

## Matterdale Parish Council

Draft minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.00pm on **Monday 12th April 2021** at **Watermillock Village Hall** but allowing access by Zoom.

**Present** in person or virtually: Cllrs Lloyd (in the chair), Mrs Wilson, Dobinson, Shaw, Crofts, Firth, Mrs Gore, Harrison and Mrs Bray. County Councillor Neil Hughes joined the meeting up to and including item 5. Cllrs McAlpine, Holder and Mrs Beaumont were unable to take part.

**In attendance:** the Clerk.

1. The **Minutes** of the meeting on **1<sup>st</sup> March 2021** were approved as circulated.

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

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

2.2 There were no notified public questions and there was no public forum.

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

3.1 No Councillors needed to update their declaration.

3.2 None declared any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

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

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

### **4. Matters arising from previous minutes:-**

4.1 The **planning application for the proposed Community/Education building** on the Recreation Field has been granted with conditions (ref no 7/2020/3163). The steering group will meet on 19<sup>th</sup> April to progress matters.

4.2 The Parish's grazing land at Rushmire and Troutbeck has been let at a combined sum of £1,100 for the grazing period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

5. Keswick Town Council having asked for support from the Parish Council for its call for a **feasibility study by Cumbria County Council on charging visitors** for access to the Lake District National Park, Cllr Firth had produced a paper raising questions to be addressed in setting the parameters for such a study, and suggesting issues that should be included in the proposed terms of reference, which had been circulated to all Councillors together with a paper in support of the proposal by the Mayor of Keswick. After discussion, the Council resolved to support the proposal provided there was clarity on the objective(s) for any

scheme, on how any money which might be raised would be spent in the attainment of the agreed objective(s) and on the terms of reference and how they would be set. The cost of the study, and how it would be paid for, would need to be identified and agreed.

6. Cllr Wilson brought to the attention of the Council frequent **dog fouling** on highway verges near Dockray, particularly on the road leading to Dowthwaite Head. It was agreed that, as a first step, notices should be displayed calling upon dog owners to clear up after their dog.

7. It was agreed to allow Borderliners to use the Recreation Field on **15<sup>th</sup> May 2021** for participants and officials taking part in an **orienteering event** that day.

8. Cllr Harrison will provide details of the conservators of **Matterdale Common** so that they can be asked to reinstate the posts said to be marking the recreational area there.

9. Future **meeting dates** as follows:-

**Special meeting 17/5 (AGM)**, 5/7, 6/9, and 1/11, all 7.00pm, if possible at Watermillock Village Hall, at least until Matterdale Church Room can resume hosting alternate meetings. (Zoom facilities will continue).

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