

Egton with Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held 4th January 2022

1415: Chairman opened meeting at 7pm.

Present

Councillors

Brian Campbell (Chair)

Colin Richards (Vice Chair)

Rebecca Thomas

Denise Edmondson

Tony Mayo

Sheila Hobson

Phillipa Hartley

Also Present

Cathy Child (Parish Clerk)

Janet Willis (County & District Councillor)

Two members of the public

1416: Apologies: Received from Ian Green and Catherine Bettney in writing and in advance of this meeting. District Councillor Ben Cooper who is attending another meeting

1417: Adoption of minutes from 2nd November 2021 meeting to be signed by Chairman.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of ENMO Parish Council held on 2nd November 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1418: Declarations of interest. No member declared any interests on items on the agenda.

1419: Public participation / report from County and District Councillors.

Two members of the public requested an update on the land at Tarn Close, as discussed at the Mansriggs & Osmotherley meeting held 9th November 2021.

The Chairman responded by advising that a meeting was held at Livingstons Solicitors (see Clerk's report a & b) on 25th November. Unfortunately, the partner dealing with this matter was absent owing to Covid 19. A further progress on this matter at the next Parish Council meeting in March 2022. In the meantime, it was agreed that copies of the map and plan would be emailed to these members of the public.

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Report from Cllr. Janet Willis

Local Government reform process continues, and two new authorities will come into effect from 1st April 2023 with elections for new councillors in May 2022.

Greenodd Parking issues are still ongoing with a suggestion of village hall parking restrictions up to 4 hours, with no return in 2 hours.

Storm Arwen in November 2021 caused a major incident in the region with many properties without power for several days and the lack of clear communication from Electricity Northwest. Cumbria County Council and the Fire Service have raised questions with ENW over this incident.

1420: Precept. To agree precept 2022/2023 – Budget forecast as circulated in advance of the meeting. Parish Councillors voted to set the precept at £8,000 which is slightly lower than the previous year.

Proposed by Cllr.Thomas Seconded by Cllr.Edmondson Unanimously agreed by the whole Council

1421: Items for discussion;

- a) Woodland working group report. To receive report/ update from working group.

Cllr. Thomas had circulated a detailed report on progress so far and the next steps to be taken. These included the land at Sheepwash with proposals to rent out the land and also for a gate to be fitted. Cllr. Green (who was not present at this meeting) had been in contact with a prospective tenant. He was asked to clarify the basis on which the prospective tenant would take on a lease. It was agreed that the Council should agree a plan for the site before spending money on gates or making good the boundary walls/fences

The Drying ground at Spark Bridge – need to contact the present owners of the allotments with regard to the council's potential purchase. It was noted that the Council's contractor has not dealt with the dead tree. The Clerk to chase the contractor.

Sandhills – Chairman reported that he has started the process of obtaining a Certificate of Lawful Use and will report further at the next meeting. It was agreed that the current lease be extended for a further three months to allow time for obtaining the Certificate.

Land opposite Sandhills –Maintenance work of the area including the removal of trees has started. Need to arrange for Councillors to meet on site with Tree Surgeon.

Good news in that the Council has an in-principal agreement for grant funding of £3,660 in respect of the work at Sheriff Well Quarry from Cumbria CC.

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- b) Meeting with Livingstons Solicitor, Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk on 25th November 2021.

Meeting (Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair) took place however the partner assigned was absent with Covid so another partner was briefed. This has delayed matters although an initial report was received 21/12/21. Chair, Vice Chair to meet to discuss. See Clerk's report a.

- c) Footpath – Greenodd to Spark Bridge. Met with Footpath Officer from National Park and walked route. Significant costs would be involved, and council would need to meet with Colton PC and consider medium/ long term funding to assist with taking this project forward.
- d) Emergency plan for contingencies eg Storm Arwen impact on local community. See item 1419.
- e) Damage to Penny Bridge Bus stop from Storm Arwen. Tree fell on to roof and demolished bus stop sign. Repairs needed for corrugated roof. It was understood that repairs would be less than the insurance excess. It was agreed that the roof should be replaced with more modern materials and a 'skylight' be incorporated.
- f) Council thanked Cllr. Thomas for organising the Christmas Meal at the Farmers Arms.

1422: Donations/Grants received for approval

Newland Furnace £1,000 Funds required for administration costs, specifically towards the costs of buildings and public liability Insurance -request as circulated in advance of the meeting.

Council agreed that the request to fund the likes of Public Liability Insurance was outside the scope of the grant and donations policy. However as they wished to continue supporting this local group and have agreed a donation of £250 be made as in the previous year.

Newland (Ulverston) Estate Maintenance Co had submitted a grant application for £980 to cover the cost of a teak bench. As the Council had already agreed to fund a bench it was decided that there was no need to consider a new application. The Clerk is to contact the Maintenance Company to agree a siting and say the Council preferred to use a recycled plastic bench.

1423: Planning Applications. As per attached

1424: Clerk's financial statement.

As per attached.

1424: Cumberland B/S –

Capital Expenditure-Council to authorise a transfer from the 30 d/n account to the current account

Beechwood Nurseries

Rare Trees (net payment)

£119.99

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Council approved transaction

The Council wished to comment on an issue recently reported at Tarn Close in that trees on Parish Council land which were threatening to knock down a parishioners wall that the parishioners could undertake what was necessary to these trees.

Chairman closed meeting at 8.30pm.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 1st March 2022 7pm at Greenodd Village Hall