

Apologies for absence

Cllr G Mounsey-Heysham
Cumberland Cllr T Pickstone

Present

Cllr G Moss (chairman), Cllr R Park (vice chairman), Cllr G Percival, Cllr S Cremin, Cllr S Edwards, Cllr M Wildey, Cllr J Munro (arrived 19.40), Cllr S Barbour. Mrs L Faulder (clerk).

Draft minutes of the meeting held 18th March 2024

619/03/24 Accept Apologies

Apologies accepted.

620/03/24 Declarations of Interest

Cllr R Park – agenda item 628/03/24 (b)
Cllr G Moss – agenda item 628/03/24 (b)

621/03/24 Requests for Dispensations

none

622/03/24 Attendees

8 members of the public

623/03/24 Minutes of the last meeting – circulated with agenda.

The Parish Council **APPROVED** the minutes for the meeting held 15th January 2024 and were signed by the Chairman.

624/03/24 Police Issues – link to Cumbria Police Website, this is also on the Parish Council web page

<https://www.cumbria.police.uk/area/your-area>

Are there any issues which the Council wish to report to the police?

625/03/24 Public Participation – this agenda item took 45mins instead of the normally allocated 15 mins as per Standing Orders 3 (f)

8 Members of the public attended the meeting to discuss items of concern.

- a) **Traffic** – the speed of traffic within the village of Rockcliffe and the HGV's that inadvertently use this as an access to Hespian Wood rather than the service road. It was agreed to put it on the agenda at the next meeting to discuss with Cumberland Councillor Tim. Parishioners were told to get registration numbers and times of incidents if they wish to report them to the business concerned.
- b) **Gasification** – discussions about the proposed gasification plant on the outskirts of the village of Rockcliffe, it was emphasized how important it is to get more public objections in. A template letter has been posted on facebook for people to use.
- c) **Bird Scarer** – Concern has been expressed about the use of bird scarers on Kingmoor Park Site at Heathlands.
- d) **Rockcliffe Centre** – An update was given by some of the hall committee on how the hall was progressing and the events that are planned. The hall committee is playing a huge part in the D Day celebrations in June. The Parish Council are supporting the event financially from the Community Cohesion Fund and have purchased 2 flags for the occasion.

Rota Kids (via school) – the children have expressed an interest in helping with the annual litter pick organized by the Parish Council. They are trying to raise money for Jigsaw, the local Childrens hospice. The Parish Council have **AGREED** as a total one off to sponsor the children for £50, this is not intended to set a precedent for future

sponsorship in any way. Cllr Park suggested that they approach local businesses for other support.

626/03/24 Representative feedback

- a) **Beckburn Windfarm** – Mrs Judith Twentyman reported that the next allocation of funds meeting is 24th April 2024 6.30pm at Longtown, she has requested that a councillor attends in her place this time. **AGREED** that Cllrs Park or Moss will attend, they are willing to step in in the future if needed. Mrs Twentyman reminded the council that no awards can be made to the church. For educational needs laptops, books and travel can be applied for. Parish Councils can award >£2000 from their pot.
- b) **Northern Resource Park (Hespin Wood)** – Cllr S Edwards, meeting to be held 20th March 2024 11am at the Resource Park. Cllr Edwards will report back to the next meeting. Cllr Edwards is going to mention the dust coming of the site and ask if there is an occupational health company attached to the site – contact name if possible.
- c) **Brampton Skips/Northwest Recycling Ltd** – Cllr S Edwards – no meetings have been arranged recently.

627/01/24

- a) **Hespin Wood** – update & concerns arising.
 - 1. There has been a lot of dust reported by the residents of Todhills. Cllr Wildey reported this to the Environment Agency. **Update Cllr Wildey.**
AGREED that Cllr Edwards would bring this up at the meeting, see above.
- b) **North West Recycling Ltd** – update & concerns arising
- c) **Gasification Plant** – updates and current process
 - Discussion and update on planning application 1/23/9005. See min ref: 625/03/24 (b), 629/03/24. It was **AGREED** that a working group would discuss this application and present it to the clerk to be submitted time appropriate. All the comments from this meeting and the last submission will be taken into account.

628/03/24 Financial matters – Clerk

To note and approve the following.

- a) income received - none
- b) expenditure for March 2024 as below, can Council approve a payment to Rockcliffe Community Centre in respect of the last Council meeting when the large hall was booked for Public Participation a recompence figure of £36 in lieu of loss to the Centre. This had been agreed prior to council meeting tonight. It was **AGREED** to pay for this from the Community Cohesion Fund.
- c) the current position as outlined in the bank reconciliation.

Rockcliffe Parish Council Bank Reconciliation 29/02/2024		Payments for 18/03/2024			
opening balance	£ 4,273.12	Mrs L Faulder - clerk	salary inc hmrc		£909.12
add total income	£ 22,532.89	Cache4 IT Solutions Ltd	IT maintenance, back up microso		£748.00
	£ 26,806.01				
less total expenditure	£ 14,558.70		total		£1,657.12
statement 29/02/2024	£ 12,247.31	Mr G Moss	christmas		£54.95
less expenditure for March 2024	£ 1,657.12	Rockcliffe Community Centre	meeting held 15/01/2024		£36.00
available balance inc Beckburn	£ 10,590.19	Mr G Moss	d day flag		£80.00
			to be confirmed		£170.95

The clerk informed the Council that chach4 was more expensive due to an increase in the micro soft license, next year there will be a guesstimated increase of 10% (£822)

which I will alter on the a/c lines on the spread sheet. To go on the agenda for confirming continued use of their services.

- d) The Annual Internal Audit Summary of Risk Assessment & Internal Audit Document – to be signed by Chairman.
- e) Risk Assessment – **APPROVED** for audit,
- f) Asset Register - **APPROVED** for audit,
- g) Beckburn Fund

Date	Description	income	allocation	balance
	income 10/07/23 & 18/07/23			11789.03
19/04/2023	coronation mugs V2, B1		491	11298.03
15/05/2023	village hall alarm system V7, B2		200	11098.03
18/09/2023	Beekeepers V14, B3		2000.00	9098.03
18/09/2023	GLL, summer playscheme V17, B4		200.00	8898.03
18/09/2023	Rockcliffe Community Centre V18, B5		2000.00	6898.03

- h) An application is expected from Rockcliffe School as a contribution to making good the school perimeter fencing and other projects. Nothing has been submitted.
- i) **Zurich Insurance quote for 2024-2025** the premium is the same as last year £264 and is based on the assets and precept. It was agreed last year to remain with Zurich, is that still acceptable? **AGREED** to accept the quote for this year.
- j) **Training**, training is free for parish councilors and clerks. CALC provide basic skills for Councillors, Clerks & Chairperson. PARISH Councils do have a training budget. Mileage if applicable is reimbursed at 45p per mile. Clerk has distributed the current skill program. Clerk informed the council that she had completed online IT training with Cache4IT. No councillors expressed any interest in attending training.

629/03/24 Planning – link to planning www.cumberland.gov.uk is the home page and <https://publicaccess.carlisle.gov.uk/online-applications/> is the search page.

To discuss how the Council wishes to respond to Planning Applications in the future to ensure all councilors have an input in the response. The council **AGREED** to use the workshop way of responding to applications, sending the response to the clerk for submission.

- a) Notice of decision: the clerk will notify councillors of any decisions that arrive before the meeting.
- 1. After the agenda went out:
Appn ref: 23/0833
Proposal: Construction & Installation of a Battery Storage Unit Facility
Location: Land situated between Todhills & Westlinton – **PERMISSION GRANTED**

- b) New planning applications: the clerk will notify councillors of new planning applications which arrive before the meeting.
1. **Appn Ref:** 24/0093 – respond by 21st March 2024 (extension was approved)
Proposal: Erection of a 400MW Battery Storage Facility, boundary fencing, access track, landscaping, and associated infrastructure.
Location: Land at Low Harker Farm, Low Harker CA6 4DP.
Grid ref: 338781 561466. **This was discussed and a response compiled by a working group and the response submitted by the agreed extension date.**
 2. **Appn Ref:** 24/0107 – respond by 19th March 2024
Proposal: Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Hub with associated works (retrospective).
Location: Moto Hospitality & Travel Lodge M6 Southbound, Todhills CA6 4HA
Grid Ref: 337453 562337. **NO COMMENT**
 3. **Appn Ref:** 23/0833 – planning committee 13/03/2024, **invitation to speak.**
Proposal: Construction of Battery Storage and associated infrastructure.
Location: Land situated between Todhills & Westlinton Ca6 6AL.
 4. **Appn Ref:** 23/0870 – planning committee 13/03/2024, **invitation to speak.**
Proposal: Variation of condition for 300 dwellings and associated infrastructure.
Location: Land at Low Harker Industrial Estate CA6 4RF.
 5. **Appn Ref:** 1/23/9005
Location: Land adjacent to former unit D Kingmoor Park, Rockcliffe
Proposal: Resubmission, key change height of stack from 20m to 23m. **This will be looked at by a working group for a response and will be submitted time appropriate by the clerk.** Discussed within Public Participation min ref: 625/03/24

630/03/24 Highways – this is the link to Highways and is on the Parish Council web page. cumbria-chhost.onmats.com.

- a) Cllr Wildey has raised concerns about the fencing on the side of the A74 Todhills side, a panel is broken, and the top half has come off, this poses a danger to children and dogs. It has been reported to highways. **Update Cllr Wildey.** It was **AGREED** to ask Cumberland Cllr Tim Pickstone to take this matter up with Highways.

631/03/24 Correspondence, correspondence is circulated as it is received by the clerk.

- a) D-Day 80 Celebrations – This is to be a community event, with the hall at the helm. The parish council have earmarked money from the Community Cohesion fund to help support this and other Blackburn money will be available if needed. Cllr Moss has organised the appropriate flags.
- b) **Jubilee Money**, the council needs to come up with a plan on what to do with the money. The old committee is not available apparently to have this discussion. The original committee was ad hoc with no structure. **RESOLVED** the money is going to be used for a 'pergola' outside the church.

632/03/24 Community Cohesion Fund (CCF)

The following spread sheet show the available balance in the Community Cohesion Fund.

Community Cohesion Fund (PC)			
2023/2024	income	allocation	balance
income	2000		2000
bonfire night event CC1		1025	975
sloe gin CC3		200	775
hall hire for meeting January 2024 CC5		36	739
D day flag CC4		63.6	675.4
christmas activity GM CC2		54.95	620.45

The items in red were **APPROVED**.

633/03/24 Cumberland Councillor – Cllr Tim Pickstone is unable to attend but an update will be presented.

- a) Bunny Hill, how are we going to proceed in making this a community asset? Cllr Pickstone has spoken with Group Support Manager and an asset transfer is probably the best route forward. She will take it further.
- b) The grass verge opposite 'The Heather' is in a very poor state. It has been suggested that it is covered in topsoil and reseeded, can this be achieved, if not what else can be done. This has been reported to Highways and waiting for a response.
- c) Parking at school time.
- d) Flood water at Todhills on the bend over the bridge. The response from Highways is 'we have removed all the standing water and attempted to jet the system. We were unable to get it cleared and suspect 3rd party damage to our system, we could not define this from our in-house CCTV survey'. This is now going to be referred to Streetwork and try to move forward as a claim. This should be safe now the water has been removed.

634/03/24 Litter Pick - Saturday 6th April 2024 was decided on for the litter pick. 10am meeting on the Green. Cllr Park will collect the equipment from Bousteads Grassing.

635/03/24 Archive – Clerk has taken more paperwork to the Archives. Comprehensive details of deposits are in the file - **NOTED**.

636/03/24 Kings Portrait, clerk has registered an interest in obtaining a free portrait. It is framed - **NOTED**.

637/03/24 Agenda items for the next meeting from councilors

1. Harker Road Ends notice board.
2. Speeding on the C1015 – refer to Cllr Tim Pickstone
3. Junction at Floiriston – refer to Cllr Tim Pickstone
4. Traffic from Hespian Wood to turn left instead of right – Cllr Edward to take to meeting.
5. Drains

638/03/24 Date of next meeting, the next meeting of the Rockcliffe Parish Council is The Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held **20th May 2024 at 7.30pm** in Rockcliffe Community Centre. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.00pm before the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Meeting closed at 10.15 pm

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