

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Ulpha Farm on Thursday 27th July 2023 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.

23/43 Public participation: None.

23/44 Declarations of Interest:

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

23/45 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/46 Westmorland and Furness Councillor:

Councillor Bavin reported on the Council's Adult Social Care arrangements. He said that anyone struggling to find appropriate social care should contact the Council. The pothole situation is improving and anyone can report outstanding ones directly to W & F Council, online.

23/47 Planning: None.

23/48 Parish notice boards and benches:

New boards have been erected at the Parish Hall and at Meathop and these are very attractive. It was agreed that they should be kept unlocked.

23/49 Land Registration at Millside:

Councillor Dodgson said that progress is being made. Land Registration has helped and a valuer is visiting next week in order to value the land in question.

23/50 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

HMRC	£431.60	PAYE (noted)
DM Payroll Services Ltd	£60.00	Payroll Administration (first half year)
K M Price	£133.60	Quarterly expenses to 30 th June, Including use of home office and travel.

- b. The report from the Internal Auditor on the Council's Accounts for 2022-23 was received with thanks. There were no issues to be brought to the Council's attention.
- c. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- d. No applications for funding had been received since the notice appeared in the July 'Two Valleys News'. The Council is open to a further application for assistance from the Community Shop and Councillor Bell said she would try to get some publicity in the 'Westmorland Gazette'

23/51 Village appearance:

Someone is needed to do general maintenance work on the trees and verges. Councillor Coatesworth said he would make some enquiries.

23/52 Parish Plan:

The Chairman and Councillor Coatesworth will examine the documents relating to the last Parish Plan. Because of the pandemic, not all the planned work was completed.

How the Council engages with the residents is felt to be important and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

23/53 Village expectation of the Parish Council:

This had been covered by the previous two agenda items.

23/54 Agenda items for the next meeting (so far):

- a. Speeding vehicles through the village.
- b. Overhanging trees
- c. Gritting (especially preparation for winter)

23/54 Date and place of the next meeting:

Monday 9th October 2023 at 7pm at Ulpha Farm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: