

WINSCALES PARISH COUNCIL (047-SEP)

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Dear Councillor, Notice is hereby given of the General Meeting of the Winscales Parish Council numbered **(047-Sep)** will be held on **Monday 18 September 2023, 6.30pm**, at the **Hunday Manor Hotel, Workington**.

Parish Councillors summoned to attend: Cllrs Carole Armstrong, Hilary Harrington, Michele Twiss (Chair), Christopher West (Vice Chair). Also invited was Representative Cumberland Councillor for Winscales, Denise Rollo.

MINUTES

Attendees: Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Gaston (after co-option), Cllr Harrington, Cllr Twiss, Cllr West, A Meek, Clerk.

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and there were apologies for absence from Cllr Harrington.
2. There were no Declarations of Interest to note. Peter Gaston was Co-opted onto the Parish Council as a returning Councillor Member, Proposed Cllr Twiss, Seconded Cllr Armstrong. The Declaration of Acceptance of Post and the Pecuniary Interest forms were completed and signed.
There are currently two Parish Councillor vacancies.
3. There was one member of the Public in attendance.
4. Discussed were the minutes of the GM meeting held on 17 July 2023 – all accepted as being of a true record and the Chair signed the minutes – there were no matters arising from the minutes held on 17 July 2023.
5. **Funding and Projects**
Tree Planting at Cumbria Academy for Autism, the clerk handed the Chair two plaques to stand by the two fruit trees donated to the Cumbria Academy for Autism from Winscales Parish Council for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, the Chair will organise delivery to the Academy.
6. **Business relating to Parish Matters**
 - Bench ownership – Cllr Twiss said that since her time on the parish council there has been no mention of the upkeep of a bench and suspects that the bench was placed at the site by a member of the public and not by the parish council. Cllr Twiss said they have never taken ownership of the bench and claimed it was a Highways matter.
 - Co-opt Peter Gaston onto the Parish Council as above.
 - Caravan Park lodges, no further notification or decision. The parish council asked the clerk to note again that they have objected to the extra lodges due to access on entry and exit. The lane being a farm track/narrow lane and the turning into the site being extremely tight on such a busy road that is the A595. It was said that the owner had began works for the lodges without having planning permission and there were more bases than the 11 asked for. Clerk to request an update from Cumberland Planning Department.

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- Historic Recordings taken by former Cllr Fox in 2019/2021 – Councillors agreed that the recording should be placed on the website. The clerk will place the recordings on the WPC website.
- Parish notice boards – Cllr West inspected and reported back to councillors on the condition of both. The one adjacent to the road lay-by is loose and leaning so in need of care and attention. The one at Winscales Avenue looks fine and is still presentable. The clerk has asked two companies to quote for the work to fix the leaning notice board, Councillors agreed that the repair be done without delay. The clerk paid £150.00 to the company Maple Leaf.
- Remembrance Sunday will be observed on 12 November 2023 a suggestion of purchasing two poppy wreaths to be stood next to the Lone Soldiers on the roundabout to mark the day. All agreed, in line with the Poppy Day Appeal the clerk will order the wreaths from the Royal British Legion.

7. Correspondences received from 18 July 2023 to 18 September have been forwarded to councillors with nothing to action and to note:

An invitation for an agent to attend a Q&A session from parish councillors was declined regarding PA RE: EN010155 - Dean Moor Solar Farm - EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation. Parish councillors thought the wind farm better visually rather than the wind turbines.

8. Planning Notifications: applications/decisions received since last meeting.

- Planning Application FUL/2023/0179 - Proposal: 2 bus stop waiting shelters at existing Lillyhall park and ride facility. Lillyhall Park and Ride, Off A596, Lillyhall Industrial Estate, Workington, CA14 4HX
Councillors had no objections to this planning application.

9. Financial Review/Accounts/Payments:

- Bank Statement dated 11 September 2023 – start balance £10,859.66, end balance £10829.66 - Money in £0.00 - Money out £30.00. Amount due at the end of September is the clerks' salary of £870.48, and HMRC tax £217.62, Total £1088.10.
- Cheques signed on the night was Chq No. 089-Home Working allowance and expenses £142.03 – purchase of two plaques £37.98 – payment for repair of the noticeboard £150.00. Chq No. 090-Hunday Manor Hotel room hire/refreshments £15.00. Chq No. 091 shortfall of expenses relating to Chq No. 089 £4.95.
- Financial report of spend and income was reviewed, and all accepted they were of a true record, the new format of reporting account details is working well.
- The Chair signed the Mandate Variation Request Form to remove ex-Cllrs Peter Fox and Bryan Wood from the Signatories of the parishes bank account.
Current Signatories for the account are Michele Twiss, Hilary Harrington, Peter Gaston, Christopher West and Angela Meek.

10. Items for the September Agenda:

Grant for the Air Ambulance Service to discuss and vote.
Cumbria Lodge - Update

11. Date of next meeting - [Dates in advance 3rd Monday by-monthly]
(GM) 20 November 2023 – (GM) 15 January 2024 – (GM) 18 March 2024

Meeting closed at 19:40

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