

# Plumbland Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Plumbland Parish Council was held in the Meeting Room at Plumbland Village Hall, Plumbland on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.20pm. (following the Annual Parish Meeting)

PRESENT: Messrs. A. Rutherford, J. Collins, N. Eilbeck, J. Barber, C. Watson, L. Proudlock, and A. Mounsey.

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

Apologies: None

Councillor A. Rutherford in the Chair

## 41/2023 APOLOGIES FROM MEMBERS

G. Bowe tendered his apologies because of commitments and his absence was approved.

## 42/2023 ELECTION OF CHAIR 2023/24

On the proposal of J. Collins and seconded by L. Proudlock it was agreed that A. Rutherford be elected Chair for the ensuing year, and he signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

## 43/2023 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR 2023/24

On the proposal of J. Barber and seconded by A. Rutherford it was agreed that J. Collins be elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

## 44/2023 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2023/24

It was agreed that J. Barber be appointed as the council's representative on the Village Hall Committee and C. Watson and L. Proudlock be appointed to the Cumbria Community Fund (Grants Panel).

## 45/2023 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

## 46/2023 MINUTES

On the proposal of J. Collins and seconded by A. Mounsey it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record

## 47/2023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present, but grass cutting was raised on their behalf. It appears that the areas where there are wildflowers were cut a month early and that other areas have not been cut. Both matters had been raised with the contractor and an apology had been received regarding the cutting of the wildflowers.

#### 48/2023 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Several items of information relating to the Cost-of-Living Crisis

Details of Key Contacts at Cumberland Council have been received.

A survey from the Cumbria Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

Partnership and LGR Information

CALC Submission of Articles of Association to form a Limited Company without shares.

Wednesday Update with training information

Community Resilience

Survey - Integrated Care Board's efforts around listening to and working with the community.

Invite to HyperfastGB – Aspatria Community meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> May which J. Collins attended and gave feedback and the availability of grants.

Parish Precept payment was delayed until 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Project Support for Social Enterprises

CALC structure from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter March 2023

Organizational Structure and Function Overview of Cumberland Council

CALC News January and February 2023

#### 49/2023 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk gave a brief report on matters that had arisen since the last meeting including:

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i) He had received confirmation of the ICO Renewal.

ii) He had responded to the consultation on the proposed Base Station at Moota Hill but had not received any response.

#### 50/2023 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

J. Perry explained the eight Community Panels which are to replace the former Area Committees. Plumbland Parish is in the Lakes to Sea Panel. Each panel has a £60,000 budget and is intended to tackle common problems such as Public Transport, Potholes, Lack of Affordable Housing because of second homes.

#### 51/2023 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation

OUT/2023/0003	Re-submission for the erection of a dwelling Land adjacent to Hillside, Plumbland, CA7 2ES	No Objections
2/19/9010	Access and Mineral Site	Strong
2/23/9004	Hill Close Quarry, High Close Farm, Plumbland	Objections

(b) Decisions

None

(c) Appeals

None

(d) Planning related correspondence

Introducing the Lake District Design Code

#### 52/2023 ACCOUNTS

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

Zurich Insurance	Insurance Renewal	£241.00
J. Collins	Defibrillator battery	£223.20
T. Gear	Clerks Account (March/April)	£450.82
HMRC	Income Tax (March/April)	£78.12
CALC	Subscription	£169.88

ii) Balances at 9.5.23      Current Account      £12,262.06

iii) With the assistance of members, the clerk completed the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 which was signed by the Chair.

iv) The accounts 2022/23 had been circulated to members who authorised the Chair to sign the Accounting Statements 2022/23.

v) The gross income or gross expenditure does not exceed £25,000 and the Chair was authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption,

vi) To note that the Public Rights Period for examination of the accounts is between 5<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

vii) The relevant Audit Documents will be displayed on the Council website shortly.

#### 53/2023 B5301 UPDATE

The Chair gave a verbal update on the B5301 including outstanding matters from the road safety report and the very poor condition of the road at Arkleby.

#### 54/2023 HIGH CLOSE QUARRY

The Chair had provided a verbal report which included that application for access has been re-submitted and that the council is being formally consulted on this and the ROMP application. There is a public meeting at 10am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May in Plumbland Village Hall to bring the residents up to date. There has been communication from the solicitor who is fighting the application on several fronts.

#### 55/2023 PLUMBLAND WASTE TREATMENT WORKS

The chair brought to attention an article in the Times newspaper regarding the large number of discharges into the river Ellen which were unacceptable. Members considered that the treatment works were not big enough and not fit for purpose.

#### 56/2023 SPEEDING/SPEED WATCH

The Chair gave a verbal report on the Community Speed Watch, the Speed Indication Devices, and the Camera Van, all of which help to reduce speed in the parish.

#### 57/2023 PARISH SPRING CLEAN

There will be a Parish Clean Up on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023 starting at 10am at Plumbland Village Hall.

58/2023 CLINTS QUARRY

The chair advised that there had been no developments since the refusal of the Certificate of Lawful Development.

59/2023 FOOTWAY LIGHTING

The chair advised that the light at Morningside was still not working, and that Cumberland Council are chasing Electricity North West on a weekly basis.

60/2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Cumberland Council is now operating, and this item can be removed from the agenda.

61/2023 GEOLOGICAL DISPOSAL FACILITY IN ALLERDALE

Since the revision of the search areas this is no longer likely to affect the parish and can be removed from the agenda.

62/2023 CLIMATE CHANGE

This is becoming an important issue and regular updates are received from Cumbria Action for Sustainability who are promoting Solar Made Easy.

63/2023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**7.00pm Monday 3rd July 2022 in Plumbland Village Hall, Plumbland**

64/2023 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

High Close Quarry

B5301 Update

Footway Light - Morningside

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed.....  
Chair