

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Cartmel Fell Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell, on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7,30pm.

Present were Councillors Helen Smith (Chairman), Chris Cannon, Matthew Martin, Mike Smith and Alan Telford, three members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

#### **25/10 Election of Chairman:**

Councillor Helen Smith was elected Chairman for 2025-26. She then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

25/11 Public participation: Concern was expressed regarding the objectivity and process adopted by Planning with regard to recent unauthorised development taking place within the Parish. Residents feel that their views are being ignored and that they have no way to escalate their concerns or have these properly addressed.

#### **25/12 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:**

Councillor Alan Telford was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2025-26.

#### **25/11 Elections of Officers:**

- a. Footpath Group: Councillor Helen Smith
- b. Parish Hall Representative: Councillor Mike Smith.
- c. CALC Representative: Councillor Matthew Martin
- d. Highwayman: Councillor Matthew Martin

#### **25/12 Requests for Dispensations: None**

#### **25/13 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Martin declared a possible interest if certain planning matters were discussed. However the Council decided that concerns raised were in line with the views of the Council as a whole and that there was no conflict of interest or declarable interest evident.

#### **25/14 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **25/15 Risk Assessment:**

A draft Risk Assessment had been circulated to all Councillors. Councillor Martin agreed to study this and bring suggestions for making it more appropriate for a small Council to the next meeting.

## **25/16 Finance:**

a. The Interim Accounts for 2024-25 were noted.

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

CALC	£169.40	Annual subscription
Zurich Municipal	£178.19	Annual premium
K M Price	£116.82	Quarterly expenses to 31st March, including use of home office and travel.

c. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Declaration of Exemption from External Audit, the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements. The Clerk explained the significance of each of these documents.

d. Councillor Mike Smith will bring an estimate for work on the verges/hedges in the parish (minute 25/25/7d refers) to the next meeting.

## **25/17 Planning:**

a. *The following application was considered and approval recommended:*

7/2025/5227 Beech Hill Hotel, Staff Accommodation, Newby Bridge Road, Windermere Single storey staff accommodation with new ramped road and turning head.

Whilst it was felt that elements of the Application lacked detail there was no objection to the principle of the proposal. Councillor Martin will draft a response for submission prior to the response date of 12th June.

b. Planning and Enforcement – recent experiences were related, following which Councillor Martin was asked to draft a response to LDNPA to seek clarification on the objectivity of the process and a more detailed assessment of certain decisions / statements made by Planning. This is to help raise and address concern expressed by local residents and to educate the Council for future reference.

## **25/18 Date and place of the next meeting:**

***Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7pm at the Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell.***

*The meeting closed at 8.30pm*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*