

Hayton and Mealo Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Hayton and Mealo Parish Council was held in the Prospect Village Hall, Prospect, Aspatria on Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7.40pm. (following the Annual Parish Meeting)

PRESENT: Messrs. D. Hillary, S. Thompson, R. Murray, Y. Lockwood, and S. Hitchen

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk)

Councillor D. Hillary in the Chair.

36/2023 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from V. Sonnabend (Illness) and her absence was approved.

37/2023 ELECTION OF CHAIR 2023/24

On the proposal of R. Murray and seconded by S. Hitchen it was agreed that D Hillary be elected Chair for the ensuing year. He duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

38/2023 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR 2023/24

On the proposal of R. Murray and seconded by S. Hitchen it was agreed that V. Sonnabend be elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year

39/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

40/2023 MINUTES

On the proposal of R. Murray and seconded by S. Thompson it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 8th March 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

41/2023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present at this time, and no matters were raised on their behalf.

42/2023 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence have been received since the last meeting and circulated to members for their information: -.

Several items of information relating to the Cost-of-Living Crisis

Details of Key Contacts at Cumberland Council have been received.

A survey from the Cumbria Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

Partnership and LGR Information

CALC Submission of Articles of Association to form a Limited Company without shares.

Wednesday Update with training information

Community Resilience

Survey - Integrated Care Board's efforts around listening to and working with the community.

Invite to HyperfastGB – Aspatria Community meeting – 2nd May which J. Collins attended and gave feedback and the availability of grants.

Parish Precept payment was delayed until 6th April 2023

Project Support for Social Enterprises

CALC structure from 1st April 2023

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter March 2023

Organizational Structure and Function Overview of Cumberland Council

CALC News January and February 2023

43/2023 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk gave a brief report on matters that had arisen since the last meeting. including: -

- i) The accounts for 2022/23 have been to the Internal Auditor and there were no issues.
- ii) He had received a complaint regarding a missing manhole cover which had been reported to Highways
- iii) He read an e-mail received from V Sonnabend

44/2023 CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K Thurlow addressed the meeting that the transition is going smoothly and that he would be attending various training events.

45/2023 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications for consultation

HOU/2023/0055	Side extension 3-4 Smithy Cottages, Hayton, CA7 2NR	No Objections
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(b) Decisions

HOU/2023/0055	Side extension 3-4 Smithy Cottages, Hayton, CA7 2NR	Approved
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© Appeals

None

(d) Any other planning related correspondence.

None

46/2023 ACCOUNTS

(i) The following accounts were approved for payment: -

Zurich Municipal	Insurance	£229.73
T Gear	Clerks Account (March/April)	£346.39
HMRC	Income Tax (March/April)	£64.56
CALC	Subscription	£135.87
Mrs. J Rae	Internal Audit	£55.00

(ii) Balances at: -

10.5.23	Current Account	£2279.82
10.5.23	Deposit Account	£1678.64

- (iii) With the assistance of members, the clerk completed the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 which was signed by the Chair.
- iv) The accounts 2022/23 had been circulated to members who authorised the Chair to sign the Accounting Statements 2022/23.
- v) The gross income or gross expenditure does not exceed £25,000 and the Chair was authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption,
- vi) To note that the Public Rights Period for examination of the accounts is between 5th June and 14th July 2023.
- vii) The relevant Audit Documents will be displayed on the Council website shortly.

47/2023 VACANCIES

Following the recent election, the council has two vacancies which are to be filled by co-option. An e-mail had been received from Julia Pye a resident of the parish. On the proposal of R. Murray and seconded by S. Thompson it was RESOLVED to co-opt Ms. Pye on to the council.

48/2023 GEOLOGICAL DISPOSAL FACILITY IN ALLERDALE

All up to date information can be found in the newsletters which are circulated by e-mail. As there has been very little information lately it was decided to remove this item from future agendas.

49/2023 WEBSITE

The clerk advised that the new website appears to be working well and is up to date.

50/2023 ST JAMES CHURCH

A request had been received for a donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard. It was agreed to donate £400 to this important cause.

51/2023 NEWSLETTER

The last edition appears to have been well received and the clerk has a list of people who wish to receive future editions by e-mail.

52/2023 CONDITION OF ROADS AND VERGES

A complaint had been received from a resident regarding the condition of the verges at the west end of the village. This has been levelled and re-seeded. Also, there was concern about the erosion of the village green by vehicles driving over it and parking on it. This should be mentioned in the newsletter.

53/2023 INSURANCE RENEWAL

The clerk had received an invitation to renew the council's insurance at a cost of £229.73 on the same terms as last year. All agreed to renew.

54/2023 BANK MANDATE

Following the recent election when two signatories did not stand it is necessary to remove them from the mandate and to nominate a replacement. All agreed V. Sonnabend should be the replacement signatory.

55/2023 DRAINS IN THE VILLAGE

There were several blocked drains in the village which have now been cleaned by Highways.

56/2023 DOG FOULING

This remains a problem in the village and there should be another article in the newsletter.

57/2023 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Vacancy

58/2023 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 7.30pm** at Prospect Village Hall, Prospect.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed..... Chair