



Skelsmergh and Scalthwaiterigg Parish Council

Clerk to the Council: Ron Anderson, Fell View, Ladyford Mews, Gilthwaiterigg Lane, Kendal Cumbria, LA9 6LJ

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting 7 September 2023

1.Welcome and apologies; To receive apologies and note reasons for absence

Present: JC, ABB, TM, MC, FB , RA

22/23 Chair welcomed everybody and there were no absences

2.Declarations of interest:

Councillors are reminded of the need to update their Declarations of Interest

To declare any personal interest in items on the agenda and their nature

To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature. (Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the room for the relevant items.)

23/23 Chair declared interest in Woodland Item.

3.To consider a candidate for co-option:

Mr C Loynes has expressed an interest in joining the council and will attend. Councillors will meet in closed session to vote on his co-option

24/23 Mr Loynes described his experiences and interests in countryside and wildlife. He has experience in geography, geology, education, publishing and education consultancy. Interest in local politics and community

Nominated by TM Seconded MC. Voted unanimously. Mr Loynes joined the meeting

4.Open Forum: Residents are invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at discretion of the chair.

24/23 The council will seek information and concerns from any attendees re camping on A6 verge. At least three people have been seen camping in various spots in and around the town. Also increasing numbers of campervans in layby. Chair will write to W&F bringing this to their attention
Resolved: Clerk will write to Planning department raising concerns and queries

5.Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting on 24.05.2023.

25/23 Resolved:The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 24.05.23 were confirmed as true'

6.Matters arising from the minutes

26/23

a. Clerk has completed application to Unity Trust Bank and sent relevant documentation. We are still waiting completion of the application.

b. Council laptop has been upgraded and performance is improved.

7.Formal announcements by the chair:

27/23

Civility and Respect Project.

Resolved: Clerk will provide documents for consideration at next meeting. NALC provide templates which the council can adopt.

Consideration of impact of CiLCA Accreditation and General Power of Competence.

Councillors now aware of benefits. Clerk can undertake accreditation in about one year's time.
Community Plan update. Most recent plan 2015. Discussion of ways to canvas parishioners..
Resolved: CL will investigate and report to next meeting, including small budget recommendations.
Briefing on Environmental Health issues by Neil Mackenzie, responding to concerns raised by chair and parishioners
Neil spoke to raise awareness re issue near Dodding Holme. Pieces of meat thrown into field. Logged with Environmental health. Suggestion it may be misguided feeding of wildlife.
Resolved; Neil will continue to monitor and report to council in future meetings

8.Grant Applications

9.Finance:

28/23 To consider payments to be made as per clerk's report.

Resolved: The payments in the clerk's report were agreed and authorised. Moved ABB seconded FB

29/23 To receive and note bank reconciliation.

Resolved: Bank reconciliation was confirmed

30/23 Update and details re new online banking service provided by Unity Trust Bank. Pending approval by the council the application can be advanced during the meeting.

Resolved: Council agreed to transfer account to Unity Trust. Clerk will email councillors with application forms

10.Update reports on:

31/23

Environment and Community Woodland

29 October Litter picking day. £50 float for refreshments agreed. On website beginning October

Increase in fly tipping near MC Reported all incidents.

Waymark disc replacement ongoing

MC produced footpath article for Parish magazine

Chair has made chair from Skelsmergh Ash

Woodland survey recommends a felling license. This will involve contract with professional

Chair offered to purchase current stacks of wood at usual prices. Approved by council.

Scott Elbourne to work on remaining ash approved by council.

Coppicing may start November

Highways and transport

Hedge trimming at Gurnal Bridge poor.

Resolved: Clerk to write to W&F seeking advice on programme etc.

11.External Meetings: To receive reports from any external meetings attended by members

12.Planning applications; None received 31.08.2023 Clerk will follow up with planning re notification

13.Correspondence: To consider correspondence received by the clerk.

32/23 Clerk will pass parishioners concerns to Highways.

14.Dates for next meeting: Venue Skelsmergh Community Hall. To discuss future days/dates.

33/23 Chair has met with Skelsmergh Hall booking officer.

Next meeting 23 November 7pm

Moved that council continues to meet on Thursdays

Agreed unanimously. Clerk will publish list of dates

Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and meeting closed at 21.18

Signed

Date.....

