

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

Also, Present: T. Gear (Clerk)

Apologies: None

Councillor D. Hillary in the Chair.

## 01/2024 MEMBERS APOLOGIES

S. Thompson (work) had tendered his apologies, which were approved.

## 02/2024 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

## 03/2024 MINUTES

On the proposal of V Sonnabend and seconded by R. Murray it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

## 04/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

## 05/2024 CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC News – November & December

Cumberland Council Newsletters.

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – November/December 2023

Partnership Information

Consultation on Policing Budget

Hospice at Home Christmas Tree Collection Appeal

Civility and Respect Project

List of Community Food Groups

Hyperfast GB Newsletter – December 2023

CCRG – Snow, Thank You Letter and Christmas Information

Cumberland Council – Budget Consultation

Town, Parish and community Councils – D Day 80 – 6<sup>th</sup> | June 2024

A letter had been received from the Great North Air Ambulance seeking financial support.

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

#### 06/2024 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 works at Townhead House.
- (iii) The council had been asked about the legal status of the Lonnings between Thorndykes and the Old Chapel.

#### 07/2024 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

There had been no apologies or report from the Cumberland Councillor.

#### 08/2024 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications for consultation

None

b) Decisions

None

c) Appeals

None

(d) Any other planning related correspondence.

None

#### 09/2024 ACCOUNTS

(i) Balances at: -

10.1.24	Current Account	£1351.66
10.1.24	Deposit Account	£1641.57

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

T Gear	Clerks Account (Nov./Dec.)	£451.13
HMRC	Income Tax (Nov./Dec.)	£86.16

#### 10/2024 NATIONAL PAY AWARD FOR CLERKS

The clerk advised the meeting that there had been a National Pay Award for clerks which amounts to an increase of £1.00 per hour.

#### 11/2024 NEWSLETTER

V. Sonnabend gave a verbal update including that she hoped to have a draft available for the next meeting.

#### 12/2024 VACANCY

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

#### 13/2024 TREES

The area where the trees had been planted had been inspected and a small number of them appeared to have failed or be slow growing. It was agreed to consider the situation in twelve months.

#### 14/2024 TYRE PLANTERS

These had been re-positioned and S Thompson requested the council to consider re-stocking the planters at a cost of about £50.00, which was agreed.

#### 15/2024 FOOTWAY SWEEPING

Following the last meeting the clerk contacted Cumberland Council asking for the footways in Hayton to be swept. He had a response saying that they had been swept which was not the case. He had then asked the Cumberland Councillor to pursue the matter but there had been no response. The clerk to chase again.

#### 16/2024 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2024/25

The clerk produced a draft schedule of meeting for 2024/25 which was approved.

#### 17/2024 GRASS CUTTING 2024

The clerk produced two quotes for grass cutting 2024, one with sprayed edges and the other with strimmed edges. The contractor was appointed but the chair will discuss the matter of sprayed versus strimmed edges with him.

#### 18/2024 CLIMATE CHANGE

This is becoming a critical issue and regular updates are received from various sources including: -

(i) Climate Change & Biodiversity Loss – How local councils can take action

#### 19/2024 DEED OF EASEMENT

The applicant had altered the access and members had been supplied with a copy of the amended plan. It was discussed and agreed that the amendment was acceptable. The Chair and Clerk signed the engrossments.

#### 20/2024 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Vacancy

Trees

Grass Cutting 2024

Newsletter

Footway sweeping

#### 21/2024 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm** at Prospect Village Hall, Prospect.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed.....  
Chair