continue to circulate information as the clerk receives it.

442 – Community Asset 'bunny hill', update from Cllr Mallinson. Cllr Mallinson left before this agenda item.

443 – Poor House Field –

Two people are interested in renting this property. It was decided to collect some more information to make an informed decision on the right way to proceed.

- a) is it a protected tenancy
- b) biodiversity - there is a possibility of earning £1000 per year plus inflation. To contact Nick Hall for further information and discuss at the next parish council meeting.

444 – Fireworks/Christmas tree update: Cllr G Moss thanked all the councilors for their help and support for this village event and Beckburn Windfarm for the financial support. It was agreed to hold the event again next year and the proceeds would go to the Church and a label would be put on the collection buckets to inform donators. The clerk has booked the hall for this event Saturday 4th November 2023 and will be on the agenda for the September meeting to discuss and confirm. It was **AGREED** to place the Christmas tree on the left-hand side through the gate. Carol singing will be held outside the Church on 21st December 2022 1830hrs. The tree will be put up at the weekend 17/18th December 2022, Cllr S Barbour to collect the tree.

445 – Parish nature planning event – Cllr Moss gave an update on this event. Both councillors found this event interesting but not applicable to Rockcliffe Parish Council. However, it has highlighted the fact that any housing developments over 9 houses must have a biodiversity policy in place. It is possible to apply for a grant to plant trees. The contact is Gary Waters. This will give 100% funding for purchase and for the lifetime of the tree. This could be utilized for the future of 'bunny hill' either planting trees or changing to meadow land.

447 – Emergency Plan – this has been completed by Cllr G Moss & Cllr R Park. **RESOLVED**

448 – Local Speed Limits, this was discussed by the parish council and whilst it is a good idea, how can it be policed and what could be achieved. **RESOLVED** to remove from the agenda.

449 – Correspondence – this is circulated by the clerk on a regular basis.

Catherine Bailey – Go compare, have got a website on how to prepare for a flood and how to protect your property from water. They would like RPC to put a link on the website
The council **AGREED** not to accept this request.

Cornerstone Consultancy – telecom mast

The council **AGREED** to make 'no comment' as there is already a mast in this place and would make no difference to the area.

450 – Noticeboards, the noticeboards in the parish are all intact. **RESOLVED**

451 – Communication between councilors – Cllr G Moss has requested that councilors and clerk keep to the same format when communicating with each other. **RESOLVED**

452 – Agenda items from councilors for the next meeting

Cllr H Graham – bridges on the green, the clerk will follow this up as a matter of urgency.

Cllr D Longworth – traffic going down school lane and driving on the grass,

Cllr S Edwards – a substantial piece of grass is down to the hardcore, opposite 'Sunningdale' this encourages people to park on it. One suggestion is to cover it with topsoil and plant with bulbs.

Cllr R Park – At the moment the green is covered in water and is not draining away. The coastal path upgrade is not suitable, with staggered flags and has been left extremely muddy. There is some concern over the gate which is bright galvanized aluminum. It is not in keeping with the area and is not wheelchair friendly.

453 – The meeting closed at 22.15 hrs. The date of the next scheduled meeting the Rockcliffe Parish Council is 16th January 2023 in the Community Centre at 1900hrs

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