**Askham and Helton Parish Council**

**Meeting:** Parish Council Meeting **Date:** Thursday, 28th September 2023

**Venue:** Askham and District Community Centre

**Present:** Laura Harker (LH), Malcolm Holt (MH), Mary Westgarth (MW), Gary Calland (GC),

John Banks (JB), Chris Whittaker (CW).

**Apologies:** Sophie Riches (SR), Neil Hughes, W&FC (NH).

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

**Members of Public:** 4

**Minutes**

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| 235.1  Apologies | SR – work commitment. NH – work commitment.  Resolved that the apologies be accepted and the reasons recorded. |  |
| 236.2  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** |
| 237.3  Minutes | Resolved that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on 27th July 2023 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. |  |
| 238.4  Public Participation/  Open Session | No comments received. |  |
| 239.5  Permissive Path from Tirril to Askham | A proposal was received from a resident in Sockbridge to create a permissive path from Tirril to Askham. The idea is to improve connectivity between the villages avoiding a very dangerous section of road. An option of two routes were discussed both of which linked up with an existing bridleway and/or footpath. Following discussion the Council resolved to be supportive of the idea and encouraged further investigation of the suggested routes and contact with the relevant landowners. LH offered to write a supportive letter in collaboration with the Chairman of Sockbridge and Tirril Parish Council.  The Council will receive a draft plan in due course. | **LH** |
| 240.6  Outcomes of Actions of last meeting | **Bus Shelter**: Ceiling to paint – ongoing.  **Sink holes in the Village Green**: Lowther Estates have been notified and they have placed stone slabs over the holes.  **Noticeboard.** MH has investigated and some progress has been made with the repairs. MH will circulate an estimated cost for the repairs.  **Emergency Plan** – SR was absent – deferred to the next meeting.  Moss covered pavement outside Community Hall has been reported and cleared. | **MH**  **MH**  **SR** |
| 241.7  External Meetings | **Bench on the Village Green.** Bench has been installed. Special thanks to the residents who have given their time and donated materials and MH for overseeing. SW to write thank you letters.  **Helton Campsite**. Concerns have been raised with regard to the rubbish which is being left in containers in the field. The council were assured these were being emptied and the area cleared imminently. The Council raised concerns regarding blue water pipe which runs along and crosses the footpath.  **Kendal Calling.** Overall the Council agreed that this year was better than last year. The only issue being the two hours of stand still traffic in the village. | **SW** |
| 242.8  Footway Lighting | The council considered the appeal for a replacement light at The Flat, Robin Cottage. The Council resolved to not replace the light in line with its adopted lighting policy. SW to respond. | **SW** |
| 243.9  Askham Bridge | Following discussion the Council resolved the signage proposal from Highways was acceptable. The Council will investigate the possibility of erecting cameras to monitor the bridge.  GC to look into suitable cameras.  CW to investigate policing.  SW to investigate policies and legalities. | **SW**  **GC**  **CW** |
| 244.10  Bench next to bus stop | Following discussion the Council resolved to consider and allocate £600.00 to replace and install a new bench in next years budget. | **SW** |
| 245.11  Grass Cutting at Helton Green | Following discussion the Council resolved to cut the wildflower area at the end of June as advised by the contractor. Advice was received that the cutting at the end of June would encourage a second flowering in later summer. | **SW** |
| 246.12  Fellrunner Donation | The Council resolved to donate £200.00 towards the running of the Fellside bus service. | **SW** |
| 247.13  Askham Litter Bins | The Council resolved to have a larger bin installed outside the Health Barn and request a larger bin to replace the existing one near to the church. W&FC have informed us that the larger bins will not be available until the new financial year. LH to follow up with W&FC. | **LH** |
| 248.14  Speed Restriction through village | The Council resolved to consult the residents through the newsletter to establish if there is support for a 20mph speed reduction in the village. CW to organise a box and email for responses. | **CW** |
| 249.15  D Day 80th Anniversary | 6 June 2024. The Council discussed organising lighting a beacon in collaboration with Barton and Pooley Bridge Parish Council and holding an event in the village. The Council resolved to invite suggestions from residents in the newsletter. CW will put an article in the newsletter. | **CW** |
| 250.16  Planning Applications | **Applications:**  **7/2023/3092 Highfield House, Tirril, Penrith CA10 2LG**  To erect a reclaimed stable block for storage and to house animals. No objection. **Resolved to ratify no objection**  **T/2023/0112 Holywell House, Helton, Penrith CA10 2QA**  Fell Conifer T1, prune Holly tree T2, prune Yew tree T3. No objection. **Resolved to ratify no objection**  **Decisions:**  **7/2023/3096 Whitbysteads, Askham, Penrith CA10 2PG**  Proposed alterations and extension and conversion of part of the barn to create annex. Resolved – no objection. **Granted.**  **7/2023/3072 Low Moss, Helton, Penrith CA10 2QA**  Proposed alterations and extension.  Ratified no objection. **Granted.**  **Pending:**  **7/2023/3075 Lowside Cottage, Helton, Penrith CA10 2QA**  Erection of new double garage, removal of trees, new driveway and minor changes to front and rear facades.  **Ratified no objection.**  **7/2023/3025 Land Southeast of Helton Head Farm, Helton, Penrith CA10 2QA**  Formation of replacement access. **Object.** The access is adequate for the barn’s current agricultural use and would be an unnecessary development. | **SW** |
| 251.17  Financial Report | Resolved: The Clerk circulated the budget and bank reconciliation. Closing balance on 30 August is £9825.18.  The Council reviewed and accepted the transactions and budget 2023/24 updates. |  |
| 252.18  Payments of Account | Resolved. The Council approved for payment:  Clerk’s wages/expenses £609.02, CPSL £34.80, Mower Fuel £38.00, Hall Hire £16.00. Lowther Forestry £3192.00. | **SW** |
| 253.19  Correspondence | MH reported the mower blades needed sharpening and he will investigate costs.  Posts on grass at Whale View Cottage. The Council assumes these have been installed by the landowner to protect the grass verge. A road closure is in place for 3 days commencing 11th October 2023. SW to investigate.  Urbaser Strike notification received.  Google Point. A consultant has been employed by LDNPA to resolve the inaccurate location of the google points in the Lake District National Park.  Cumbria and Local Council AGM on Saturday 30th September at 10.30am. Councillors are welcome to attend. Email circulated. | **MH** |
| 254.20  Items for agenda and dates of next meetings | Parish Council Meetings:  Thursday, 30th November 2023 - Budget  Thursday, 25th January 2024  Thursday, 28th March 2024  Thursday, 30th May 2024  Thursday, 26th July 2024  Thursday, 26th September 2024  Thursday, 28th November 2024  All meetings held at 7.00pm at Askham and District Community Centre. | **SW** |

**Meeting closed 21.07pm**