

Plumbland Parish Council

A meeting of the Plumbland Parish Council was held in the Main Hall at Plumbland Village Hall, Plumbland on Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Messrs. A. Rutherford, J. Collins, C. Watson, R. Miller, and J. Barber

Also, present: T. Gear (Clerk) and J. Perry (Cumberland Councillor)

Apologies: None

Councillor A. Rutherford in the Chair

115/2024 APOLOGIES FROM MEMBERS

L. Proudlock (Work) tendered her apologies and her absence was approved.

116/2024 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

117/2024 DISPENSATIONS

None

118/2024 MINUTES

On the proposal of R. Miller and seconded by J. Collins it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

119/2024 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There was no item where it was deemed necessary to exclude the press and public.

120/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present, and the following matter was raised on their behalf: -

1. FIBRUS were erecting large posts on the verge and on private land in the parish without permission. The firm have been approached and are investigating.

121/2024 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence have been received since the last meeting and circulated to members for their information: -.

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – September and October 2024

Hyperfast GB Newsletter – Autumn 2024

Fells and Solway Community Network Event 14.11.24 and other information

CALC AGM Invitation and other Board information

Launch of New Cumbria People and Nature Network Website

Cumberland Council Statement of Community Involvement

Invite to Workshops for Cumbria LNRS Mapping

Don't miss the Family Help and Prevention Professional Roadshow

Feedback on the Cumbria Intelligence Observatory website

122/2024 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk gave a brief report on matters that had arisen since the last meeting. which included: -

1. He had received a request from United Utilities to ask the Village Hall Committee to get in touch regarding forthcoming proposed works. A copy of the email has been forwarded to the committee.
2. There had been notification of several road closures in the parish that had been circulated.
3. The clerk had been advised that there had been a National Pay Agreement for Clerks which amounts to an increase of 63p per hour (less tax).
4. The CALC subscription for 2025/26 will be £192.67.
5. He had received a complaint regarding the overgrown hedge at Solway View which had been passed to highways.

123/2024 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

J. Perry addressed the meeting and advised that there was a Bus Improvement Plan Consultation until 6th December and Cumberland Council were producing an Amalgamated Waste Policy. She also advised that there was a Community Panel Network meeting at Cockermouth Rugby Club on 17th January 2024 when Active Travel will be discussed.

124/2024 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation

None

(b) Decisions

None

(c) Appeals

Notification had been received of Environment Act 1995 Schedule 14 Review of Mineral Permissions Appeal in respect of High Close Quarry.

(d) Planning related correspondence

None

125/2024 ACCOUNTS

i) The payment of the following accounts which had been paid since the last meeting were ratified, and remainder were approved for payment:

Mike Dowling Contracting	Grass cutting (August)	£480.00
Skipton Building Society	Deposit Account	£5000.00
T. Gear	Clerks Account (Sept./Oct.)	£396.38
HMRC	Income Tax (Sept./Oct.)	£83.72
Mike Dowling Contracting	Grass cutting (September)	£480.00
Mike Dowling Contracting	Grass cutting (October)	£240.00
ii) Balances at 19.11.24	Current Account	£4,130.67
	Deposit	£5,000.00

126/2024 B5301 UPDATE

The Chair gave a verbal update on B5301 including the removal of the finger post signs for refurbishment.

127/2024 HIGH CLOSE QUARRY

The Chair provided a verbal report which included the forthcoming Appeal which had been set for 1st April 2025. However, it is being argued that the appeal should not have been accepted as it is agreed by the group and Cumberland Council that there is no valid planning permission on which to make a ROMP Application. The legal costs were becoming extremely expensive and on the proposal of R. Miller and seconded by C. Watson it was agreed to donate £2,000.00 towards those costs.

128/2024 SPEEDING/SPEED WATCH

The Chair gave a verbal report on the Community Speed Watch.

129/2024 CHANGE OF MEETING DAY

It was agreed that future meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month bi-monthly instead of the first Monday.

130/2024 CLIMATE CHANGE

No new information had been received. The chair expressed concern at the effectiveness of the COP 29 meeting in Baku.

131/2024 MOOTA QUARRY/SCOPING REPORT

The planning application for an extension is still awaited.

132/2024 CLINTS QUARRY PLANNING APPEAL

The Appeal has now been passed to the Planning Inspectorate and the Blindcrake Parish Council held a public meeting to update residents.

133/2024 WAR MEMORIAL

The shrubbery is still waiting to be trimmed/removed and then consideration will be given to purchasing a soldier silhouette as a memorial to those who had lost their lives in war.

134/2024 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

High Close Quarry
B5301 Update
War Memorial
Meeting dates 2025/26
Water across the road at Ellen Bank

135/2024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.00pm Tuesday 7th January 2025 in Plumbland Village Hall, Plumbland

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

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