

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.40pm following the Annual Parish Meeting.

PRESENT: Messrs. D. Hillary, V. Sonnabend, R. Murray, S. Thompson, J. Pye, Y. Lockwood, and S. Hitchen.

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk) and three residents.

Apologies: None

Councillor D. Hillary in the Chair.

## 41/2024 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

None

## 42/2024 ELECTION OF CHAIR 2024/25

There were no nominations for the position of Chair for 2024/25. On the proposal of R. Murray and seconded by S. Hitchen, D Hillary was elected chair for this meeting.

## 43/2024 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

As no chair was elected for the ensuing year no acceptance of office was signed.

## 44/2024 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR 2024/25

On the proposal of S. Thompson and seconded by J. Pye, V. Sonnabend was elected as Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

## 45/2024 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

## 46/2024 DISPENSATIONS

None

## 47/2024 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

## 48/2024 MINUTES

On the proposal of V Sonnabend and seconded by S. Hitchen it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

#### 49/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The residents had already expressed their concerns regarding the state of the roads in the parish, vandalism to the tyre planters and dog fouling in the Annual Parish Meeting.

#### 50/2024 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 – March and April 2024

Partnership Information

Public Space Protection Order and Litter Champion Event in Cumberland

CALC News – January & February 2024.

Cumbria Local Nature Partnership Update

Fibrus Community Fund open now.

#### 51/2024 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 a resident asking to be allowed to provide a bonded surface to a drive over the village green which was already shillied.

There was no objection to the proposal.

#### 52/2024 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

There were no apologies or report.

#### 53/2024 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications for consultation

None

b) Decisions

None

c) Appeals

None

(d) Any other planning related correspondence.

None

#### 54/2024 ACCOUNTS

(i) Balances at: -

8.5.24	Current Account	£1956.92
8.5.24	Deposit Account	£1641.57

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

T Gear	Clerks Account (March/April)	£353.54
HMRC	Income Tax (March/April)	£69.36
CALC	Subscription	£152.34
Mrs. J Rae	Internal Audit	£55.00
Mike Dowling Cont.	Grass cutting (April)	£372.00
Zurich Insurance	Insurance renewal	£229.73
St James Church	Donation	£400.00

- iii) The Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 was completed, and the Chair was authorised to sign.
- iv) The Accounting Statements were accepted, and the Chair was authorised to sign.
- v) The Chair was authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption 2023/24
- vi) The period of Public Rights to inspect the accounts was noted.
- vii) The audit documents will be available on the website soon

#### 55/2024 PLAY PARK ON VILLAGE GREEN

This was discussed but there were concerns regarding health and safety and the financial implications for such a small parish.

#### 56/2024 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.

#### 57/2024 VACANCY

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

#### 58/2024 TYRE PLANTERS

The tyre planters have been secured and will be restocked shortly.

#### 59/2024 HERB PLANTER

It was agreed that a herb planter could be installed next to the noticeboard for residents to use.

#### 60/2024 VILLAGE SPORTS DAY

The Chair has received a request for assistance with the above event which will take place in June.

#### 61/2024 FOOTWAY SWEEPING

This had been done on a couple of occasions since the last meeting.

#### 62/2024 TREES ON THE VILLAGE GREEN.

The clerk had responded as requested at the last meeting but has had no further communication.

63/2024 DONATION TO CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

It was agreed to donate £400.00 towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

64/2024 CLIMATE CHANGE

Information on the Cumberland Council Draft Climate & Nature Strategy which was open for consultation had been circulated.

65/2024 BANK MANDATE

The clerk advised of the difficulties he experienced when trying to get the deposit account made up at year end. It was agreed that he should be added to the account to overcome the issue

66/2024 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Vacancy  
Newsletter  
Condition of roads and verges  
Dog Fouling

67/2024 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 7.30pm** at Prospect Village Hall, Prospect

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed.....  
Chair