

Egton with Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held 7th March 2023
At Greenodd Village Hall

1499: Chairman opened meeting at 7pm

Present

Councillors

Brian Campbell (Chair)

Ian Green (Vice Chair)

Philippa Hartley

Denise Edmondson

Tony Mayo

Catherine Bettney

Sheila Hobson

Cheryl Douglas

Also present.

Cathy Child (Clerk)

Janet Willis (District and County Councillor)

Two members of the public

Three representatives from Cumbria Constabulary

1500: Apologies: none received.

1501: Adoption of minutes from 10th January 2023 meeting to be signed by Chairman.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of ENMO Parish Council on 10th January 2023 be confirmed as a true copy and signed by the Chairman.

1502: Declarations of interest.

No member present declared any interests on items on the agenda.

1503: Public participation / report from County and District Councillors.

P.C Harris from Cumbria Constabulary reported recent increases in rural crime in the area and requested people to remain vigilant in securing their property. He advised that it was his intention, if on duty, that he will attend Parish Council meetings in the future. Clerk to keep him informed of the dates.

Janet Willis will step down as District and County Councillor on 31st March 2023 and wanted to take the opportunity of thanking the Parish Council for working with her over her years in office. The Parish Council also thank her for her hard work and support over many years.

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The applicant for PN/2023/0012 Stoney Cragg Farm, Broughton Beck, Ulverston. LA12 7PS attended to be available to respond to the Council's queries.

No concerns were raised in relation to this application, but the observation was made that it is likely that he a full planning application would be required.

1504: Elections May 2023

Timetable as circulated prior to the meeting.

No further information other than the Clerk will attend two briefing sessions on 14th & 16th March and will report back to the Council after these meetings.

1505: Items for discussion/ Report on progress

- a) Parking spaces on Parish Land at the rear of The Thimbles
Four spaces in total to be put out for tender.
Agree criteria for applicants.
Agree policy for letting and to delegate Clerk to prepare new leases.
The Council agreed to adopt the policy (as circulated prior to the meeting) and for the advertising process to commence. Also agreed to delegate power to the Clerk to prepare and sign the licenses.
The Parish Council to appoint a selection panel (if more than 4 applicants) of at least 3 members and the Clerk to select successful applicants.
- b) Sale of land at Penny Bridge- any further developments.
Nothing further to report.
- c) Spark Bridge Allotments – progress on purchase –
Chairman reported that the Parish Council is now in a position to proceed with the purchase, with a completion date in mind of 18th April 2023.
Resolved -The Council agreed to authorise that Chair and the Clerk to sign the contract on the Council's behalf.
Also, in Spark Bridge a resident had reported to the Chairman that the access track to the hall car park has been eroded due by run-off water from the highway. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for materials for the repair (estimated £100) with the repair done by the tenants of the garages.
- d) Highways - Report on progress
Increase in potholes in the area due to adverse weather which are reported to Highways.

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- e) Local flooding issues.
Report from Cllrs. Green, Hartley and Mayo after a recent site visit with a resident in Greenodd about the poor state of the Greenodd flood defences and the area of Greenodd potentially at high-risk from failure of those defences (a copy of the resident's report was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting)
The Council agreed to send another letter to the Environment Agency (EA) to support the resident's findings and to follow up on the emails already sent to the E.A.
- f) Greenodd Footpath (Greenodd to Spark Bridge) – Report on progress
Chairman advised that he would be writing to all the landowners who supported this project and that the Parish Council would hand this over to the National Park Authority.
- g) Resilience Plan – Report on progress / use of Greenodd Village Hall in an emergency.
One member of the public who attended the meeting was a member of the Greenodd Village Hall committee agreed that the committee fully supported using the Village Hall as a community hub in emergencies.
Funding is available and it was agreed that Working Group would be formed (Cllrs. Hartley & Green, supported by the Clerk) and liaise with Hall Committee.
Cllr. Hartley further advised that she would be in a position to complete the resilience plan by the end of 2023.
- h) Schools Volunteer Project – working days June. Identify projects within the Parish.
Cllrs. Hartley & Green have identified a couple of projects within the Parish; however, they are all outside. Cllr. Hartley agreed to liaise with Cllr. Bettney to arrange site visits to see if these projects would be feasible for the Schools Volunteer Project.
- i) King's Coronation (Saturday 6th May 2023) – reported that nothing formal has yet been applied for or arranged.
- j) Site of Armadale Hotel, Arrad Foot- Report from Enforcement Officer advised that no breach in planning had been made and will not be taking this matter further. It was agreed that the Parish Council has nothing further to do.
- k) Rosside – Trees at Tarn Close garages and drain blockage between Kirby corner and the Gill.
Chairman reported that he has been in contact with Mike Smith to undertake a survey of these trees. A survey can only be completed when these trees are in full leaf. Upon the results of this survey a decision, along with consultation with the residents, will be made.

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With regard to the drain blockage Cllr. Hobson to advise the Council of its location.

- l) Website Administrator – to appoint Matt Strickland (Rocket Sites Ltd) Rocket Sites presently manage Cloud Hosting and Domain. Additional estimated cost for website administration £120 + VAT per year. (At present Parish Council pays £115 + VAT for Cloud Hosting and Domain) This was approved by the Council.
- m) John Silcock – to agree revised schedule for 2023 as circulated prior to the meeting.

Council approved schedule and Clerk to contact John Silcock.

- n) Parish Council laptop- purchased December 2018 authorise Clerk to arrange a service.
The council advised that due to the age of the laptop that it may not be cost effective for a service but perhaps consider the purchase of a new laptop. Clerk to make enquiries to this effect.

1506: Planning Applications. - as per attached

1507: Clerk's report (for ongoing matters) as per attached

1509: Correspondence - Relevant emails as circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting

Cllr. Douglas in response to an email took the initiative and joined a virtual meeting held on 8th February 2023 Westmoreland and Furness Consultation Event- The Next Council Conversation.

1510: Clerk's financial statement. - as per attached

1511: Cumberland Building Society – To authorise a transfer of £4,500 (four thousand five hundred pounds) from 30 D/N account to cover purchase of Spark Bridge allotments & legal fees and purposed planning application for Sandhills Wood (see Clerk's report item b

Chairman closed meeting at 8.22pm

Next meeting to be held Tuesday 9th May 2023 7pm at Greenodd Village Hall