

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr S Cremin & Cumberland Cllr Tim Pickstone

**Present:** Cllr G Moss (chairman), Cllr R Park (vice chairman), Cllr S Barbour, Cllr S Edwards, Cllr G Mounsey-Heysham, Cllr G Percival, Cllr J Munro joined at 7.40pm

### **Draft Minutes for the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**659/07/24 Accept Apologies:** ACCEPTED

**660/07/24 Declarations of Interest/Request for Dispensations:** none

**661/07/24 Attendees:** one member of the public

**662/07/24 To approve the minutes from Annual Parish Meeting & Parish Council Meeting - APPROVED**

**663/07/24 Police Issues** – link to Cumbria Police Website, this is also on the Parish Council web page

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

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

**664/07/24 Public Participation:** none

**665/07/24 Representative feedback**

a) **Beckburn Windfarm** – Appoint a representative: Cllr J Munro was appointed as representative.

b) **Northern Resource Park (Hespin Wood)** – Cllr S Edwards: see below

*Renewi Community Liaison meeting*

*11/06/2024*

*The meeting started at 11:00 AM and was attended by Haley, Nick and Darren from Renewi Julian from Cumberland council, Trevor and me. Coffee and pleasantries over with back to the fly board graph.*

*Digital graphs showing little wiggly lines pointing to the fly count. Down again as usual, I asked who actually sat and counted the flies? I was told; the fly boards were sent off to a lab to be counted. I then asked the name of the lab?...this created an awkward moment. The question was handed over to Nick to finish off, Nick told us that they're not actually sent to a lab, but the initial tests on the fly boards were tested in a lab when first introduced in 2015. Currently they have cards that they hold against the fly boards, and guesstimate! These boards are also used to best guess the type of fly, fruit fly, house fly for example. I was told the fly boards are monitored by the environmental agency. The accuracy and frequency of the environmental agency monitoring was not revealed.*

*The company Renewi say there is no profit for them in the U.K. They have sold to Biffa. They expect these changes to take place on 31/12/2024.*

*Asked about the lease being taken over and extended once that Biffa owned the site? Julian did not comment on extending the lease only that the expectation is land fill will be legislated against and in 10 years from now the disposal of waste will be changed.*

*Another graph on the board showed the amount of complaints they had received over the last three months, declaring they had had only one complaint about noise from Jeff Moss and someone else called Percy, this complaint was unsubstantial.*

- c) **Brampton Skips/Northwest Recycling Ltd** – Cllr S Edwards: no meeting has been held.

**666/07/24 – Hespion Wood, North West Recycling & Gasification Plant updates**

**a) Hespion Wood**

Planning application –

Proposal: Installation of Solar Panels to Roof of Industrial Building

Location: Jobling Purser, Hespion Wood, Rockcliffe CA6 4BJ

Appn Ref: 24/0001 SOL

Grid Ref: 336494 563116 – response by 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – **NO COMMENTS**

- b) **North West Recycling Ltd:** no update

- c) **Gasification Plant:** no update

**667/07/24 Financial matters Clerk:**

To note and approve the following:

- a) income received - **£6448.78**, received from Cumbria CF (Beckburn), the clerk released an invoice for the Poor House field rent of £100.
- b) the following expenditure for July 2024

<b>Payments for 15/07/2024</b>		
Mrs L Faulder salary, HMRC, & room rent 3 & 4 V9		£ 909.12
Cllr G Moss - D Day , CCF6 & V10		£ 1,140.00
Mrs L Faulder expenses V11		£ 18.80
Cllr R Park - D Day, porta loos BB 6 & V12	TBC	
Armeria (UK) LLP village green		£ 0.50
Unity bank charges		£ 18.00
<b>Total payments for July 2024</b>		<b>£ 2,086.42</b>

APPROVED payment to Cllr Park for porta loo for D Day celebration.

Invoice for Armeria (UK) LLP came in after the agenda was circulated – 0.50p.  
Unity bank charges were taken after the agenda was circulated - £18.00.

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

<b>Rockcliffe Parish Council Bank Reconciliation 01/07/2024</b>		
Opening balance as at 1st April 2024		£ 10,536.19
add total income		£ 14,880.78
		£ 25,416.97
less total expenditure		£ 1,726.70
<b>Bank balance as per statement</b>		<b>£ 23,690.27</b>
less payments for July 2024		£ 2,086.42
<b>total available balance</b>		<b>£ 21,603.85</b>
Beckburn		£ 9,346.81
Community Cohesion		£ 1,480.45
Rockcliffe Parish Council available balance		<b>£ 10,776.59</b>
<b>Bank balance as per statement</b>		<b>£ 21,603.85</b>

The parish Council available balance will be **£10,776.59** less the amount for the Porta Loos for D Day.

- d) Confirmation of Receipt of Exemption Certificate (AGAR part 2) 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
e) Beckburn Fund

01/06/2024				
balance carried forward	£ 4,898.03		summer playscheme to be paid for £800	
received	£ 6,448.78			
opening balance 01/06/24	<b>£ 11,346.81</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Description</b>
01/06/2024	£ 2,000.00	<b>£ 9,346.81</b>	RPC	Community Cohesion
15/06/2024			Cllr R Park	Portaloo D Day BB50

**668/07/24** Policies for renewal, the following policies are due for renewal, the clerk has checked and there are no changes. **ACCEPTED**

- Data Protection
- Grievance Policy
- Retention of Documents. A full list of all the documents that are held in the archive is available if needed. Last year's audit and minutes will be archived later in the year.
- A new co-option policy has been received for approval

**669/07/24 Planning** – link to planning [www.cumberland.gov.uk](http://www.cumberland.gov.uk) is the home page and <https://publicaccess.carlisle.gov.uk/online-applications/> is the search page.

Site inspection invite to Low Harker Battery Storage was received; site visit 10.45 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Circulated to Councilors 09/07/24.

Invites to speak for two planning applications, The Copeland Centre, Catherine Street, Whitehaven CA28 7SJ at 10.30am. Circulated to Councilors 09/07/24

24/0328 – 300 dwellings at Low Harker

24/0093 – Battery Storage Low Harker

- a) Notice of decision: the clerk will notify councillors of any decisions that arrive before the meeting - none
- b) New Applications: the clerk will notify councillors of new planning applications which arrive before the meeting.

Proposal: Errection of Detached Granny Annexe within garden – circulated

Location: Heather Lea Rockcliffe, Carlisle CA6 4AA

Appn ref: 24/0367

Grid ref: 335983 561825 – observations 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – **NO COMMENTS**

Appn ref: 24/0001 SOL – see agenda item 666/07/24 (a)

**670/07/24 Highways** – this is the link to Highways and can also be found on the Parish Council web page. [cumbria-chhost.onmats.com](http://cumbria-chhost.onmats.com)

Just to confirm that members of the public can make any highway requests via the portal above. Parking and street lighting will be looked at. They will ask for ‘what three words’ for exact place. Speeding is a police matter which can be dealt with on the link

- a) Three drains were reported needing cleaning – Cllr Moss reported that although the drains had been looked at and one drain had been cleared, the job had not been completed. Cllr T Pickstone is to take this to Highways.

**671/07/24 Correspondence**, correspondence is circulated as it is received by the clerk (and includes the following).

- a) Training (clerk has completed all IT training from IT provider)
- b) New CALC website details for information

**672/07/24 Community Cohesion Fund (CCF)**

To note the following:

01/06/2024	Community Cohesion			
	balance carried forward		£ 620.45	
	received		£ 2,000.00	
	total to allocate		£ 2,620.45	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Description</b>
15/07/2024	£ 1,140.00	<b>£ 1,480.45</b>	Cllr G Moss	D Day event CC6

- a) The CCF paid £1140 towards the D Day event in Rockcliffe.
- b) Bonfire night (2024): more details at the September meeting.
- c) Christmas Tree (2024)
- d) Sloe Gin competition in January
- e) Clerk has heard that there will be 80<sup>th</sup> Celebrations for VE Day May 2025. No official details as yet. The CCF will not be replenished until June 2025.

**673/07/24** Noticeboard for Harker Road Ends & repair of Rockcliffe noticeboard. The noticeboard for Rockcliffe has been repaired,, this will be paid for from the Beckburn Fund as will a new notice board at Harker Road Ends.

**674/07/24** Seat on green – councillors were asked for ideas where to place a new seat.

**675/07/24** Finger post/directional sign at Shapwath: the pieces from the original sign post have been located. It is the intention of the council to reinstate this to original condition. Beckburn fund will pay for this.

**676/07/24 Cumberland Councillor – Cllr Tim Pickstone**

Please find below a report from Cllr T Pickstone who was unable to attend the meeting:

*These are the reports from the Council:*

*(b) Work is complete, problem resolved we have also ditched a section to enable water to get away more efficiently.*

- 1. We removed all the standing water and attempted to jet the system. We were unable to get it cleared and we suspect third party damage to our system, we could not define this from our inhouse CCTV survey. Next week I am meeting one of my colleagues in Streetworks to try and move this forward as a damage claim. Should be safe enough for now with all the water removed.*

**Bunny Hill**

*There is the potential of an asset transfer here, to the Parish Council, as long as you were willing to take on maintenance etc. The problem is that Cumberland does not yet have a policy or a process in place for transfers of assets to Parish Councils. The request is in, but this might take a year or more to see any movement.*

**School Parking**

*I met with parish councillors and the Chair of Governors on site this morning. The Council has said it could be possible that the spare land (that the Council owns) to the north of the school could be used as a car park, but the stumbling block might be who pays for the works required. I have said I will go back to Cumberland, suggest that there might be the potential of the PC getting external funding (e.g. a windfarm) and see how we progress this.*

**Bus**

*As you know funding has been allocated to restore the Carlise - Cargo - Rockcliffe bus. This is apparently not as simple as it might seem, as operators have to tender to run the services. This is what the Council said in response to a written question from my team this week: "The Council has now come to the end of the procurement process and should be in a position to communicate the outcome by the end of July to the Highways board once awards*

*have been approved. It is possible that contracts may not be awarded for all routes advertised due to lack of interest by contractors."*

*I will let you know when I hear.*

**Planning**

*No news yet of a date for the gassification plant. The Hespian Wood site application remains open as they (the applicants) do more work on their application.*

**677/07/24 Agenda items for the next meeting from councilors**

- a) APR then end of the road is in bad repair – Cllr Barbour will report to Highways
- b) A plot of land and hedges owned by Castletown have had complaints about the untidiness of them - Cllr Mounsey-Heysham explained that the plot of land will remain as meadow land (conservation). Hedges can only be cut at a certain time of year unless they obstruct the sightline, this hedge doesn't. Cllr Mounsey-Heysham will get it cut at the appropriate time.
- c) Bus shelter at Rockcliffe needs revarnishing, and Harker bus shelter needs cleaning. Cllr Percival will deal with this; any costs will be covered by Beckburn fund.
- d) The noise of the fans from Hespian wood was raised again. Cllr Moss will email and ask for a 24hr contact number so reports can be made when they occur.

**678/07/24 Date of next meeting**, the date of the next meeting of the Rockcliffe Parish Council is **16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7pm** in Rockcliffe Community Centre. The meeting closed at 8.23pm.

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