

Hayton and Mealo Parish Council

A meeting of the Hayton and Mealo Parish Council was held in the Prospect Village Hall, Prospect, Aspatria on Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Messrs. D. Hillary, R. Murray, and J. Pye.

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk) and K. Thurlow (Cumberland Councillor).

Apologies: None

Councillor D. Hillary in the Chair.

68/2024 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

V. Sonnabend (Personal) had tendered her written apologies which were approved.

69/2024 ELECTION OF CHAIR 2024/25

On the proposal of D. Hillary and seconded by R. Murray, V. Sonnabend was elected Chair for the ensuing year.

70/2024 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

As V. Sonnabend had tendered her apologies the clerk will ensure the acceptance of office is signed

71/2024 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR 2024/25

On the proposal of R. Murray and seconded by J. Pye, D. Hillary was elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

72/2024 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

73/2024 DISPENSATIONS

None

74/2024 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items on the agenda which required the press and public to be excluded.

75/2024 MINUTES

On the proposal of R. Murray and seconded by D. Hillary it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 8th May 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

76/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present, and no matters were raised on their behalf.

77/2024 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Cumbria Local Nature Partnership Updates

Fibrus Community Fund open now.

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – May and June 2024

CALC News – March & April 2024.

Cumbria Local Nature Partnership Update

ENWL funding opportunity re Community Energy Projects

Cumbria LNRS Spring Summer Newsletter

Let's Talk Environment conference Wed. 12th June – Cockermouth

Deputy Prime Minister Resilience Speech: Details, Tools & Resources

Save a Date – CALC Cumberland Branch Event

Cumbria Local Resilience Forum Summer Hazards Workshop

Social Prescribing

Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries and e-bikes and scooters

Fells and Solway Community Network Event 18.07.24

78/2024 CLERKS REPORT

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

(i) An e-mail had been received from St James' District Church Council thanking the council for its kind donation of £400 towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

79/2024 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Thurlow addressed the meeting regarding proposed battery farm at West Farm, Aspatria.

80/2024 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications for consultation

None

b) Decisions

None

c) Appeals

None

(d) Any other planning related correspondence.

A resident had drawn attention to application SCR/2024/0001 for a Battery Storage Facility and Associated Infrastructure at West Farm, West Street, Aspatria, Cumbria, CA7 3HH and the safety implications.

81/2024 ACCOUNTS

(i) Balances at: -

10.7.24	Current Account	£1461.21
10.7.24	Deposit Account	£1741.65

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

T Gear	Clerks Account (May/June)	£376.94
HMRC	Income Tax (May/June)	£69.37
Mike Dowling Cont.	Grass cutting (May)	£372.00

82/2024 CONDITION OF ROADS AND VERGES IN THE PARISH

Following complaints from residents at the previous meeting this was discussed. Generally, there had been an improvement, but the roads were still dirty, which was due to the wet weather and large vehicles passing each other on narrow roads.

83/2024 NEWSLETTER

A draft of the next edition of the newsletter should be available in September if there are any item for inclusion please contact the editor.

84/2024 RESIGNATION/VACANCY

Members were advised that S. Thompson had resigned due to a change in his personal circumstances. His vacancy had been advertised and there will not be an election. There are now two vacancies which should be filled by co-option as soon as possible.

85/2024 GRASS CUTTING

A complaint has been received regarding the appearance of the village green following a cut in May. The contractor has changed his machinery, and the green is looking better although with the wet weather the grass is growing a lot faster than in previous years.

86/2024 DOG FOULING

V. Sonnabend is the lead on this item and had tendered her apologies. However, Cumberland Council have been through the village with a stencil reminding dog owners to 'clean up.'

87/2024 TREES ON THE VILLAGE GREEN.

There is no update on this item. The posts have been removed but the trees remain.

88/2024 DONATION TO CITIZENS ADVICE ALLERDALE

A letter has been received seeking financial support which was noted.

89/2024 CLIMATE CHANGE

Information on the CAfS Climate Fresk Training has been circulated.

90/2024 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Vacancies

Newsletter

Dog Fouling

Speed of Traffic through Hayton

Noticeboard

Village green

91/2024 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 7.30pm** at Prospect Village Hall, Prospect

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed.....
Chair