

## Matterdale Parish Council

Draft minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.00pm on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022** in Watermillock Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs Lloyd (in the chair), McAlpine, Shaw, Crofts, Mrs Gore, Holder, Mrs Bray, Mrs Wilson, Dobinson, Mrs Beaumont and Harrison.

1. **Apologies accepted** Cllr.Firth (Covid 19 concerns). **In attendance:** Mrs Judith Derbyshire, the Clerk and County Cllr Hughes.

2. The **Minutes** of the meeting on **1<sup>st</sup> November 2021** were approved as circulated (amended at Para 7: Readman, not Redmond) and signed as a true record.

### **3. Exclusion of Press and requests for public participation/open forum**

3.1 No members of the press or public had sought to participate in the meeting by Zoom or otherwise.

3.2 There were no notified public questions relating to Parish Council business and there was no public forum.

### **4. Declarations of interest by Councillors/ requests for dispensation.**

4.1 No Councillors needed to update their declaration.

4.2 None declared any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature, save Cllrs Harrison and McAlpine as members of Matterdale PCC.

4.3 None declared any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

4.4 The Clerk reported that no dispensation had been sought or granted.

### **5. Matters arising from previous minutes.**

5.1 The Clerk will remind Mr Trelease again that the posts and fencing around **Dockray Green** need replacing.

5.2 A response had been received on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to the request to impose a **30mph speed limit on the A5091** Matterdale End to Dockray. In short, Cumbria County Council data shows neither excessive speeds nor accidents are sufficiently common to warrant a speed limit. It was resolved to investigate other means of asking motorists to reduce their speed.

5.3 Cllr Lloyd has yet to examine the extent to which changes are required to make the **Council website** conform to the latest regulations on accessibility.

5.4 The Clerk reported that a **licence to graze the Recreation Field** from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 for six months has been entered into and the fee of £50 paid.

5.5 Cllr Harrison had checked what public right of way may have been affected by Hope Springs; it is a **public footpath west of the highway leading to Hope Springs** from A5091.

5.6 Cllr Gore reported that no action is required in relation to work at **Lownthwaite Guest House**.

5.7. The intention is to create a dedicated **website for the Sustainable Transport Group**, Cllr Bray confirmed. The expense which the Council will be asked to contribute has not yet been established but is most unlikely to exceed £200, she said.

5.8 The Clerk has been in contact with Mr Chris Gaskell, who has recently removed the **bench seat at Folly Lane** for repair.

## 6. Planning matters

6.1 **Approved applications** included 3190 (Penfold Farm, Dockray), 3181 and 3184 (Another Place, Watermillock), 3182 (Pencil Mill, Watermillock), 3136 (the Quiet Site, Watermillock), 3176 Rushgill), 3179 Knotts Hill, Watermillock and 3170 (Dowthwaite Head Farm, Dockray).

6.2 Matterdale Planning committee had not objected to revised proposals for Finkle Laithe, **Matterdale End (3212)**.

6.3 An extension of the **temporary car park at Waterfoot** had been refused; it was not known if the decision is to be appealed.

6.4 There is an appeal against refusal for permission at **Dodds Lee, Dockray**.

6.5 The two **planning committees** are to meet after the MSF meeting following to deal with alleged contravention of planning regulations at Ivy House, Matterdale End, 3129 re Laburnum Cottage, Dockray and 3003 and 3232 re Croft Farm, Thackthwaite (all referred to Matterdale Planning Committee) and 3192 re Brackenhill, Watermillock and 3228 re Land Ends, Watermillock (both referred to Watermillock Planning Committee).

## 7. Finance

7.1 The Clerk reported that the **balance** at HSBC Bank plc was £5,206.94cr at 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 (this includes a recently received VAT refund part of which is due to MSF) and at Skipton Building Society £66,396.04cr (including interest to 31st October 2021).

7.2 **Expenditure** was approved, namely £16 to Watermillock Village Hall for the meeting fee and £21.36 to Water Plus. There were no unbudgeted expenses to report, save that HSBC

plc were imposing **bank charges** which were c£5 a month. He will ask HSBC to remove further charges.

7.3 It was agreed that any Parish Council expense in relation to the **Queen's prospective jubilee** should not impact on the 2022/23 budget. Tree planting (perhaps in a Matterdale Churchyard) and/or a bench seat (perhaps on Dockray Green) were worth considering; Cllrs Shaw and Gore will liaise on this (and any other ideas) with a view to decisions being taken when the Council next meets.

7.4 The Council felt obliged to reject an application from the treasurer of **Watermillock** Parish Church to contribute to the **expense of maintaining the churchyard** and cemetery there. (Matterdale PCC had not requested a contribution) The Clerk quoted from "Clerks and Councils Direct" November 2018 edition to the effect that NALC did not agree with the government that such payment would be within a parish council's lawful powers; moreover the PCC surely had other resources.

7.5 A **precept requirement** of £4,000 for the year 2022/23 was agreed.

8. No **highway matters** were raised.

9. For **training opportunities**, Councillors were referred to the CALC website.

## 10. Correspondence

10.1 A letter of thanks for the £100 **donation to the Great North Air Ambulance** had been received.

10.2 The **Eden Rivers Trust Annual report** recently received was passed to Cllr Shaw, for circulation if any Councillor required.

10.3 A request from **Matterdale Community Association** to use the Recreation Field for an **event on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022** was agreed to; it will mean that any grazing will be interrupted from 13<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> July to allow for set up and clearance.

10.4 It was agreed that Cllr Gore's address should be provided to **HM Land Registry** in place of the Royal Hotel, Dockray.

## 11. Other business

Part of the **footpath leading to Brownrigg Farm** from the road serving (inter alia) Lownthwaite Guest House may have been informally diverted by the farmer; it is hence over excessively marshy ground and walkers using it have complained. The Clerk will ask LDNPA to look into this.

12. **Next meeting**-7.00pm on **7<sup>th</sup> March 2022** at Watermillock Village Hall was agreed, with further dates/venues as set out on the agenda.

D. L. Brown