

## **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Tim Pickstone & Cllr John Mallinson

## **Present**

Cllr G Moss chairman, Cllr R Park vice chairman, Cllr G Percival, Cllr J Munro, Cllr S Barbour, Cllr H Graham, Cllr S Edwards, Cllr G Mounsey-Heysham & Cllr D Longworth via zoom

### **draft Minutes for the meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

#### **478 Accept Apologies**

**RESOLVED** to accept apologies.

#### **479 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr G Percival & Cllr G Mounsey-Heysham agenda item 497

#### **480 Requests for Dispensations**

none

#### **481 Attendees**

3 members of the public

#### **482 Minutes of the last meeting**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**483 Police update and crime report** – The PCSO for this area was unable to attend the meeting tonight but had nothing to report back to council. However the council **RESOLVED** to report an incident to the police, this being ‘damage to a private vehicle parked on school lane’.

#### **484 Public Participation**

3 members of the public were at the meeting and expressed much concern about the ongoing noise and disruption at the Hespín Wood Site. The concerns with noise and light pollution have many times being reported by the parish council directly to the site and various council departments. The site is occupied by around 5 different firms. The complaint was about a chipper going right through the night the ensuing noise and the constant light pollution. Cllr Edwards was at a site meeting last week and was able to answer some questions. Cllr Park suggested that the parishioners write directly to John Stephenson, MP for Carlisle who will if reelected represent Rockcliffe after the next general election. A letter has been sent to John Stephenson on behalf of the parish council to inform him of all the problems the area is having and potential problems in the future. The chairman to going to write to A W Jenkinsons with regard to the overnight noise and light pollution.

#### **485 Representative feedback**

- a) **Beckburn Windfarm** – Beckburn windfarm are holding a meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 6-8pm in the Rockcliffe Community Centre
- b) **Northern Resource Park (Hespín Wood)** – Cllr Edwards reported back on a meeting she was at last week. Her full report is an attachment at the end of the minutes.
- c) **Brampton Skips/Northwest Recycling Ltd** – There have been no further meetings held. This agenda item will be entitled Northwest Recycling Ltd on further agenda.

#### **486 – Hespín Wood**

- a) Planning application 1/23/9001 – proposed extension to operating hours.

This application needed to be in by the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The councilors together put in an objection to this proposal and the reasons for the objection which was submitted.

b) Noise from Renewi

This was dealt with during public participation agenda item 484

**487 – North West Recycling – no further updates**

**488 - Financial matters Clerk**

To note and approve the following.

- a) income received – £282.00 received for Rockcliffe Community Centre, it is a City Council Grant, which is sent to the parish council to forward to the Community Centre
- b) the following expenditure

<b>expenditure for 20th March 2023</b>	
Mrs Lesley Faulder expences	£4.00
Rocket Sites - domain, cloud and updates	£270.00
Mrs Lesley Faulder salary & hmrc 11 & 12	£839.70
Cache4 IT Solutions	£537.55
Village Hall Grant	£282.00
Rockcliffe Village Hall, Sloe Gin annual comp BB	£100.00
<b>total expenditure for 20th March 2023</b>	<b>£2,033.25</b>

- c) the current position as outlined in the bank reconciliation.

<b>Rockcliffe Parish Council</b>	
<b>Bank reconcilliation as at 6th March 2023</b>	
opening balance 01/04/2022	14645
less unpesented cheques x 4	£1,414.00
total available	£13,231.00
plus income	£8,681.42
total	£21,912.50
less expenditure	£15,588.08
balance at 06/03/2023	£6,324.37
less March 2023 expenditure	£2,033.25
<b>available balance</b>	<b>£4,291.12</b>

There is £699.54 still to allocate as shown below.

£122 is still in the account from the Jubilee which will be handed over to the coronation team at the appropriate time.

This makes an available balance to the Parish Council of **£3469.58**.

- d) Skipton Bond for the hall, change of signatories and reinvestment. To put it on the agenda for January 2024

- e) Beckburn Fund

The clerk will inform the Beckburn Fund of all the allocations made up until March 2023.

income to 12/10/2022	26556.99	expenditure to 12/10/2022		20928.05
		21/11/2022 School 41	storage boxes for nursery	800
		21/11/2022 Beekeepers 42	hive storage	1000
		21/11/2022 Defib 43	Mindray C1A Defib in vat	938.4
		21/11/2022 Eden Lyne Buzz 44	contribution to magazine	250
		21/11/2022 Mr R Park 45	fireworks	710
		21/11/2022 St Marys Church 46	grass cutting church grounds	800
		16/01/2023 Mr S Barbour 47	christmas tree	71
		21/11/2022 G Percival 48	green & pathway	260
		20/03/2023 sloe gin competition 49	hall hire	100
left to allocate £699.54		expenditure to 09/03/2023		25857.45

There is still £699.54 to allocate.

Summer Playscheme – clerk, this event is held each year in the village hall; it has always been funded by the Beckburn fund. The cost this year is the same as last year, £400 per day less, the fees the children pay. 35 children attended both am and pm 2022. Last year was £216 for the two days. I need to confirm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023. RESOLVED to go ahead with the playscheme. Clerk to book.

f) Audit 2023

**RESOLVED** To Approve Mrs G Airey audit the accounts for the year 2022/2023, the clerk will book the date.

Summary of Risk Assessment & Internal Audit Document – Chairman signed the document

**APPROVED** the Risk Management 2023

**APPROVED** the Asset Register 2023, the clerk to ask Mrs Airey if the donated flower barrels can/should be added to the asset register

#### 489 - Planning

Reply from National Grid, confirming that redundant pylons will be removed, they expect 2 pylons to be removed.

Notice of decision

To note the following:

Proposal: Installation of Ground Mounted Solar Panels

Location: Heathlands Farm, Harker Road Ends

**Appn Ref :22/0919** – permission Granted.

Proposal: removal of footpath

Location: land at High Harker Farm, Harker CA6 4DS

**Appn Ref: 22/0902** – permission Granted.

Proposal: Change of use of land to residential for single family Gypsy & Traveler group

Location: Deerview adjacent to Ghyll Bank Caravan Site, Low Harker CA6 4DH

**Appn Ref: 22/0403** – permission Granted.

Proposal: 300 dwellings Harker

Location: Land at Harker Industrial Estate, CA6 4RF

**Appn Ref: 22/0616** – permission Granted.

## New Applications:

Proposal: revision of design to removal of redundant structures and farmhouse and erection of teaching pavilion

Location: Heathlands Farm, Harker Road Ends CA6 4HN

### **Appn ref: 23/0124**

Grid ref 337625 561476 – respond by 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – no objections were submitted in response.

### **Appn Ref: 22/0879**

Proposal: erection of 2 dwellings

Location: Former Fern Leaf Hotel, Todhills, C6 4HB

Grid ref: 336824 563095 – respond by 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### **Appn Ref 23/0157**

Proposal ; variation of previously approved application 19/0827, to alter the windows on the east elevation & change the materials.

Location: Ferry Cottage, Rockcliffe CA6 4AF

Grid Ref: 335692 561751 – respond by 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, no objections raised

**490 - Highways** – any problems that have been or need reporting to Highways.

Road signage near Floriston crossing. This has been reported to the highways and they have confirmed that the repairs required are subject to funding.

Cllr Moss has reported various potholes in the parish and a mattress near the damaged sign at the Floriston junction.

**491 - Local Government Reorganization** – all correspondence received by the clerk is circulated.

**492 - Correspondence, TO NOTE** correspondence is circulated as it is received by the clerk  
Community Resilience Training – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Cumbria Local Resilience Forum, updating plans for prolonged loss of electricity (major emergencies). Cllr Mounsey-Heysham has suggested buying a generator/solar panels for the Centre from Blackburn Fund for an ‘energy island’

Warm Spots

Cumbria In Bloom

Pollution in the Parish – letter received from Dr Neil Hudson MP confirming receipt of letter from Cllr Moss highlighting all the problems he has raised.

**493 - Rural England Prosperity Fund** – It was **RESOLVED** to pass this to the Community Centre Management Committee with a possible view of improving energy source and usage to the hall.

**494 - Community Asset** – This item will be passed to Cllr Tim Pickstone

**495 - Bus route** – This item will be passed to Cllr Tim Pickstone

**496 - Coronation of King Charles 111, May 2023**, it was **RESOLVED** to purchase 200 mugs for the school children and sell any remaining mugs locally.

**497 - Poor House Field** – It was **AGREED** to move this to the next meeting as a Rent Review

**498 - Archives** – clerk has deposited Minutes of meeting including the Annual Parish Meeting 2016-2021, financial papers including receipts, payments, accounts, insurance, policies, and

bank statements 2017-2022. A list of all the archives materials are in the accounts file held by the clerk.

**499 - Election** – Current members of the council completed nomination papers for the election to be held 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The clerk will take to them Civic Centre. A resignation letter was received from Cllr S Barbour.

**500 - Agenda items for the next meeting from councilors**

- a) The council were informed of a litter pick to be carried out by Castletown Estates on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.
- b) The village litter pick will be carried out 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023, meeting on the green at 10am. Equipment has been organized and to be collected 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Rome Street.
- c) A green tidy will be held 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023 10am to prepare for Coronation activities.
- d) The finger post on the C1015 just outside the village has never been replaced.

**501 - Date of next meeting**, the date of the next meeting of the Rockcliffe Parish Council is 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in the Community Centre at 19:30hrs. The Rockcliffe Annual Parish Meeting will be held 19:00hrs

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Community liaison meeting Renewi 16th of March 2023

Report by Susan Edwards

Formerly known as Shanks McEwan a waste management company who teamed up with a Dutch/Flemish company called van gansewinkel also a waste management company, the two companies are now called Renewi.

*Using the comparison of 'BIFFA' a company Making profit from waste, renewi describe themselves as a not-for-profit company, yet they are on the FTSE 250.*

Currently contracted by Cumbria County Council dealing with the city collection and county disposal of household waste. They only want to process black waste and currently handle 18,000 tonnes every year. The end product from the processing of the black waste is sent to Hull and used in the cement kilns there.

The current contract is due to expire in 2034. Renewi themselves see no change to the operation nor running of the site when the county will be split on the 31st of March, the representative from Cumbria County council agreed with this and called it an 'inter council agreement.'

Regarding renewi and the 24-hour operation they see no change in what they're already doing as the city collection is taken directly on the day of collection, and yes, they do operate with deliveries outside Monday to Friday when there's been a bank holiday.

Is the noise forever fixed? Part of the original planning included a noise survey which assesses the impact noise of a new company, renewi past this as they would not be adding noise to existing current businesses at Hespian wood.

Using 'A SQUEEKY WHEEL' to describe our noise complaints, I asked if the planning noise survey originally passed would still be passed with the additional 'SQUEEKY WHEEL' noise? Renewi brought into the equation; wind direction, clear or cloudy skies, felling of trees, houses being built closer to them than were in place originally.

The representative from Cumbria County Council answered they could do a statutory noise review and at this time he did not think it was necessary.

Unable to guarantee that the noise will never happen again, they say knowing where the noise comes from, they can find it and fix it sooner than they have previously. Looking forward they are putting an additional acoustic chamber and metal screen in the attempt to lower future noise levels.