

Askham and Helton Parish Council

Meeting: Parish Council Meeting **Date:** Thursday, 28th November 2024

Venue: Askham and District Community Centre

Present: Laura Harker (LH), Mary Westgarth (MW), Gary Calland (GC), John Banks (JB)

Apologies: Chris Whittaker (CW), Sophie Riches (SR) Malcolm Holt (MH)

In Attendance: Sandie Watson (Clerk/RFO)

Members of Public: 2

Minutes

347.1 Apologies	CW– work MH- holiday SR – work Resolved that the apologies be accepted and the reasons recorded.	
348.2 Declarations of Interest	i. Register of Members Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests. ii. Personal/Prejudicial Interests. iii. Dispensation Requests. None received.	ALL
349.3 Minutes	Resolved that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on 26 th September 2024 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
350.4 Public Participation/ Open Session	Comments received concerning unpermitted development at Helton Head. Comments received concerning unpermitted development to track on Celeron Road.	
351.5 Outcomes of Actions of last meeting	Tree seat – MH and CW work ongoing. No further update. Gully between Helton and Butterwick had been cleared but is blocked again. To escalate to Cllr Hughes. Refuse collection missed at Helton. Clerk to report. Residents can check the W&FC website for updates on refuse collection. Cattlegrid at Helton has been cleared by Highways.	MH & CW GC & SW SW
352.6 External Meetings	No reports received.	
353.7 Planning Applications	Applications: 7/2024/3109 Chapel View, Helton CA10 2QA Demolish and replace sunroom. Ratified no objection.	SW

	<p>7/2024/3097 The Village Hall, Askham & District Community Centre, Askham CA10 2PF Re-cladding of exterior walls and installation of a disabled access ramp. Support. Granted</p> <p>7/2024/3077 Sycamore House, Askham, CA10 2PF Listed Building Consent. Proposed alterations to the rear of Sycamore House including both internal and external works. No objection. Granted.</p> <p>7/2024/3076 Sycamore House, Askham, CA10 2PF Proposed alterations to the rear of Sycamore House including both internal and external works. No objection. Granted</p> <p>T/2024/0140 St Peters Church, Askham, CA10 2PF Fell 1 large tree, leaving a stump that can be used as a seat. No objection. Granted.</p> <p>7/2024/3055 Land southeast of Holywell House, Helton, CA10 2QA Agricultural shed for the storage of crops and machinery. Non consultation. Refused.</p> <p>7/2023/3190 Lowther Castle and Gardens, Old Walled Garden, Lowther Construction of paths. Pending response from LDNPA.</p> <p>7/2021/3052 Widewath Mill, Helton CA10 2QB Proposed conversion of former water mill and change of use for holiday letting purposes (resubmission of application 7/2020/3024). Granted.</p>	
354.8 Eamont and Shap Place Action Group	Resolved to accept Terms of Reference.	SW
355.9 Water Buffalo on the Helton to Whale Bridleway	The herd has been removed for now. Council to monitor.	
356.10 20mph Speed Limit through Askham	Public consultation feedback showed support for the scheme. Approval now required from W&FC Eden Locality Board (meeting in January) to progress.	
357.11 Financial Regulations	Resolved to adopt.	
358.12 Budget and Precept 2025/26	Following discussion, the Council set the budget and precept for 2025/26.	SW

359.13 Financial Report	Resolved: The Clerk circulated the budget and bank reconciliation. Closing balance on 30 October 2024 £10,013.02. The Council reviewed and accepted the transactions and budget 2024/25 updates.	SW
360.14 Payments of Account	Resolved. The Council approved for payment: Clerk's wages/expenses £652.24, CPSL £34.80, HP Ink £6.00, Hall Rent £10.00.	SW
361.15 Correspondence	Footway Lighting Recharge, there are no charges for 2023/2024. A new W&FC lighting policy has been created with charges effective April 2025 (not yet circulated to parish councils).	
362.16 Items for agenda and dates of next meetings	Off road footpath Helton to Askham to add to next agenda. Cllr Harker has asked if all Councillors could look around the parish and bring any areas that need attention to the January meeting for discussion. Parish Council Meetings: Thursday, 23 rd January 2025 Thursday 20 th March 2025 Thursday 22 nd May 202 Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm <i>followed by</i> Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm Thursday 24 th July 2025 Thursday, 25 th September 2025 Thursday, 20 th November 2025 All meetings held at 7.00pm at Askham and District Community Centre. Cllr Banks to book the hall	SW All JB
Meeting Part II		
363.17	Resolved to accept new agreement.	
364.18	Resolved to increase Clerk's hours.	

Meeting closed 20.40pm