

## Matterdale School Foundation

A meeting of Matterdale Parish Council as trustee of the above took place on Monday 5th September 2022, after the Matterdale Parish Council meeting that evening.

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

In attendance: the Clerk, Mr Brown.

1. Apologies accepted: Cllr Shaw

2. The Minutes of the meeting on 4th July 2022 were approved as circulated (the final sentence of Item 6 third paragraph beginning “The PCC were reluctant.....” having been removed) and then signed as a true record.

3. Cllr. Gore declared her interest as trustee of Matterdale Community Association; also Cllr McAlpine as a member of Matterdale PCC.

4. Matters Arising:

4.1 Proposed Housing by the Knotts, Matterdale

No further progress was reported. There is a national problem concerned with nutrient neutrality, as reported at the 23rd May meeting, which needs to be resolved before planning consent will be issued. The Clerk will make further enquiry as when the proposed consent might be issued.

4.2 The Clerk will again ask Mr Jim Blease if his son would be willing to mend the wall west of the proposed housing development at the Knotts, Matterdale.

5. Finance

5.1 The Clerk reported that the balances were £935.57 at Skipton Building Society; £1,931.01 at Penrith Building Society; £901.23 at Nationwide Building Society, £1,791.14 at Cumberland Building Society (deposit account) and £10,864.37 (at 31/7/22) in the current account there.

Investments via the Flagstone platform (excluding any interest added) were as follows:-

At Cambridge & Counties Bank Ltd £73,893.64

At Santander International £73,893.64

At BFC Bank £73,893.64

At Sainsburys Bank plc £73,893.65

And at HSBC Bank plc £73,893.65

5.2 It was agreed that Mr Brown would continue for the time being as Clerk to the Charity whether or not his retirement as Clerk to the Parish Council as such becomes effective on 1st October 2022. His pay as Clerk to the charity will continue at £15 per hour for the expected 10 hours a

month. The meeting approved payment from charity funds of £576 for the half year to 30th September 2022 and £144 to HMRC for the PAYE thereon.

#### 6. New Education/Community Building or alternative community provision

The Chairman provided an updated report, in particular he reported that the steering group have been further considering various possible ways of providing a building on the Recreation Field but had not yet reached a conclusion which could be recommended to the Council. No alternative sites were being considered. Its dilemma was to know what could be afforded with the cash available. It was estimated that a further £10k of fees would allow a Quantity Surveyor and designer to put forward possible proposals for community consultation and trustee assessment.

After discussion, it was decided that further fees should not be incurred until at least the November trustee meeting had better information as to when and if the sale of the housing land would add sufficient to the available funds to make a grid connection affordable.

The Clerk will collect the papers made available by 2030 Architects, who had been informed that their services were no longer required.

Cllr Holder has been in touch with an Ulverston company whose proposals may be very cost effective; he will supply the Chairman with the contact details.

7. There was no correspondence or other business

8. Next meeting: 14th November 2022 following the Parish Council meeting at Watermillock Village Hall.

D. L. Brown