**Askham and Helton Parish Council**

**Meeting:** Parish Council Meeting **Date:** Tuesday, 28th March 2023

**Venue:** Askham and District Community Centre

**Present:** Laura Harker (LH), Malcolm Holt (MH), Mary Westgarth (MW)), John Banks (JB), Chris Whittaker (CW), Sophie Riches (SR), Gary Calland (GC)

**Apologies:** Neil Hughes (NH)

**In Attendance:** Sandie Watson (Clerk/RFO),

**Members of Public:** 0

**Minutes**

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| **Item** | **Key Points/decisions** | **Action** |
| 181.1  Apologies | NH  Resolved that the apologies be accepted and the reasons recorded. |  |
| 182.2  Declarations of Interest | 1. Register of Members Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests.  2. Personal/Prejudicial Interests. None received.  3. Dispensation Requests. None received. | **ALL** |
| 183.3  Minutes | Resolved that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on 31st January 2023 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. |  |
| 184.4  Public Participation | No members of the public present. |  |
| 185.5  Outcomes of Actions of last meeting | **Bus Shelter**: To be completed – weather permitting. MH to report back at the next meeting.  **Askham Bridge:** The Council has been notified of further necessary repairs.  **Whitbysteds Hedge** – The hedge has been cut back. No further action.  **Sink holes in the Village Green**: Lowther Estates have been notified and placed stone slabs over the holes. SW to check if this is a temporary fix and what are the permanent plans to resolve the problem. The Council would like to suggest the possibility of exposing the underground watercourse that runs under the Village Green. | **MH**  **SW** |
| 186.6  Public Participation/  Open Session | No members of the public present. |  |
| 187.7  External Meetings | LH reported that this was her final meeting representing EDC as the new Westmorland and Furness Council will be taking over from 1st April 2023. She thanked the Council for their support. The Council thanked LH for her contribution. |  |
| 188.8  Planning Applications | **Applications:**  **7/2023/3025 Land Southeast of Helton Head Farm, Helton, Penrith CA10 2QA**  Formation of replacement access. **Resolved to object.** The access is adequate for the barn’s current agricultural use and would be an unnecessary development.  **23/0145 Old Dutch Barn, Tirril, Penrith**  Erection of a lean-to greenhouse. **Ratified no objection**.  **Decisions:**  **7/2022/3160 Chapel View, Helton, Penrith, CA10 2QA**  Demolish and replacing the existing Sunroom. **Withdrawn.**  **22/0984 Old Dutch Barn, Tirril, Penrith CA10 2LG**  Change of use of agricultural land to residential, the erection of a lean-to greenhouse, the formation of a pond and the siting of a ground-mounted solar array. **Refused.**  **7/2022/3164 Old Dutch Barn, Tirril, Penrith CA10 2LG**  Change of use of agricultural land to residential, the erection of a lean-to greenhouse, the formation of a pond and the siting of a ground-mounted solar array. **Withdrawn.** | **SW** |
| 189.9  Bench of Village Green | The Council resolved to replace the broken bench on the Village Green with the suggested Memorial Bench. SW to arrange and MH to oversee installation. | **SW&**  **MH** |
| 190.10  Street Lighting | Following discussion the Council resolved to review and update its lighting policy. SW to action. |  |
| 191.11  Kendal Calling | The Council and residents are concerned about traffic issues. Traffic was stationary for long periods of time last year which would cause access issues for emergency services. The Council would like to view the proposal for traffic management this year. SW to request update. | **SW** |
| 192.12  Mower Service | The Council resolved to service the mower. Approximate cost £500.00. Going forward it was decided to service the mower every two years. SW to add to 2025/2026 budget. | **MH**  **SW** |
| 193.13  King’s Coronation | The Community Centre Committee are organising a bring and share. Weather permitting there will be crafting tables on the grass outside. Refreshments served in the Centre. The Council resolved to purchase Coronation Water Bottles for children 11 and under. Budget up to £250.00. LH to investigate. | **LH** |
| 194.14  Noticeboard in Helton | MH has investigated the condition of the noticeboard. A new backing is required and the exterior needs varnishing. SW suggested a magnetic backing to put the notices on. The Council agreed a £100.00 budget. MH to action. | **MH** |
| 195.15  Financial Report | Resolved: The Clerk circulated the budget and bank reconciliation. Closing balance on 28 February 2023 is £3,033.09.  The Council reviewed and accepted the transactions and budget 2022/23 updates. |  |
| 196.16  Payments of Account | Resolved. The Council approved for payment:  Clerk’s wages/expenses £770.97, £1.50, £54.10, HP Inks £6.66, CPSL £28.80, Website £71.86, Defibrillator Battery £267.60. | **SW** |
| 197.17  Correspondence | Elections 4th May 2023. Councillors are reminded to complete and return their forms by 4pm Tuesday 4th April 2023 to the Town Hall.  Google Pin – Please can everyone click on the google point for the LDNP and make a comment that it is in the incorrect location. JB to put a post on Facebook.  A suggestion was received to put a flyer on the noticeboard detailing contact numbers for local services. SW to action. | **ALL**  **All & JB**  **SW** |
| 198.18  Items for agenda and dates of next meetings | Parish Council Meetings:  Thursday, 11th May 2023 7.00pm: Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm. Elections.  Tuesday, 25th July 2023 7.00pm  Tuesday, 26th September 2023 7.00pm  Tuesday, 28th November 2023 7.00pm  All meetings held at 7.00pm at Askham and District Community Centre. | **SW** |

**Meeting closed 20.45pm**