

WINSCALES PARISH COUNCIL

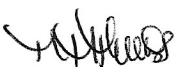
The General Meeting of Winscales Parish Council numbered (042-Sep) held on **Monday 26th September 2022, 6.30pm**, at the **Hunday Manor Hotel**

Parish Councillors summoned to attend: Cllrs Michele Twiss (Chair), Hilary Harrington (Vice Chair), Carole Armstrong, Peter Gaston (PC & ABC Representative Councillor for Winscales). Temp ABC's Cllr Michael Heaslip and Paul Scott. Invited was Cllr Jimmy Grisdale (ABC Representative Councillor for Winscales) Cllr Marjorie Rae (CCC Representative), Cllr Denise Rollo (Shadow for Cumberland Council)

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In attendance was Cllrs M Twiss, H Harrington, M Heaslip, J Grisdale. Cllr West joined the meeting after co-option in item 3.

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and Apologies for absence was received from Cllr Armstrong, Gaston, and Scott.
2. There were no declarations of interest to note.
3. One member of the public attended the meeting Mr Christopher West, who was interested in joining the parish council as a councillor. His association with the parish is his family has farmed at Stargill for many years. His father and he currently run the farm together. He, his wife, and son intend to move into the farmhouse after renovations.
4. Mr Christopher West asked to be co-opted onto the parish council, Cllr Twiss proposed, Cllr Harrington seconded, all agreed. Mr West accepted and was handed the paperwork for completion. There is now five Councillor Members in office, two Temporary Allerdale Councillors and two Parish Councillor vacancies.
5. Minutes of meeting held on 18 July 2022 were discussed, all agreed they were of a true record and the Chair signed. Matters arising from minutes held on 18 July 2022 to note was Cllr Heaslip corrected a statement in the minutes that a councillor had put Allerdale forward as an area to explore for the DGF. Cllr Heaslip said it was a private company, Genr8 North Ltd and it is unclear why they wanted to get involved in a GDF process, but that led to the NDA setting up a Working Group which Allerdale Borough Council joined.
6. Tree Planting of two trees for Cumbria Academy for Autism for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, the clerk has been in contact with ABC Officer Julian Smith, and he is going to put an officer in charge of carrying this forward, they will contact the school direct to ask what trees they are looking for. Cllr Harrington asked what other projects they could look to apply for funding for and a discussion was held about the Academies, UTC, a school for children with behavioural problems and the West Cumbria College all within the parish of Winscales. Cllr Harrington said of contacting all the above to ask if they had any further projects the parish could fund for and asked the clerk to make contact. The Clerk informed councillors that she could take on no more work as the weekly contract of three hours is already insufficient enough to complete the everyday tasks of the council. Cllr Harrington suggested that as Chair Cllr Twiss should be the main contact for this. The clerk informed councillors that they should spread the word only and not to undertake to be administrators to apply for funding of projects as these organisations have their own resources for fund raising and Grant Application Officers. Cllr Harrington asked Cllr Grisdale as the Borough Councillor to spread the word to these organisations on behalf of Winscales PC.


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7. Representative Borough Cllr J Grisdale said that there was a full council meeting last week, but little was on the agenda as Allerdale is winding down towards the changeover to the new Cumberland Council. It was said that the parish had not had a representative councillor from CCC in a very long time.
8. In other business relating to parish matters the Chair, Cllr Twiss said that the defibrillator pads are not working although they are in date the machine is asking for replacements, AM to contact Wel-Medical to inform that the pads are in date and to see if another set is to be ordered. Cllrs Twiss and Grisdale have arranged to meet up to look at the state of the footpath opposite the long mile petrol station and to see about siting a new bin. The clerk wished to note her absence from the AGM and GM for 15 May 2023 and asked for the meetings to be brought forward by one week to 8 May 2023. Cllr Heaslip informed the council that no meetings could be held in May until after the Parish Elections, said it would be illegal for meetings to go ahead until 4 working days after the elections. The Clerk will ask ABC and CALC for guidance and their intake on this. It may be that the meetings will be arranged for June 2023.
9. Correspondence received since last meeting were CALC reminding parishes of elections in 2023 and to cost this in when budgeting for next year. Great North Air Ambulance Services donation request letter, the clerk emailed the new WPC donation request form for their completion which was returned and discussed at the meeting. All agreed it is such a much-needed service for the area and they are their 24/7, it was agreed to a donation of £500 be given for the lifesaving service.
10. Planning notifications, applications and decisions since last meeting discussed was FUL/2022/0104, P Carruthers, Extension, and alteration to care home at Fairways Care Home, Branthwaite Road, Workington CA14 4SS. Full planning permission granted. FUL/2021/0203, John Reed, "Change of use from leisure to office including elevation changes and flexible office layouts internally, Unit 4, Dobies Business Park, Lillyhall, Workington. OUT/2022/0024, Mark Poole, outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of a steel framed building, West Cumberland Engineering, Joseph Noble Road, Lillyhall Industrial Estate, Lillyhall. FUL/2022/0058, Andy Hayton Venture Business Space Limited, erection of a building for use as a Builders' Merchant (storage, distribution, trade, counter, offices, and ancillary retail) with associated external storage, display area, access, parking, lighting, fencing, hard and soft landscaping, land adjacent A596 Lillyhall Industrial Estate, Workington. Full Planning permission granted. – Councillors gave no objections to any of the above.
11. The Responsible Financial Officer reported Bank Statement dated 26 July 2022, start balance £10,682.46, end balance £10,062.26. No income received and payments made was a bank transfer for clerk's 1st quarter salary £466.20. Schedule of payments discussed and signed on the evening were [C.N 74] Hunday Manor Hotel, Room Hire £40.00. [C.N. 75] Rocket Sites, Web development for Operation London Bridge £48.00. [C.N. 76] Great North Air Ambulance Services, Donation £500.00. Letter from bank to confirm cancellation of cheque number 67. External Audit notification of Exempt Status for 2022 parish councils could opt-out but would be required to have an external auditor in place. The clerk suggested not to opt out, all agreed, and no further action will be required.
12. **Date of next meeting**
[Dates in advance 3rd Monday by-monthly] 21 November 2022, 16 January 2023, 20 March 2023

Meeting closed at 19:30

Minutes by A Meek, Ref: (042-Sep)

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