

Apologies for absence – Cllr J Munro & Cumberland Cllr T Pickstone

Present – Cllr G Moss (chairman), Cllr R Park (vice chairman), Cllr S Barbour, Cllr S Cremin, Cllr S Edwards, Cllr G Mounsey-Heysham, Cllr G Percival, Cllr M Wildey, Mrs L Faulder (clerk)

Draft Minutes of the meeting held 16th September 2024

679/09/24 Accept Apologies – apologies **ACCEPTED**

680/09/24 Declarations of Interest/Request for Dispensations - none declared

68109/24 Attendees - one member of the public

682/09/24 To approve the minutes from Annual Parish Meeting & Parish Council Meeting – **APPROVED** and signed by Cllr G Moss

683/09/24 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?

684/09/24 Public Participation

The council were asked to comment on the possibility of a helium balloon being raised to a height of 23 meters represent the height of the chimney stack at the proposed gasification plant at NWRL. This was discussed in great detail looking at the pros and cons of the proposal. It was thought that more information was needed. It was suggested that the local group focus on the condition of the road. In 2017 the road was considered unsuitable for the expansion of waste processing facilities in the Rockcliffe & Kingmoor area.

685/09/24 Representative feedback

a) **Beckburn Windfarm** – Cllr J Munro not present at the meeting.

b) **Northern Resource Park (Hespin Wood)** – Cllr S Edwards – meeting held 10th September, report below

Renewi Liaison meeting 10/09/2024

There were five people at the meeting we had coffee biscuits and then started with the slideshow.

We had the usual fly boards on a graph, blue lines showing that the fly count had dropped and continues to drop. They've been doing a fly count since 2016 and are proud they have successfully illuminated more flies landing on their boards.

We were shown a slide of the biofilter media, basically a massive hole with what they call media in it. (Waste product). This waste product is that moved to Jenkinson's just across the road from Renewi, where it is used for fertiliser and goes in peat bags for gardening. This was explained to me as why the smell was worse at the moment digging out this filter, the last time this was done was 2018 and will be emptied out in the next 6 years as well.

We were shown a slide of complaints covering, June July and August, there were no complaints made during those three months.

I asked about the noise as I personally have heard it since the 30th of August over a period of morning, noon and night. As I personally heard this noise, I personally checked the weather on every day different occasions when I heard the noise the weather was variable, the noise was not.

I was told that it was probably northwest recycling as they are closer to the village, I was told that the village had expanded closer to the tip, I was told that there was lots of trees being felled not by renewing these were all contributing factors to the noise travelling towards the village of Rockcliffe.

Interestingly, we were told, Renewi, in their contacting plan with Cumberland County council have no noise level maximum. I was told that there was a quarry there before Renewi which was very noisy and as they knew his noise would not make as much noise as the quarry there was no limit set on the amount noise level in that permit.

As we now Renewi are moving out of the UK completely, all of their buildings I've been sold to Biffa and so this was the last Renewi meeting.

- c) **Brampton Skips/Northwest Recycling Ltd** – Cllr S Edwards, Rockcliffe Parish Council have not been invited to any of the community meetings.

686/09/24 – Hespian Wood, North West Recycling & Gasification Plant updates

- a) **Hespian Wood** - It was decided that as BIFFA are taking over in November it would be a good idea to improve communications. The clerk will ask if they would be willing to put a piece in the Eden Lynn Buzz giving contact details for communications. hayley.slack@renewi.com is the current email address, this will probably change in November.
- b) **North West Recycling Ltd** – see agenda item 685/09/24 (b)
- c) **Gasification Plant** – this was discussed in Public Participation see agenda item 684/09/23. It was agreed that it is possible that the generator use is over exaggerated.
- d) **Tyre Pyrolysis Plant, Heathlands**
Project website is www.canigoucarlisleplans.co.uk . The Council has asked the company for a public meeting to make local residents aware of the plans for this project. This was refused. However, they have agreed to a presentation to the council in a private and confidential manner. Cllr G Moss will make the necessary arrangements. A report will be available at the next meeting. The council **APPROVED** any cost incurred with the hall rental.

687/09/24 Financial matters and Clerk updates

To note and approve the following.

- a) Bank statements and payments for September were signed by Cllr Park as indicated in new Financial Regulations (for acceptance agenda item 687/009/24 h)
- b) income received - £100 from Armeria (UK) LLP – Poor House Field 2024-2025
- c) the following expenditure for September 2024

Payments for 16/09/2024			
Mrs L Faulder salary, HMRC & home office 5 &6 V		£	909.12
Total payments for September 2024		£	909.12

APPROVAL was given for the payment for the summer playscheme to GLL, this is an annual payment (not DD) and should be £800 as I was assured there would be no increase from last year.

d) the current position as outlined in the bank reconciliation.

Rockcliffe Parish Council Bank Reconciliation 01/09/2024			
Opening balance as at 1st April 2024		£	10,536.19
add total income		£	14,980.00
		£	25,516.19
less total expenditure		£	3,933.12
Bank balance as per statement		£	21,583.85
less payments for September 2024		£	909.12
total available balance		£	20,674.73
Beckburn		£	9,226.81
Community Cohesion Fund		£	1,480.45
Rockcliffe Parish Council		£	9,967.47
		£	20,674.73

e) Blackburn Fund – current balance as shown

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	£	11,346.81			
Date	Amount	Balance	Application	Description	
01/06/2024	£	2,000.00	£ 9,346.81	RPC	Community Cohesion
15/06/2024	£	120.00	£ 9,226.81	CLlr R Park BB6	Portaloo D Day BB50

Beckburn fund usually pays for the summer playscheme in the hall during the summer school holidays. Invoice yet to be received.

f) Community Cohesion Fund (CCF) – current balance as shown

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

Costs for Bonfire night 2024 will be taken from this balance, as well as any costs for Christmas activities and the Sloe Gin competition New Year's Day in the hall, this includes the full cost of hall hire for the day. Bonfire night will be a similar format to last year and will be organized by the council wats app group. Fireworks to be purchased by Cllr Park.

- g) Unity Banking, the Clerk has been informed that bank charges will be taken monthly. A statement will be provided each month. We will no longer be notified about charges, fixed amount each month. The information letter is available to councillors if requested. This is effective from 2nd September 2024.
- h) Policies for renewal and Approval: Disciplinary, Safeguarding, Freedom of Information and Subject Access Requests (SARS), Clerk has checked all these, and no changes are necessary. These policies were APPROVED for renewal.

Financial Regulations: A new template has been produced by NALC for use by Parish Councils (and others). The clerk has gone through them and amended them for use by Rockcliffe Parish Council. This policy was APPROVED and accepted by the Council and will be brought to Council again at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May 2025.

- i) A question was raised by Cllr Mounsey-Heysham regarding the money the Parish Council holds in bond for the Village Hall. This is in the Skipton Building Society. It matures each year 6/7th February. £14000 was originally this has increased to £14716.67 as of February 2024. This is for use only if the hall fails and accounts are to be settled. The Skipton Bod is identified in the asset register which is prepared for audit each year.

688/09/24 Planning – link to planning www.cumberland.gov.uk is the home page and <https://publicaccess.carlisle.gov.uk/online-applications/> is the search page.

- a) Notice of decision: the clerk will notify councillors of any decisions that arrive before the meeting.
- b) New Applications: the clerk will notify councillors of new planning applications which arrive before the meeting.

1. **Proposal:** Variation of conditions of application 15/0812 (erection 300m dwellings). To enable the demolition of buildings K L & I in order to accommodate a site office and compound.
Location: Land at Harker Industrial Estate, Kingmoor Park, Low Harker CA6 4RF
Appn Ref: 22/0083 – WITHDRAWN APPLICATION

2. **Proposal:** Removal of 4 mtrs of Hedgerow to facilitate work as part of Harker Sub Station
Location: East side of Harker Road heading north towards Tewthaithe House, Harker CA6 4EZ
Appn ref: 24/0001 HDG – closing date for comments 21/08/2024.

3. **Proposal:** Erection of single story front & rear extension to provide extended lounge & hall, sunroom & w.c., erection of story side extension to provide bathroom and bathroom above covered area.
Location: 9 Lonning Foot Rockcliffe, Carlisle CA6 4AB
Appn ref: 24/0312
Grid ref: 336049 561842 – NO COMMENT

689/09/24 Highways – this is the link to Highways and can also be found on the Parish Council web page 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.

690/09/24 Correspondence, correspondence is circulated as it is received by the clerk (and includes the following).

- a) Training dates until December 2024 – all clerk training is now free to members of calc and is aimed at experienced clerks as refresher training.

The councilors expressed a wish for the clerk not to send emails from the CALC or NALC office as there is a lot of duplication and there is a wish to keep emails to a minimum.

691/09/24 Noticeboard for Harker Road Ends & repair of Rockcliffe noticeboard – the repair has been completed (at no cost) and the new one will be made for Harker Road Ends which will incur a cost.

692/09/24 Seat on green – it was agreed the clerk should price some accessible picnic tables/bench for the next meeting.

693/09/24 Finger post/directional sign at Slapewath – Cllr G Moss

694/09/24 Cumberland Councillor – Cllr Tim Pickstone

1. obviously the two big issues are the planning decisions on the horizon. I am expecting the NW recycling to come to planning committee and when it does, I will want to coordinate with the PC as we will both be allowed to speak.

2. The Heathlands tyre thing is also obviously back on the agenda, and I have been invited to be 'briefed' by the developer.
3. I have chased up the council officers on the school parking issue. Nothing to report yet but I am chasing.

The clerk was asked to follow up with some urgency the car parking for the school.

695/09/24 Agenda items for the next meeting from councilors

- a) A letter received at the meeting about the access to Castletown – discuss next meeting.
- b) Lighting in the marshalling yard – Cllr R Park to refer to Cumberland Cllr T Pickstone
- c) Drain up Lonning Foot collapsed.
- d) The boundary to the Rockcliffe Centre – needs formalising
- e) Possible permissive footpath on the side of the C1015 - Castletown

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

696/09/24 Date of next meeting, the date of the next meeting of the Rockcliffe Parish Council is **18th November 2024 at 7pm** in Rockcliffe Community Centre.

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