

## Matterdale Parish Council

Draft minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.00pm on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021** in Watermillock Village Hall.

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

**1. Apologies**, Cllrs. Mrs Beaumont , Holder and Mrs Bray **.In attendance:** the Clerk (and County Cllr Hughes until item 5.3).

**2.** The **Minutes** of the meeting on **14<sup>th</sup> June 2021** were approved as circulated 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 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.

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 It was noted that Cumbria County Council had set up a new **Highways Representation Scheme**.

5.2 Consultations on the **A592 Safety Improvement** programme were ongoing; the **Stybarrow Crag** part of the road would be considered, and possibly financed, separately (the options for protecting pedestrians, who currently have to use the highway, are to be considered further, with the Council being consulted, it is expected).

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

5.4 **Two parish benches** are to be repaired by Mr Gaskell, who has been informed that the Parish Council will pay for the materials needed.

5.5 The **Matterdale Community Association** event on the Recreation Field has been deferred until 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

5.6 Cllr Harrison has arranged that posts mark the **recreation area on Matterdale Common**.

5.7 The County Council have indicated that it will not intervene to restore the road on the south-east side of **Hope Springs** to its former state. The Clerk will express the Council's concern and check the boundary of Hope Springs.

## 6. Finance

6.1 The Clerk reported that the **balance** at HSBC Bank plc is £85,133.27, which includes £80,000 which is MSF (Matterdale School Foundation) cash and will need to be appropriately transferred, and at Skipton Building Society £66,362.86.

6.2 **Expenditure** was approved, namely £48 to Watermillock Village Hall for meeting fees, £20 to CALC for a course on village greens booked for the Clerk, £16.27 to Water Plus for water charges and £43 to the Clerk for expenses relating to the two mobile telephones required by the External Auditor as dedicated numbers for the Chairman and the Clerk.

6.3 The expense for **mobile phones** was **not budgeted for**; in a full year at present rates it will cost the Council £108. It was agreed that the extra expense should be taken up with CALC and NALC and ultimately with the External Auditor, who may not have authority for requiring dedicated mobile numbers for Chairman and Clerk.

6.4 The costs of maintaining **parish benches** will need to be assessed when the **2022/23 budget** is prepared in November and the precept may need to be increased accordingly.

## 7. Planning.

7.1 The Clerk reported on report on various **Planning Decisions** namely :-

3078 -**New School (aka Hope Springs), Matterdale**- permission granted for revised rear door.

3086- **Lowthwaite Guest House**- permission granted for proposed additional accommodation.

3087/88- **Leeming House Hotel**-permission granted for proposed alterations and extensions.

3094-permission granted for new barn at **Lobbs, Troutbeck** (agricultural purposes).

7.2 It was agreed that the Council should not be party to **pre-planning site visits** or discussions with prospective applicants or objectors

8. The Clerk had tabled a **draft Declaration of Trust and Cross Option Agreement** which, if approved, would allow MSF to buy the Recreation Field from the Council, so it would fulfil the relevant grant condition required for a grant from the Garfield Weston Foundation (MSF is seeking £25k in support of the cost of building the proposed new Education/Community Building on the Recreation Field). The Council delayed further discussion of these proposals, the correct procedure, and fairness to Watermillock residents causing concern. Further consideration is required.

9. Garfield Weston will ask for sight of the Council's **safeguarding policy**. The Clerk had circulated a suggested draft. This was approved, with the addition of "training" to "DBS checks" (p2-penultimate paragraph), and adopted for both the Council and MSF.

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

11. **Correspondence**-none

12. **Next meeting**-7.00pm on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at Watermillock Village Hall (unless Matterdale Church Room can resume hosting alternate meetings).

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