

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Ulpha Farm on Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Christine Carter (Chairman), Rachel Bell, Andrew Coates, Jolyon Dodgson, and John Geldard, County Councillor Jim Bland, District Councillor John Holmes and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Mike Walford.

**22/46 Public participation:**

**22/47 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**22/48 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**22/49 Reports:**

Councillor Holmes gave a written report, which will be appended to these minutes in the file. He said that Resilience grants are now available from SLDC.

Councillor Bland said that the full CCC meeting had been held earlier today. The changeover to the new Authority is likely to be problematic and funding is to be seriously cut, by as much as by 50% to 60%.

**22/50 Planning:**

- a. *The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, was noted::*

7/2022/5082 Black Bull Farm, Mill Side, Witherslack. New agricultural livestock building. Granted

- b. *The following applications were considered:*

7/2022/5370 3 Meathop Court, Meathop. Replacement of wooden windows and doors with a mix of UPVC and composite double glazed windows and doors. Addition of 1 new window in a stone wall. Addition of 1 new door in a stone wall. Approval recommended.

7/2022/5555 Nicholls Moss, Witherslack. Restoration and habitat creation works. Approval recommended.

### **22/51 Bus shelter repairs:**

Councillor Carter reported that the new shelter is in place and favourable comments are being received from users. The shelter at Millside needs re-felting and this can be done using the remainder of the grant money the Council has received.

### **22/52 Woodland leases:**

Councillor Dodgson reported that the new lease agreement has been printed. There have been two enquiries from potential lessees and these will be passed on to Councillor Walford.

### **22/53 Parish notice boards and benches:**

This was deferred until the next meeting.

### **22/54 Land Registration in Millside:**

Councillor Dodgson said there has not been a lot of progress made in this matter. It is believed that an individual must be the 'named person' (ie not the Parish Council) and as this individual is no longer a Councillor it was agreed that he be asked if his name can be removed from the agreement and the Parish Clerk's name substituted. The Clerk agreed to take this matter forward and he agreed to check with 'Charles Arnold-Baker' to see if there was any guidance there.

### **22/55 Finance:**

a. *It was resolved to pay the following account:*

K M Price     £126.73     Quarterly expenses to 30<sup>th</sup> September,  
Including use of home office and travel.

b. The National Joint Council has agreed this year's Pay Award for Clerks and, as recommended by CALC and NALC it was resolved to pay the appropriate backpay and to amend the Standing Orders at the bank as advised.

c. The Budget Report prepared by the Clerk was considered and it was resolved to make a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council/Westmorland and Furness Council for the financial year 2023-24 in the sum of £11,013. There is therefore no increase in the parish element of the Council Tax.

### **22/56 Date of the next meeting:**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Ulpha Farm at 7pm**  
**(This has since been changed to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at Ulpha Farm at 7pm)**

*The meeting closed at 8.05pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*