

# WINSCALES PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillor, Notice is hereby given of the General Meeting of the Winscales Parish Council numbered **(044-Jan)** will be held on **Monday 6 February 2023, 6.30pm**, at the **Great Clifton Village Hall**.

Parish Councillors summoned to attend: Cllrs Michele Twiss (Chair), Hilary Harrington (Vice Chair), Carole Armstrong, Christopher West, Peter Gaston (PC & ABC Representative Councillor for Winscales). Also invited was Representative Councillors for Winscales, Jimmy Grisdale (ABC), Marjorie Rae (CCC), Denise Rollo (Shadow Cumberland Council).

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## MINUTES

Attended: Cllrs Michele Twiss (Chair), Christopher West, Carole Armstrong, Jimmy Grisdale, Denise Rollo, Angela Meek (Clerk)

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1. The chair welcomed all to the meeting and Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Peter Gaston, and Marjorie Rae.
2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest to note were from Cllrs Armstrong and Grisdale for a planning application.
3. There were no members of the public present.
4. There are two remaining vacancies to be filled.
5. Discussed were the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 November 2022, all agreed that they were accurate, and the Chair signed as a true record. There were no matters arising from the minutes held on 21 November 2022. The clerk said that she had submitted the completed precept form to Allerdale BC on 21 December 2022.
6. Ongoing Projects - Tree Planting for Cumbria Academy for Autism for the Queens Platinum Jubilee – JS informed clerk that it was probably worth waiting until late-Feb/March to plant to (hopefully) avoid the worst of the winter weather. The trees will be sourced from Bennetts Nursery in Distington so Debbie and he will visit in the next week or two to get a couple of suitable species set aside – the clerk has asked Julian to be informed when the project is complete, and she will purchase the plaques.
7. Representative Borough, and shadow Cumberland Councils informed the group that Allerdale was winding down with little being done and the Executive meeting last week was cancelled. Shadow Cumberland Councillor Rollo said that the Cumberland Council were ramping up with Council Tax and budgets being discussed and agreed. For year one the Government are to write off some debts as the two new unitary councils settle into the new Administration. Staff interviews are ongoing with the leadup of the changeover.
8. Business relating to Parish Matters - Parish Elections in May 2023, with 2 remaining vacancies there should be no need for the election to be held, business will close prior to the election and would convene after the four-day waiting period. Therefore, the agreed meeting to be held on 8 May 2023 could not be held so will at the usual third Monday by monthly 15 May 2023.

The agreed change of date of the May General Meeting and AGM will not be able to be held on 8 May 2023 because of the Elections, we have reverted to the third Monday which is 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Councillors thought that the meetings should, if possible, hold meetings in the parish, Cllr Rollo said she would contact Lakes College to see if they could provide a meeting room, what the costs would be and inform the clerk.

9. Correspondence received since last meeting to note.  
Great North Air Ambulance Service, informative, donation letter, councillors said that they would look at this later in the year.

10. Planning Notifications: Discuss applications/decisions since last meeting.
- Reference No: VAR/2023/0001 Applicant: Brigham Holiday Park Proposal: Re-submission of application VAR/2022/0031 for the variation to conditions 2, 3, 5, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 25 to approved application FUL/2021/0013 for the change of use of a former CL caravan site and former kennel business to lodge site at Gale Brow Caravan Site, Winscales, Workington, CA14 4UZ – Councillors have objected to the first round application and they object to this variation with the same concerns as before. It has been reported that the owner is advertising the lodge plots for sale on Facebook although it has not been put before the planning application panel yet.
  - Decision Notice on Planning Application FUL/2022/0239 - Applicant: James Jones Pallet & Packaging Ltd, Proposal: New Dry Store for storing pallets. Open sided steel framed building. Location: James Jones & Sons Ltd, Blackwood Road, Lillyhall Industrial Estate, Workington, CA14 4JW – Full Planning Permission given. There was no objection to this planning application.
  - Application No: VAR/2022/0022 Applicant: Maureen Palmer Proposal: Variation to application 2/1991/0250 condition number 2 to change the occupancy condition of the workers bungalow to allow for a change of use to holiday accommodation Location: East Town End Farm, Winscales, Workington, CA14 4JG. There was no objection to this planning application.
11. Financial Review/Accounts: Bank Statement dated 26 January 2023, start balance was £11,578.82. No income received during this period. Money paid out was Bank transfer £1088.10, Clerks salary, closing balance £10,490.72. Cheque signed on the night was C.N. (81) £48.00, Room Hire's for dates 16<sup>th</sup> January, and 6 February 2023 - Great Clifton Village Hall Committee.

The clerk informed councillors that the Phone and Broadband contract with Vodafone was due to expire in February, the mobile phone is only two years old and adequate for the job, so she has gone for a sim only deal with Lebara, a no contract and an extremely cheaper deal with the first 6mths charged at £2.78, equivalent per PC and she (£0.70) and thereafter £6.98 (£1.75) per month.

Broadband and landline are ongoing but looking at Now, this will be a 12-month contract at a cost of £22.00, equivalent per PC and she (£5.50) per month, when all setup it will reduce the costs to the PC's and myself to at most £7.25 per month. Trying to keep it as a package was more expensive. This is significantly cheaper than the last 18 months but as with everything these costs could be subject to price increases.

Councillor West is to become a signatory for the trustee account, clerk to send him forms.

12. Date of next meeting [Dates in advance 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday by-monthly]  
20 March 2023

Meeting closed at [ 19:00 ]

Minutes by A Meek, Clerk Ref: - (044-feb)