

**Buttermere Parish Council Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday
3rd September 2024 in The Old School Room at 7.30pm.**

The chair declared the meeting open at 7.35pm

Present: Cllrs H Fear Davies (chair), Y Kahane, K Beard, L Kyle, E Beard (vice-chair),
G Medd, A McGuire, R Wilkinson.

Cumberland Councillor, not present.

Clerk: Mike Milner.

Apologies for absence: Tony Watson, LDNP Head of Visitor Services.

450.00 Apologies. As noted above.

451.00 Declaration of Interest. None

452.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last Buttermere parish council meeting held on Tuesday 28th May 2024 as a true record.

452.01 The minutes were approved by councillors present at that meeting and duly signed.

453.00 Public participation, no members of the public present.

454.00 Police Matters. As normal clerk had circulated the relevant police e newsletter, when he received it.

455.00 Matters concerning Cumberland Councillor. Not present, no report.

456.00 Applications for development.

456.01 None to consider. Clerk confirmed Croft House 7/2024/2137, internal alteration to internal kitchen approved.

457.00 Crummock Water weir removal, update on current position.

457.01 chair Cllr H F-D advised no application yet received, UU currently in discussion with various agencies about the precise location of new bridge over the River Cocker when weir removed. Hopefully planning application by December 2024.

458.00 Visitor Management issues over the summer. Forward action?

458.01 chair Cllr H F-D commenced by advising that T W of LDNP was unable to attend. Circumstances explained and clerk to obtain an appropriate Get Well card and send from parish council.

458.02 the recent bank holiday weather had been poor so no specific issues known to councillors on that particular weekend. However, Cllr R W advised that around Gatesgarth the parking and traffic issue was so bad, as soon as the school holidays commenced, the bus services to and from Honister and Buttermere ceased. Double yellow lines are required. Throughout the summer, wild campers (leaving litter, human waste and damage caused by fires) had been a problem. Also, parking and volumes of traffic.

458.03 T W had advised that he was prepared to hold a drop-in session at Buttermere, as he was unable to attend this evening, but it was decided by councillors that it would be better if he attended the December meeting so that any of exchange of views could be heard by all. The NT should be invited and also the managers of local hospitality businesses. Clerk to organise the invites ASAP to get diary date established.

458.04 Cllr A M raised the issue of toilet signage in the proximity of The Bridge Inn, there used to be a sign just outside advising the location of the public conveniences. Cllrs also thought that a sign advising of the location of the public conveniences should be displayed in the NT car park at the entrance to the village opposite the old quarry. Cllrs wondered if the public toilets had been painted; as it costs 50p to go into them, it was decided to ask TW if the promised tidying up works had been undertaken.

458.05 Cllrs agreed that prior to the December meeting the chair would revisit the spread sheet of questions, last circulated to NT and LDNP attendees, enabling them to arrive with answers to current issues at the December meeting.

458.06 clerk to contact Allerdale police to establish their policy on fly camping and officers involved.

459.00 Update on Fibrus position on instillation, grey installation area position.

459.01 immediate observation it was noticed that in The Old School Room, there was a mobile signal providing 4G. Cllrs confirmed that at Gatesgarth and The Bridge Hotel, both property occupants had entered into a pilot scheme to enhance the availability of a mobile signal for public use. Clerk to investigate after Cllr R W has provided details of the scheme.

459.02 chair to contact the Connecting Cumbria team and establish if they were yet in a position to firm up on the areas where properties would not be covered by the Fibrus broadband installation project.

460.00 Comments for Peter Walter meeting 11th September. 460.01 Chair Cllr H F-D and Cllr K B are both to attend the meeting, other Cllrs had no specific questions or issues they wished to be raised.

461.00 Progress Reports, clerk.

461.01 clerk confirmed that all accounts had been put on the website and the external auditor Moore had acknowledged receipt of their document.

461.02 clerk advised that had still been no decision on the Honister Slate Mine Zip Wire planning application.

461.03 clerk had noticed on his drive to Buttermere this evening all the gorse had been cut back along the road from Lanthwaite to Buttermere, widening the useable road width, as Cllr A M had requested. Cllr A M pointed out the cut had been arranged by Cllr E B and privately for.

462.00 Councillors reports.

462.01 chair Cllr H F-D advised that she had received an email for the 50th Anniversary of Cumbria Celebration at Carlisle Cathedral, Friday 4th October 2024. After a discussion the Cllrs agreed on a course of action. Chair Cllr H F-D would make appropriate enquiries to make sure that if the individual chosen to represent the parish was approached to attend, they would definitely receive an invite.

463.01 email received from Peter Walter, LDNP North Area Representative, after he had done a litter pick on 24th June and noticed 50 dog poo bags in the usual place by the gate into the shore field. T W replied to say he could organise a seasonal bin in that area.

463.02 over the summer various email exchanges with Cllr A M about coaches parking in the main throughfare in the village down to the car park. Clerk had written to one local coach firm, but no acknowledgement or reply. Land is unadopted so parish council cannot ask Highways to provide no coach signage, not enforceable.

463.03 Highways had circulated a consultation letter about removing the double yellow lines across the road frontage at the quarry opposite the NT car park. That is so people parking safely off the road alongside the entrance are not given a ticket as they are inside double yellow lines.

463.04 Information Commissioner had contacted clerk advising the annual Data Protection Registration was due, renewable on 1st September 2024. Clerk had renewed the registration, £40.00, using his card and displayed the new certificate expiring 31/8/2025. Monies reclaimed in clerk's expenses.

463.05 The newsletters from North Area representative of LDNP, Peter Walter, had been circulated as received.

463.06 The parish council bank HSBC have requested a "Safeguard" phone interview. It lasts approximately 30 minutes and clerk will organise with bank.

463.07 clerk had circulated an email about White Tailed Eagles received that afternoon.

464.00 Payments for approval.

Intpay124, M Milner, £123.80, salary June £123.80.00. No expenses.

Intpay125, HMRC, PAYE, £31.00 June.

June HSBC account charge £8.00.

June clerk's payments made to confirm with HMRC submission and payment time limits

Intpay126, M Milner, £123.80, July salary £123.80 No expenses

Intpay 127, HMRC PAYE, £31.00 July

July HSBC account charge £8.00

July clerk's payments made to confirm with HMRC submission and payment time limits

Intpay 128, M Milner, £123.80, August salary £123.80 No expenses

Intpay 129, HMRC PAYE, £31.00 August.

August HSBC account charge £8.00.

August clerk's payments made to confirm with HMRC submission and payment time limits

Intpay 130, M Milner, £209.49, Sept' salary £124.00, expenses £85.49

Intpay 131, HMRC PAYE, £30.80 August.

September HSBC account charge £8.00.

All approved

465.00 Date and time of the next meeting. Tuesday 3rd December 2024, 7.30pm, at Old School Room, Buttermere.

Meeting closed 20.30