

Minutes of a meeting of Cartmel Fell Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell, on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Alan Telford (Chairman), Matthew Martin, Helen Smith and Mike Smith, and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Councillor Chris Cannon arrived at 7.45pm. Apologies for absence were received from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Sue Sanderson.

**23/23 Public participation:** None.

**23/24 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**23/25 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Martin declared a personal interest in Agenda item 11 ('Cumbria Health on Call').

**23/26 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**23/27 Finance:**

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

T Flitcroft	£60.00	Internal Auditor – honorarium
Cartmel Fell Community Trust		
	£20.00	Hire of hall
K M Price	£120.58	Quarterly expenses to 30 <sup>th</sup> June, Including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The report from the Internal Auditor on the Council's Accounts for 2022-23 were received with thanks. There were no issues arising to be brought to the Council's attention.

**23/28 Reports:** None.

**23/29 Retaining wall between Hartbarrow junction and Summer Hill:**

Councillor Mike Smith outlined problems at Hartbarrow/Summer Hill junction. Many trees fell during Storm Arwen and damaged the retaining wall, which is now in a very poor and dangerous state. The stones have not even been removed nor have any safety measures been put in place. A cyclist recently was injured here and required attention by Kendal Mountain Rescue Team and the Ambulance service. The Clerk will contact W & F Council to report this, including the background information supplied and request action.

### **23/30 Windermere Partnership:**

It was resolved to invite Alison Whalley from the EA to the next meeting, as our 'point of contact' with the Windermere Partnership and to try and coincide this with the visit from a Planning Officer.

### **23/31 Complaints Policy:**

It was resolved to adopt the Complaints Policy, using the template from CALC.

### **23/32 Planning:**

- a. *The following application was considered and no objections were raised.*

7/2023/5456 Little Hartbarrow, Cartmel Fell. Installation of 20 solar panels to be ground mounted on free standing consoles.

- b. It was resolved to invite a Planning Officer from LDNPA to the next meeting, in order to discuss recent applications, changes to the Planning Portal and enforcement issues. The Clerk will also ask Councillor Mark Kidd (Chairman of Staveley and Ings Parish Council and member of LDNPA Planning committee) if he can attend.

### **23/33 'Cumbria Health on Call':**

It was resolved to make representations against the removal of GP Out of Hours from Westmorland General Hospital in Kendal. A copy of the letter will be sent to Tim Farron MP, Westmorland & Furness Council, 'The Westmorland Gazette' and adjacent and other Parish Councils.

### **23/34 Updates:**

- a. Councillor Martin reported that the issues with gritting, grit bins and potholes (minute 23/20 refers) are still being addressed with Councillor Sue Sanderson. A number of potholes have been dealt with recently.
- b. Defibrillator: The costs are currently being met by the Cartmel Fell Community Trust and so no finance is required from the Parish Council. This may change in time and will be considered again if appropriate.

### **23/35 Date and place of the next meeting:**

***Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre.***

*The meeting closed at 8.45pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*