

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Ulpha Farm on Thursday 28th March 2024 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Christine Carter (Chairman), Rachel Bell, Andrew Coates, Philip Coatesworth, Jolyon Dodgson, John Geldard and Mike Walford, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Steve Bavin and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

24/16 Public participation: None.

24/17 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

24/18 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/19 Westmorland & Furness Councillor:

Councillor Bavin reported as follows:

- a. Many potholes still require attention; everyone is encouraged to keep reporting these.
- b. Roads works are ongoing at Pool Bank.
- c. The road at Broad Oak will be closed from 2nd to 7th April.
- d. The road closure at Meathop is ongoing.
- e. Church Road will be closed from 9th to 11th April.
- f. The A5072 road from Damson Dene to Hubbersty Head will be closed overnight from 19th April.
- g. There is nothing further to report on the proposed 20mph speed limit. There has been 64 applications for this and it is a three-year project.

24/20 Planning: None.

24/21 Finance – *it was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

HMRC	£467.60	PAYE
Philip Coatesworth	£179.81	Reimbursement – bus shelter improvements.

24/22 Proposed mural at the underpass:

After discussion, it was resolved that the Council could not promote this proposal, due to the safety aspect which could involve young people working in what can be sometimes a busy highway.

24/23 Maintenance work at Beck Head:

This was deferred to the next meeting.

24/24 Village bus stops/lighting:

Councillor Coatesworth reported that the measures put in place, as agreed at the last meeting, have been very successful and it was resolved to repeat the exercise, and provide one bin and one light for the Town End shelter and one bin for the Millside shelter. The situation will be reviewed in due course.

24/25 Village Speed Limit initiative:

This had already been noted under Councillor Bavin's report.

24/26 Possible children's play park in the village:

A communication from a resident requesting the establishment of a children's play park in the village was considered. The Council had considered this a few years ago and then, as now, it was decided that there is no suitable land available. The Clerk will respond and say that it is possible for anyone to access the playing field next to the school as it belongs to the Dean Barwick Trust.

24/27 Councillor responsibilities:

This was considered but it was felt that the present 'division of labour' is adequate at present and Councillors do take responsibility for the areas in which they live.

24/28 Parish Land:

Councillor Dodgson had carried out extensive research in order to ascertain which plots of land the Council owns and maps were produced to confirm this. It is clearly a huge topic and will need to be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting and in between. The Clerk agreed to check if the land is covered under the Council's policy. The thanks of the Council are recorded to Councillor Dodgson for his work thus far.

24/29 Litter problems at Meathop:

Correspondence had been received from a resident regarding this problem. Fly tipping has also become a problem and it was wondered if rocks might be placed across the area. Councillor Bell currently picks up litter in this area and the possibility of the Probation Service providing some help in litter picking could be worth considering.

24/30 Trees on the slope area by the t junction adjacent to Fell End Bar:

It was pointed out that these are on private land and not a lot if growing there at present.

24/31 Footpath to Lindale:

Councillor Bell agreed to make enquiries to ascertain if this is a feasible project.

24/32 A590 Road:

Although there is nothing to report at present, it was agreed that this should continue to be an agenda item.

24/33 Date of the next meeting:

***Tuesday 28th May 2024 at 7pm at Witherslack Parish Hall
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting)***

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed:

Dated: