

MATTERDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Thursday, 22 February 2024

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** that will be held at Matterdale Church Room on **Monday 4 March 2024** at 7.00PM. The Public and Press are invited to attend.



Clerk

AGENDA

92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

93. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING held on 8 January 2024

To authorise the chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January (attached).

a. Matters arising:

94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

- a. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests
- b. To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature
- c. To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature (Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the meeting for the relevant items)
- d. To make any requests for dispensation

95. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

To decide whether there are any items of business which require exclusion of the press and public

96. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (20 MINUTES ALLOWED) - this agenda item enables Parish Councillors to hear the views, comments and/or complaints from the public. The Parish Councillors can respond. However (unless the items are already on the agenda) no council decisions can be taken at this meeting but, if appropriate, the matters can be put onto a future agenda for decision. Comments limited to 5 minutes per person.

97. WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCILLOR REPORTS– to receive items for information (items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting subject to agreement by the council.)

98. POLICE MATTERS – to resolve

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whether to submit any matters to the Local Focus Hub.

99. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - You may view the details on the Planning Authority website (Lakedistrict.gov.uk) where parishioners can submit their own observations directly

a. To resolve whether to submit any observations on the following applications

7/2024/3105	2 High Longthwaite, Watermillock, Penrith, CA11 0LR	Proposed alterations and extension
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b. To Note the following applications were granted approval

7/2023/3176	Tongue House, Watermillock, Penrith, CA11 0LT	Removal of rotten solid, soft wood external double doors and frame including the four glazed windows above. To replace with one glazed hardwood door and frame with a glazed window either side of the door. Above the door hardwood frame to include 3 glazed windows.
7/2023/3174	Wreay Farmhouse, Watermillock, Penrith, CA11 0LT	Dwellinghouse

100. FINANCE

a. **Payments- to authorise** schedule of payments totalling £187.50 (VN 57-62) and from 2024-25 £363.80 (VN 1-3)

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60	31/03/2024	Nick Phillips	0	Salary	150.00	0.00	150.00
61	11/03/2024	Matterdale Church Room	0	Room hire	20.00	0.00	20.00
62	11/03/2024	Nick Phillips	0	Expenses	2.50	0.00	2.50
2024-25 payments							
1	24/04/2024	HSBC		Bank Charges	5.00	0.00	5.00
2	30/04/2024	Nick Phillips		Salary	150.00	0.00	150.00
3	01/04/2024	Cumbria Payroll Services Ltd	SI-10666	Annual Payroll	174.00	34.80	208.80

b. **Monthly reconciliation (January 2024) – to receive and note** the reconciliation and balances checked by Cllr Firth.

c. **Monthly budget update- to receive and note**

d. **Current Bank Balances.**

101. **Ullswater Valley Hopper Bus 2024** – to resolve whether to continue to underwrite the route by £1000 (nb was not needed in 2023-24) and for how long.

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102. Permission to use recreation field: to resolve whether to grant permission for the following uses:

- a. **Matterdale Community Association** – Summer day on Saturday 10 August 2024 and if so whether to make a grant of £500 towards the cost.
- b. **Border Liners Orienteering club-** Car parking for events on Sunday 5 May 2024 and Saturday 6 July 2024.

103. Grazing licences – To resolve to issue grazing licences for the following land and the period of the licence.

- a. **Recreation field** – one applicant offering £50 pa
- b. **Troutbeck** – one applicant offering £450 pa
- c. **Rushmire** – one applicant offering £75 pa and one applicant offering £165 for one year or £500 for three years.

104. Consultation on creation of the Wordsworth Way- to resolve whether to support the creation of the Wordsworth Way. (Attached)

105. Preliminary work on recreation field for MSF – to resolve whether to grant permissions to MSF for preliminary work as per attached.

106. Noticeboards – to resolve what action to take in light of the attached report on noticeboards?

107. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

108. Date of next meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place immediately after the **Annual Parish Meeting** on Monday 13 May 2024 in Watermillock Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk by 12 noon on Thursday 2 May 2024.

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Minutes of the Matterdale Parish Council which took place at 7.00pm on Monday 8 January 2024 in Watermillock Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs V Gore (Chair), P Airey, C Beaumont, R Dobinson, M Firth, D Harrison, R Lloyd, J Newport, J O'Neil, J Wilson

In attendance: Nick Phillips (Clerk), Westmorland and Furness Cllr J Derbyshire, one member of the public

71. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

received apologies and approve reasons for absence from Cllrs Shaw and Holder

72. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING held on 13 November 2023

authorised the chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2023.

a. Matters arising: - none

73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

- a. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests
- b. To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature
- c. To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature (Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the meeting for the relevant items) Cllr Newport declared an interest in item 83
- d. To make any requests for dispensation

74. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

Item 82

75. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

76. Westmorland and Furness COUNCILLOR REPORTS– received the following items for information – There was an event in December about being winter ready, consequently there was a reminder to check grit bins and request more if necessary. Councillors were asked to think about where communal grit piles could be placed, if necessary and make suggestions of suitable locations.

There is a small amount of funding for capital projects, it was suggested that a new picnic table and bench be provided at Dockray.

Eden District Council received a grant from DLUHC for a pilot project to help tenants and landlords to improve privately rented housing and this is now being managed by Westmorland and Furness but is restricted to the old Eden footprint. Councillors

were asked if they could suggest any suitable properties.

A question was asked regarding fibrus broadband rollout.

77. POLICE MATTERS –resolved not to submit any matters to the Local Focus Hub.

78. PLANNING APPLICATIONS -

a. resolved to submit observations on the following applications

7/2023/3193	Greenbank Farm, Troutbeck, Cumbria, CA11 OSS	Conversion of existing detached barn building to holiday letting unit
<p>The Parish Council objects to the application as it does not fit with the Matterdale Neighbourhood Plan. Conversions of redundant or existing agricultural buildings are permitted in the circumstances described in MNP1. Whilst the existing building is redundant it is not being converted for local needs housing so falls outside MNP 1. Holiday lets are permitted in the circumstances described in MNP4, but this application does not meet the criteria for MNP4. Accordingly, this conversion for a holiday let is not supported by the Matterdale Neighbourhood Plan. In addition, Councillors do not feel that the extension is sensitive to the cultural and environmental context of the site.</p> <p>The nutrient neutrality report makes a calculation based on the Eden catchment area. However, it is believed that this property would not feed into the Eden.</p>		
7/2023/3155	Aira Farmhouse, Dowthwaite Head, Dockray, CA11 0LG	Reinstatement of residential use and extend into attached barn
<p>Having previously commented on this application, Matterdale Parish council still favours a local occupancy clause for this application.</p>		

b. Noted the following applications were granted approval

7/2023/3132	Underwood, Watermillock, Cumbria, CA11 0LS	Proposed replacement dwelling and new vehicular driveway
7/2023/3165	Cove Cottage, Watermillock, Penrith, CA11 0LS	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling including the installation of a package treatment plant, following withdrawal of application ref 7/2023/3109
7/2022/3042	Belle Grove, Watermillock, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0LP	Rebuild the dry dock boathouse
7/2023/3126	Saddleback View, Troutbeck, Penrith, CA11 0SX	Two storey side extension, including front porch

79. FINANCE

a. **Payments- authorised** schedule of payments totalling £339.48 (VN 51-56)

VN	Inv. Date	PAYEE	CHQ. NO/	Purpose of Expenditure	AMOUNT £	VAT INCLUDED	NET AMOUNT
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			Ref no			£	£
51	24/12/2023	HSBC		Bank Charges	5.00	0.00	5.00
52	31/01/2024	Nick Phillips		Salary	150.00	0.00	150.00
53	29/02/2024	Nick Phillips		Salary	150.00	0.00	150.00
54	08/01/2024	Nick Phillips		Expenses	2.50	0.00	2.50
55	08/01/2024	Watermillock Village Hall		Room hire	16.00	0.00	16.00
56	08/01/2024	Hayton Parish Council		Expenses	15.98	0.00	15.98

- b. **Monthly reconciliation (November 2023) – received and noted** the reconciliation and balances checked by Cllr Firth.
 - c. **Monthly budget update- received and noted**
 - d. **Current Bank Balances. Skipton £68552.49, HSBC £5310.07**
80. **Clerk's Appraisal** –received a verbal update from the Chair and Vice Chair and agreed the following suggestions: Clerk would indicate which emails were urgent so councillors knew which needed a speedy response. The chairs of the planning committees would convene any committee meetings with the clerk arranging any site visits as necessary. Clerk to write articles for Ullswater together to feedback on meetings.
81. Clerk's contract –resolved to accept the revisions to the Clerk's contract.
82. Grass contract –reviewed the tender submissions and agreed to award the contract to SGL on a 4 year contract with the one year breakout clause.
83. Grazing licences –resolved that the council would be prepared to accept a 3 year grazing licence agreement as suggested by one of the current licensees and delegated to the Clerk and Cllr Airey the authority to adapt the grazing licence as needed.
84. 20 MPH Speed limit zones –resolved that the council will revisit the issue in the future after asking for information from parishioners.
85. Noticeboards- identified that only one noticeboard is needed according to the law and that there are currently 6. Councillors to send the Clerk locations and conditions.
86. Policies –resolved to adopt the policies as proposed by the working group
- a. Equality and Diversity
 - b. Publication scheme
 - c. Risk Assessment Policy
 - d. Staff Appraisal Policy
 - e. Vexatious requests policy
87. Sparket Mill footpath diversion- resolved that Cllr Firth and Newport to attend the site meeting and respond on behalf of the council.
88. Nutrient Neutrality/ Habitat site restoration - resolved to approve the LDNPA starting pre feasibility studies for - Rushmire, Binks Moss and Troutbeck land.
89. Waterfoot carpark – resolved to respond as follow: the Parish Council supports the appellant's position.
- 90. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**
none.

91. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 4 March 2024 in Matterdale Church Room at 7.00pm.

Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk by 12 noon on Thursday 22 February 2024.

Meeting closed at 20.40



**Lake District
National Park**

Mr N Phillips,
Clerk, Matterdale Parish Council
14 Twickenham Court
Carlisle
CA1 3TW

15-Feb-2024

Dear Sir

What is the formal view of your council on this application?

Reference: 7/2024/3105
Location: 2 High Longthwaite, Watermillock, Penrith, CA11 0LR
Proposal: Proposed alterations and extension
Reply by: 14 March 2024
Reply to: planning@lakedistrict.gov.uk

We invite the formal view of your council. Please [click on this link](#) to view the application forms and documents.

Alternatively you can visit <https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/ldnpa> and enter 7/2024/3105 into the reference search field.

If your council supports or objects, please give us their planning reasons. A neutral view such as no objections is equally acceptable.

We hope you find our online planning guide for town and parish councils and parish meetings useful. You can see it on our website by clicking on:
www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/parishplanningadvice

For further information about how we publicise planning applications and to read our policy and procedure for public speaking at meetings, please see our practice guidance at <https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/planning/gettingplanningadvice/planningguides>. If the application is to be reported to committee and your council would wish to speak at the meeting please register this intent with the formal views.

When made, the decision will be published on our website.

Yours faithfully

Development Management Support Team

You can help us by telling us if your email changes – thank you

MATTERDALE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 2024 – FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a. I present for approval the following accounts for payment – £187.50 (VN 57-62) and from 2024-25 £363.80 (VN 1-3)

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Approved - Minute No.	100A
Chair signature	
Date	


Make a bill payment

1. Payee details

2. Payment details

3. Check and confirm

4. Confirmation

 The payment requires authorisation.

Summary		
From	40-36-10 70559024 Charitable Matterdale paris	
Payment date	11 Mar 2024	
PCC of Matterdale MPC VN61 20-66-97 20686417	GBP 20.00	The value of this payment exceeds your bill payments single payment higher payment limit than you will need to authorise the payment. The payment will not be sent until it has been authorised. (GBB-BP-13)

Authorisation		
Authorised by	GBHBEU1003867944PHILLIPSNICH1	Date and time 22 Feb 2024 12:47

Clerk's Expenses March 2024

Totals		£	-	£	2.50
Postage					
Meeting Packs Wilson and Dobson	2@£1.25				
Travel	Miles @per mile				
VAT					
Total		£	2.50		

From: Royal Mail Support no-reply@royalmail.com
Subject: Royal Mail - Postage Confirmation for WP-4141-4308-701
Date: 22 February 2024 at 13:03
To: matterdaleparishclerk@gmail.com

RS



Thank you for your order.

You have made a payment of £2.50 to the Royal Mail Group Ltd.

Reference: WP-4141-4308-701

Date & time: Thursday, 22 February 2024 13:03

You have confirmed that you are not sending any item which is [prohibited or restricted](#) in the UK.

A summary of your purchase is set out below, and details of this purchase - along with links to re-download your documents and view your QR codes, and request refunds - will remain available for you to view for up to 21 days on the [payment confirmation page](#).

Purchased postage

Destination: R A Dobinson, Fairfield, Watermillock, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0LP

Postage service: Royal Mail 1st Class

Postage cost: £1.25

Item must be posted by: Thursday, 29 February 2024



Destination: Jean Wilson, Anns Cottage, Dockray, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0LG

Postage service: Royal Mail 1st Class

Postage cost: £1.25

Item must be posted by: Thursday, 29 February 2024




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Payment date	11 Mar 2024	
N M Phillips Expenses MAR 	GBP 2.50	The value of this payment exceeds your bill payments single payment higher payment limit than you will need to authorise the payment. The payment will not be sent until it has been authorised. (GBB-BP-13)

Authorisation		
Authorised by	GBHBEU1003867944PHILLIPSNICH1	Date and time 22 Feb 2024 12:59

Ref.	Employee Name	Process Date	N.I. Number
1	Mr. NM Phillips	01/04/2024	

Payments	Units	Rate	Amount
Hours	10.00	15.0000	150.00

Deductions	Amount
PAYE Tax	0.00
National Insurance	0.00

Matterdale Parish Council

Tax Period: 12
Tax Code: 180M
Department:
Payment Method: Cheque
Payment Period: Monthly

This Period		Year To date	
Total Gross Pay	150.00	Total Gross Pay TD	1800.00
Gross for Tax	150.00	Gross for Tax TD	1800.00
Earnings for NI	0.00	Tax paid TD	0.00
Employer NI	0.00	Earnings For NI TD	0.00
		National Insurance TD	0.00
		Employer NI TD	0.00

Net Pay	150.00
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Cumbria Payroll Services Ltd

54 Warwick Road
Carlisle, Cumbria, CA1 1DR
United Kingdom
Website www.cumbriapayroll.co.uk
Telephone: 01228 402010
Email mail@cumbriapayroll.co.uk



Invoice To:

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SALES INVOICE

Nick Phillips
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14 Twickenham Court
Carlisle
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CA1 3TW

Invoice Date 19/02/2024
Due Date 20/03/2024
Invoice Number SI-10666

Code	Description	Qty/Hrs	Price/Rate	VAT %	Net
CALC01	Payroll monthly - email service Yearly Invoice April 2024	12.00	14.50	20.00	174.00

VAT Rate	Net	VAT	Total Net	174.00
Standard 20.00% (20.00%)	£174.00	£34.80	Total VAT	34.80
			TOTAL	£208.80

Pay Now

We accept online payments. It's a fast, secure and very easy way to pay.
Simply click the "Pay Now" button to pay this invoice using your credit or debit card.

Notes:

Bank Details:
Bank: Barclays PLC
Sort Code: 20-18-47
Account No: 70317624

If you do not already use our Direct Debit service and wish to do so, please contact us and we will email a quick and simple set up link.
mail@cumbriapayroll.co.uk

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1. Payee details

2. Payment details

3. Check and confirm

4. Confirmation

 The payment requires authorisation.

Summary		
From	40-36-10 70559024 Charitable Matterdale paris	
Payment date	05 Apr 2024	
Cumbria Payroll SI-10666 20-18-47 70317624	GBP 208.80	The value of this payment exceeds your bill payments single payment higher payment limit than you will need to authorise the payment. The payment will not be sent until it has been authorised. (GBB-BP-13)

Authorisation		
Authorised by	GBHBEU1003867944PHILLIPSNICH1	Date and time 22 Feb 2024 12:51



Friends of the Ullswater Way

Concept Note: Proposal to create the Wordsworth Way

5th February 2024

Summary

This draft paper proposes the creation of a Wordsworth Way. It sets out a justification as well as various options as to where it could start and end. The Way would not require any works or special maintenance requirements since the proposed path follows existing paths. It would require a proper consultation process with key stakeholders, and some relatively minor investment in signage and educational material/websites. It is expected that a decision to go ahead in principle could be taken by the end of May 2024.

a) Context

The idea for creating a 'Wordsworth Way' emerged at a meeting of the FOUW Trustees on 30th October 2023 when discussing potential future priorities for FOUW to support in 2024. Three weeks later, on 22nd November, FOUW invited some key stakeholders, notably the LDNPA, the Wordsworth Trust, and the University of Cumbria, to seek their views. The idea was unanimously agreed. The project idea was born.

The group agreed to prepare a concept paper setting out the Vision for such a Way – its purpose and justification, the consultation process with local communities, the proposed route, the main points to be highlighted, the likely costs (capital and running costs), an implementation schedule, potential partners, and a proposed opening date – linked perhaps to an anniversary of an important event in their lives, or a Lake District anniversary (e.g. the 10th anniversary of the granting of World Heritage Site status to the Lake District National Park in July 2027). Some of these are developed below.

b) Background

FOUW is a charity made up of volunteers from local communities in the Ullswater Valley. It was created in April 2016 and formally acquired charitable

status in 2019. It promotes education and awareness of the heritage and nature of the Ullswater Valley, celebrating the lives and livelihoods of those who live there.

Its initial work focused on creating the Ullswater Heritage Trail (<https://www.ullswaterheritage.org/heritage-trail>), and the Understanding Ullswater Evening talks programme (<https://www.ullswaterheritage.org/talks>). During COVID it consulted widely within the communities that live in the Ullswater valley to produce the Ullswater Heritage Knowledge Bank (<https://www.ullswaterheritage.org>).

During 2023 it launched, with another local group SITU (<https://situcumbria.org.uk>), the Eamont Way (<https://www.ullswaterheritage.org/eamont-way>), and in June the ‘Inspired by Ullswater’ Virtual Art Gallery <https://www.ullswaterheritage.org/heritage-knowledge-bank/inspired-by-ullswater/virtual-art-gallery>

The Ullswater Way provides a circular walk that gives opportunities for additional walking routes from the Way, like spokes from a wheel. The Eamont Way, from Penrith to Pooley Bridge, was foreseen to be an excellent means of connecting Ullswater to the main railway at Penrith, allowing visitors to leave their cars at home in London, Manchester or Edinburgh to explore the Lakes on foot. It was an ambitious and complex project and took three years to put together. But already the route has already proved itself to be very popular.

c) Rationale for creating the Wordsworth Way

The Wordsworths were regular visitors to Ullswater. It is on the shores of the lake near Aira Force, a few metres from the Ullswater Way, where the local daffodils inspired the writing of Britain’s most loved poem. The daffodils are still there today. Rose Atherton, a postgraduate student from Lancaster University, has summarised the Wordsworths’ extensive links with Ullswater (<https://www.ullswaterheritage.org/heritage-knowledge-bank/inspired-by-ullswater/william-and-dorothy-wordsworth>).

One of their most loved walks was from Rydal and Grasmere, up to Grisedale tarn, and down to Patterdale, currently an element of the Coast -to-Coast route originally conceived by Alfred Wainwright.

A walker doing that route today can gain special insights into the life of the Wordsworths, their friends including other romantic poets, and the spectacular landscape that they loved and cherished so dearly.

Could this route, appropriately signposted and with a high quality background guide, be a fitting way of commemorating their genius?

The naming of walks after iconic writers is not unknown. Perhaps the nearest parallel is with the Coleridge Way in Quantocks, established initially in April 2005 then extended in 2014 a further 15 miles. It is now 50 miles/80 km long. It starts at Coleridge Cottage in Nether Stowey, and highlights points that were of special interest to Coleridge.

A key institution will be The Wordsworth Trust which cares for Wordsworth Grasmere: Dove Cottage, the historic home of William and Dorothy Wordsworth from 1799 – 1808, as well as a museum of their manuscripts and the Jerwood Research Centre, located in Grasmere. Wordsworth Grasmere re-opened in 2021 after extensive conservation and re-interpretation, including of Dove Cottage. Whilst living at Dove Cottage in Grasmere, William wrote some of his best loved poetry, and Dorothy her Grasmere journals. At Wordsworth Grasmere you can see the Wordsworths' original manuscripts in the place they were written, surrounded by the landscape they were inspired by.

Another will be the University of Cumbria (UoC) whose literature programme team is located on its Ambleside campus. They and their postgraduate students work closely on the work of Wordsworth and the Romantic poets. One of the four themes within the University's research Centre for National Parks and Protected Areas (CNPPA) is Cultural Landscapes, a theme led by Associate Professor, Penny Bradshaw - also a scholar of Romantic literature and a Trustee of the Armitt Museum.

The Wordsworth Way could end in Grasmere, or alternatively continue on to Ambleside (walkers could ultimately continue by bus to Windermere to catch the train to London). The latter option would enable UoC to celebrate the importance of Ambleside in the lives of the Wordsworths, not least the fact that Wordsworth visited his cousin's daughter while she lived at Greenbank in the 1840s (now Scale How and part of the UoC's Ambleside campus).

The Wordsworth Way could be part of a network of footpaths linking Penrith and Windermere: The Eamont Way from Penrith to Pooley Bridge, then the Ullswater Way to Patterdale, then the Wordsworth Way/Coast to Coast to Grasmere (Dove Cottage at Wordsworth Grasmere), then the Coffin/Corpse path via Rydal (Rydal Mount) to Ambleside (Stamp House), then ultimately to Windermere.

d) Proposed route of the Wordsworth Way

A starting/end point for a way to commemorate Wordsworth could be Dove Cottage in Grasmere/the Wordsworth Museum. Of course he lived in many lake district villages – Cockermouth, Hawkshead, Grasmere and Rydal, all of which could ultimately be connected by footpaths emanating from Dove Cottage. So there are a number of potential options.

Our recommendation at this stage is that it should start at Patterdale, leading via Grasmere and Rydal to Ambleside. The map in the annex shows this section. The distance of this route is about 12 miles/19km. This could later be expanded to a larger network.

The WW nomination would allow a walker on this route to gain special insights into the life of the Wordsworths and the intimate links between the landscape, their friends, and their poems. The sensitive placing of WW posts - duly subject to the landowner's permission as appropriate – marked with QR codes leading to poems or events experienced in their lives, would considerably enrich the walker experience. Illustrated guides, online and in print, could amplify the visitor experience.

e) Consultation process

It is proposed to engage in a wide consultation with the local community, Parish Councils, specialized interest groups (walkers, literary groups, historians etc) to determine whether there is an appetite for the nomination a Wordsworth Way. This would happen in the first quarter of 2024, leading to a decision by all interested stakeholders.

f) Main points to be highlighted on the WW

A process will need to be established to identify those points on the Way that would be of special interest to highlight. This could be led by the Wordsworth Museum, the University of Cumbria, and the Regional Heritage Centre at Lancaster University.

The article by Rose Atherton mentioned above already identifies some useful pointers in the Ullswater Valley:

- The Brother's Parting stone, located near the stepping stones at the outflow of Grisedale tarn, erected in 1882 to commemorate the last time William saw his younger brother John in Grasmere in 1800 (they met again in London a few years later). John tragically died at sea in 1805.
- Glencoyne Bay, the location of the daffodils that inspired first Dorothy then William to write the iconic poem about daffodils
- Eusmere, home of the anti-slavery Clarksons, who were great friends

- Broad How, Patterdale where the Wordsworths owned land for several decades
- Side Farm, owned by their good friends the Luffs
- Blowick Bay, visited with Samuel Coleridge in 1799
- Martindale, visited by the Wordsworths in 1801 and 1805. Wordsworth climbed Helvellyn in August 1805 with Walter Scott and Humphry Davy.
- Stybarrow Crag, considered to be the place where William “stole” a boat at night – a life changing moment he included in his great autobiographical poem *The Prelude*, in which he describes the affect the landscape had on him.

A similar list will need to be established for the route between Patterdale and Ambleside.

g) Estimated costs (capital and running costs)

The basic infrastructure for the way already exists since the proposed route follows the existing Ullswater Way, Coast to Coast and Coffin/Corpse path. No significant works will be needed, nor permissions needed from landowners.

It would be helpful for marketing and other reasons to foresee signage. This could be incorporated into existing waymarker posts, using the LDNPA Waymarking guidance and templates, and would only be on the low level Rights of Way.

The initial capital and running costs are likely to be significantly less than £10,000. A specific budget for marketing, guides, website development, social media etc is likely to be needed, and may involve other parties like Inspired by Lakeland (who in 2023 produced an Ambleside Walking Companion - <https://www.inspiredbylakeland.co.uk/collections/walking-guide-books/products/the-ambleside-walking-companion>.)

h) Implementation schedule

The implementation schedule could look something like this.

- Re-convening of the initial group in January 2024
- Agreement on a finalized Concept Note end January 2024
- Launch of consultation process early February - aiming for final recommendations and conclusions by the end March
- Creation of a small group to look at the content of guides, marketing and similar issues, involving notably the Wordsworth Trust and UoC, with a view to preparing the necessary material by the end of May 2024.

- Convening of decision-making group in April, with a view to taking a decision in principle to go ahead by the end of May.
- A formal ribbon-cutting event could be planned in June/July.

i) Role of potential partners

A series of organisations have come together to make this happen. A tentative division of responsibilities has been agreed:

- FOUW will lead the consultation process and finance.
- Jade Cookson, MA student at the University of Cumbria will write the copy for the small brochure to accompany the walk. Staff at The Wordsworth Trust will then review and edit the text.
- The Wordsworth Trust are happy to share information about the Wordsworth Way on their website and social media channels.
- The LDNPA will support the group with guidance on appropriate signage on the route.
- Cumbria Tourism is associated and may become more involved in marketing and launch of the Way.

At a meeting hosted by FOUW on 23rd January 2024 the organisations mentioned above agreed to finalise and implement this Concept Note.


Tim Clarke

FOUW Trustee

Professor, Institute of Science and Environment, University of Cumbria

Map of the proposed Wordsworth Way



From: david.brownhesley10@btinternet.com 
Subject: Re: MPC meeting
Date: 16 February 2024 at 12:41
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DB

Dear Nick,

MSF are asking MPC to allow entry onto the Recreation Ground so that a contractor (Dobinsons or Daniel Holder) can excavate a start trench. The attached plan shows what is proposed although it may vary slightly if LDNPA do not accept that the plan shows sufficient work to amount to a start of development. Entry is also required to enable LDNPA (Ben Long, I expect) to inspect and then the contractor to enter again to fill the trench in. All this is intended to show a start on the permitted development.

I expect there will be no expense for this but if there is it will fall on MSF.

Also, I anticipate that MSF will ask to be represented at any meeting with Storeys. I expect the PC will agree that such meeting will be set up after the PC meeting on 4th March, say in week beginning 11th March. I hope that it will be agreed by MSF and PC that I should attend for MSF (I would let you know the outcome if you are not to be present in person). I would like the meeting with Storeys to start on site and move to Royal Hotel Dockray or Matterdale Church Room where privacy can be guaranteed but £20 will be incurred by PC as fee there).

MSF will meet on 22nd Feb and brief we on what MSF would hope the meeting with Storeys will achieve. I expect two or three Councillors will wish to attend.

David pp MSF

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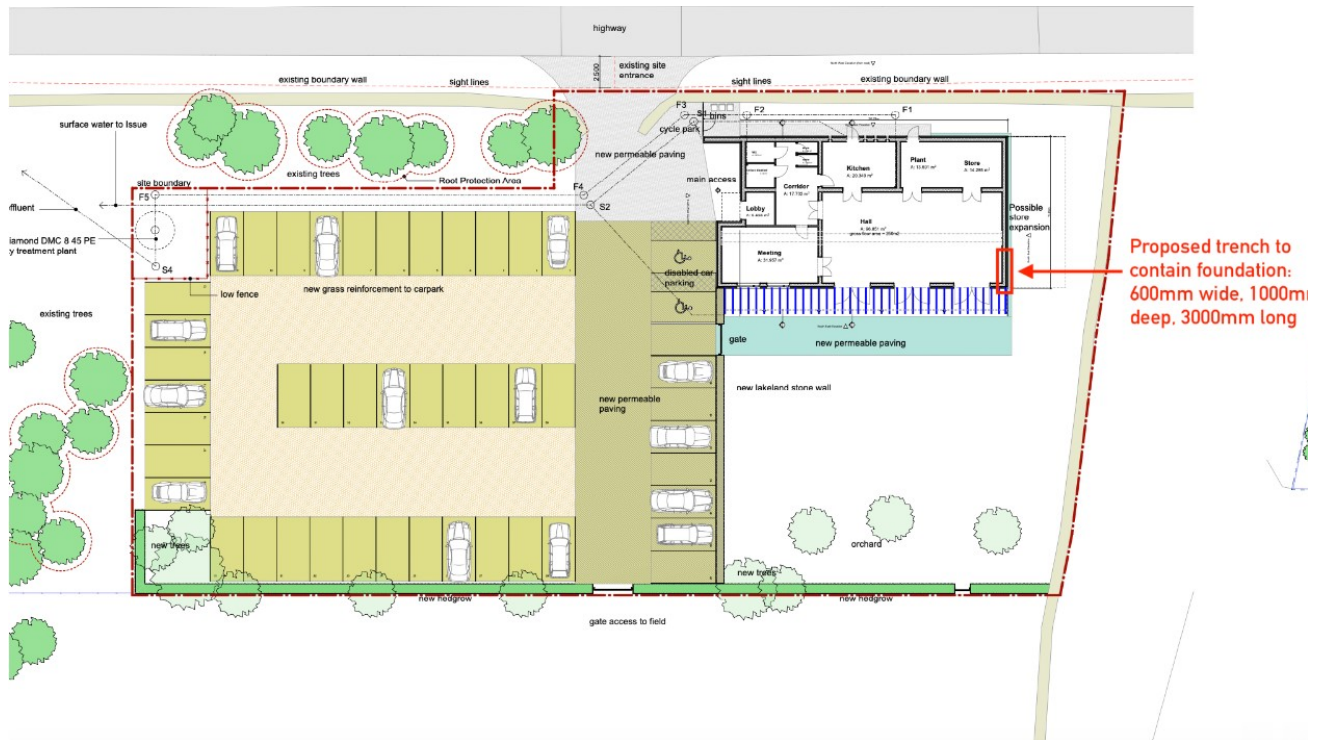
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Sent: Thursday, February 15th 2024, 10:54
Subject: MPC meeting
Morning David

Can you let me have an outline of what MSF are asking permission from MPC for of the forthcoming meeting please? Just want to make sure that I don't get any of the details wrong!

Nick

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MATTERDALE PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC NOTICE BOARDS.

DOCKRAY

Condition: good . Would benefit from painting
/// differ.commented.along

MATTERDALE END

Condition: Loose in ground otherwise good
///softest.drifter.messy

SPARKET CROSS ROADC

Condition: loose in ground nearly falling over. Otherwise ok
///digesting.arise.screamed

WATERMILLOCK GREEN (Near Village Hall road end)

Condition; Excellent. (New)
///bandstand.knots.digits

There is an informal notice board with no protection to notices at

ULLSWATER VIEW ROAD END

Condition; not suitable
///inserting.visions.nibbled

There may be others

David Harrison Feb 2024