

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Witherslack Parish Hall on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.15pm.

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

**23/30 Election of Chairman:**

Councillor Christine Carter was elected Chairman for 2023-24.

**23/31 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:**

Councillor Andrew Coates was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2023-24. She then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**23/32 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**23/33 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**23/34 Westmorland and Furness Councillor:**

Councillor Bavin was welcomed to his first meeting since Westmorland Furness Council came into being.

*Points mentioned included:*

- a. Potholes attended to in the lanes around the parish.
- b. The changeover to the new Authority had gone smoothly.
- c. The WAF website is not fully operative yet.
- d. He is meeting with Helen Karasslan of Highways tomorrow.
- e. He is looking forward to a good working relationship with the Parish Council and wishes to be kept informed of issues that arise.

**23/35 Planning:** None.

**23/36 Land Registration at Millside:**

There was nothing further to report.

**23/37 Woodland Leases:**

No further leases have been taken out since the last meeting.

**23/38 Parish notice boards and benches:**

New notices boards had been ordered from The Sign Man Ltd in Kendal.

**23/39 Finance:**

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

Zurich Municipal	£257.60	Annual premium
CALC	£214.29	Annual subscription
The Sign Man Ltd		Deposit for two notice boards
Witherslack Community Shop	£500.00	Annual Grant from Precept
K M Price	£153.82	Quarterly expenses to 31 <sup>st</sup> March, Including use of home office and travel.

b. The Interim Accounts for 2022-23 were noted.

c. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption, Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements. All Councillors had been supplied with copies of these prior to the meeting.

**23/40 B4RN:**

The work has now finished and everyone who has 'signed up' is very satisfied with the service. This item will be left off the agenda for future meetings.

**23/41 A590 road improvements:**

There has been no meeting recently so there is nothing further to report.

**23/42 Date of the next meeting:**

***Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7pm at Ulpha Farm.***

*The meeting closed at 8.10pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*