

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 13th March 2024 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Messrs. D. Hillary, V. Sonnabend, Y. Lockwood, and S. Hitchen.

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

Apologies: None

Councillor D. Hillary in the Chair.

22/2024 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

S. Thompson (work), R. Murray (Personal) and J. Pye (Personal) tendered their apologies, which were approved.

23/2024 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

24/2024 MINUTES

On the proposal of V Sonnabend and seconded by S. Hitchen it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 10th January 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

25/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present, but the following matters were raised on their behalf: -

- i) Flooding outside of the Old School, Hayton
 - ii) Water constantly running down the road outside of Hazel Mount, Hayton
 - iii) The poor condition of the road from Hazel Mount to Allonby Road Ends
- All matters had been brought to the attention of the Cumberland Councillor who had informed highways. Some potholes have been filled but further work is to be undertaken.

26/2024 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Various Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – January and February 2024

Partnership Information

PFCC Winter Newsletter

Survey asking for examples on how Household Support Fund has supported people.

Final Call. Cumberland Council Community Panels
Cumbria Local Nature Partnership update.
Several items on the weather in January.
Official Portrait of HM The King.
Town, Parish and community Councils – D Day 80 – 6th June 2024.
Hyperfast GB Newsletter- Spring 2024
CAfs Solar Made Easy, Home Energy, plus more events, training ops and jobs.

27/2024 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 regarding access works to the old Smithy, Hayton which were being monitored.
- (iii) The council had been asked to consider a play park on the village green. To be considered at the next meeting.

28/2024 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor, addressed the meeting regarding footway cleaning in Hayton Village and ongoing issues with the Slurry Lagoon.

29/2024 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications for consultation

None

b) Decisions

None

c) Appeals

None

(d) Any other planning related correspondence.

None

30/2024 ACCOUNTS

(i) Balances at: -

13.3.24	Current Account	£570.76
13.3.24	Deposit Account	£1641.57

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

T Gear	Clerks Account (Jan./Feb.)	£353.54
HMRC	Income Tax (Jan./Feb.)	£69.36
Prospect Village Hall	Annual room hire	£72.00
Mark Metcalfe	Annual website maintenance	£250.00

(iii) The effectiveness of the 2022/23 audit was considered and it was agreed to appoint Mrs. J Rae as the internal auditor for the forthcoming 2023/24 audit.

31/2024 RISK ASSESSMENT 2024

The clerk had prepared a draft risk assessment for 2024 which had been circulated and was approved.

32/2024 NEWSLETTER

A draft of the next edition of the newsletter had been circulated. There were a few amendments and additions before the final copy would be available.

33/2024 VACANCY

Members were reminded that there was a vacancy on the council which could be filled by co-option.

34/2024 TYRE PLANTERS/HERB PLANTER

The tyre planters will be secured and restocked shortly when the better weather arrives. The herb planter to be discussed at the next meeting.

35/2024 FOOTWAY SWEEPING

This had been dealt with above (minute 28/2024).

36/2024 GRASS CUTTING 2024

The Chair advised that he had spoken to the contractor and agreed to the quote for cutting with sprayed edges which will be kept to a minimum.

37/2024 TREES ON THE VILLAGE GREEN.

A request had been received from an adjoining neighbour to be allowed to remove the trees on the village green adjacent to their property as they felt that they are likely to cause damage to their boundary wall. The trees had been planted by the previous owner without the consent of the council and they were not considered worth preserving. Permission was granted on condition that the trees and roots were removed, and the land returned to village green.

38/2024 CLIMATE CHANGE

There was no new information since the last meeting.

39/2024 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Vacancy

Play Park

Newsletter

Footway sweeping

Herb Planter

Donation to churchyard maintenance

40/2024 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 8th May**

2024 at 7.30pm at Prospect Village Hall, Prospect (following the Annual Parish Meeting)

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed.....
Chair