

Matterdale Parish Council

Draft minutes of the meeting which took place at 7.00pm on **Monday 6th September 2021** in Watermillock Village Hall.

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

1. Apologies accepted Cllr. Mrs Gore (away from home). **In attendance:** the Clerk and Mr B Clark (and County Cllr Hughes until item 6).

2. The **Minutes** of the meeting on **5th July 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. Highway matters

5.1 A592 Safety Improvements and Local Government reorganization.

The most recent booklet circulated by the County Council did not indicate any measures effecting the A592 within the Parish but Cllr Hughes believes that extra barriers and signs may be provided.

5.2 Cllr Holder will report to Cumbria CC the road repairs needed urgently by the Quiet Site.

5.3 Cllr Hughes updated the Council on the proposed "E and W Cumbria" single tier authorities, names for which had yet to be decided. The time scale to affect changes is short in relation to the administrative changes to be brought about, he said.

6. **Matters arising** from previous minutes.

6.1 The Clerk had reminded Mr Trelease again that the posts and fencing around **Dockray Green** need replacing; he has promised that the work will be done later in the year. An estimated £450 is needed to cover work and materials.

6.2 The Clerk pointed out that the decision not to offer **pre-application site visits** is inconsistent with para 12 of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Council will not however be at liberty to reverse its decision until 6th January 2022.

6.3 The Clerk will re-inspect the work done to the bridleway at **Hope Springs**, which the Council want to be indicated by appropriate sign(s).

7. Finance

7.1 The Clerk reported that the **balance** at HSBC Bank plc is £5,002.27cr and at Skipton Building Society £66,362.86cr.

7.2 **Expenditure** was approved, namely £48 to Watermillock Village Hall for meeting fees, , £12.00 to Water Plus for water charges, £1,080.00 to Dodd & Co for preparing the annual accounts and carrying out the internal audit, £864.00 to the Clerk for his half year salary and £216 to HMRC for PAYE thereon..

7.3 The **Clerk** reported that his **hours to date** (including work as clerk to Matterdale School Foundation) were 18.7 over budget. He will keep his hours under review and report again in November. There was as yet no need to review the budget for Clerk's salary.

8. Planning:-

8.1 Committee reports (both from Watermillock Planning Committee)

3136 re **Quiet Site, Watermillock**- change of use of 7 existing pitches. LDNPA informed that there was no objection.

3134 re **Pencil Mill, Watermillock**-improvement of equestrian facilities. LDNPA informed that there was no objection.

8.2 Planning Applications pending referred to the Watermillock Planning Committee meeting on 8th September 2021-

3124 **former tennis Court at Wreay Mansions**, Watermillock- new house plus one affordable house

3093 **Land Ends, Watermillock**-demolitions, refurbishments and new builds

8.3 Decision notices had been received (all granted except where otherwise stated):

3043 **Finkle Laithe, Matterdale End**-rear extension-withdrawn

3087 and 3088 re **Leeming House, Watermillock** - extensions

3101 re **Hudsons Allotment, Troutbeck**- forest access road

3113 re **Walthwaite Farm, Troutbeck**- new stables

3086 re **Lowthwaite Guest House, Matterdale**-conversion/extension of outbuilding “for existing bed and breakfast business”

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

10. **Correspondence**- Cllrs Beaumont and/or Bray agreed to represent the Council at the licensing of Rev Catherine Helm as Priest in Charge of Dacre, Matterdale and Watermillock on 26th September 2021 (9.30am at St Andrew’s, Dacre).

11. **Next meeting**-7.00pm on 1st November 2021 at Watermillock Village Hall.

D. L. Brown