

Waberthwaite & Corney Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Meeting held at Waberthwaite& Corney District Village Hall,
7.30 pm on 12th November 2024.

Present
Chairman N. Southward
Vice Chair M Steele
Cllrs: J Varden, R Thornton, E Wilson, A Clegg
Clerk: G Savage
No members of the public present

Minute Number	Item	Action
86/24	Apologies for absence – Cllrs: A Hadwin & A Pritt These were accepted and approved by the council.	
87/24	Declaration of Interest – None	
88/24	Minutes - It was proposed by Cllr E Wilson, seconded by Cllr R Thornton and resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 th October 2024.	
89/24	Public Participation - None.	
90/24	Progress Reports	
	Highways 90.1 EI/190382: Flooding on the Road down The Nook, Langley Farm End. Cumberland Council state assigned to Highways Team. Update from Highways is that there is a possible collapse in the system. A works instruction will be put together for this with the hopes of carrying out these works by the end of this financial year. No further update from Highways. LDNP 90.2 Peggy's Lonning/Hall Waberthwaite – Lonning floods and potholes present. Outstanding footpath repairs and drainage problems on Peggy's Lonning. No further update.	Clerk to monitor.
	90.3 Corney Defibrillator –The defibrillator cabinet has been collected by Cllr R Thornton & Cllr M Steele and delivered to the installation site. The concrete base for the cabinet needs to be built before installation. The clerk has now ordered the defibrillator Mindray C1A Beneheart £982.80 inc VAT.	
	90.4 Corney Telephone Box – Still need volunteers to paint the telephone box. It was resolved that the Chair would make enquiries.	
	90.5 Parish Council car park/river bank repair. The Parish Council have been made aware of available funding through the South Cumberland Community Fund. It was resolved that the clerk would submit a grant application for the repairs.	Clerk to submit application.

91/24	<p>Unitary Councillor report:</p> <p>Clerk spoke to Cllr A Pratt who provided the following updates:</p> <p>595 works These are still ongoing currently working on a section at Holmrook convoy still in place from 7pm until 10pm then full closure 10pm until 5am they still have to do from Muncaster Holme Farm to the back entrance to the castle by the church then they have to do from there to Broadoak please let me know of any outstanding faults that have not been corrected in the parish There will be no works over the Xmas period as soon as they are announced I will confirm them The bridge on Corney they tell me is still going to be replaced during 2025 Cumbria Community Foundation have a grant fund available to help run warm hubs again this winter and it is open now for applications South Cumberland Community panel still have some funds in their pot for small projects if you have any Cumberland are also looking for areas to site Electric Charging points for community use if you have anywhere in mind let me know GDF As GDF moves towards year 4 it still has funding available for large projects NWS who are running the GDF search have been asked to make an honorarium available to the chair to cover out of pocket expenses and to compensate the time the chair spends on GDF business outside of the normal meetings this has caused some unrest between some members on the partnership so I have been asked to find out the opinion of the parishes that are within the national park area of the South Copeland search area. The role as chair currently is voluntary and can take up to between 3 and 6 hrs per week approx. outside the normal meetings NWS are offering a payment to the chair to cover this extra time if the chair wants to take it currently no chairs have accepted any payment from NWS but in years to come a chair may come forward that cannot financially be in a position to take time off from work unpaid to do the roll or may be unemployed what I have been asked to get is your opinion on a payment for a chair in if you could let me know your decision Yes its ok or No you disagree CALC Calc will be holding a online drop in question time on Weds 20th November your clerk should have the details if you have any questions you would like to ask about the role of CALC if you have any and cannot join the meeting send them to me and I will ask them on your behalf Alexander House Bootle Talks are ongoing on trying to get private investors to buy the house back from Abbeyfield and reopen it as it was before as an independent old peoples house they are looking for volunteers to sit on a working group to form a committee if anyone is interested let me know.</p> <p>It was raised by Councillors during the meeting that rubble from the roadworks had been left by contractors at top of Broadoak hill, which needs removing. The GDF Chair was discussed and the Councillors remained neutral on this matter in relation to the payment of an honorarium.</p>	Clerk to pass information to Cllr A Pratt
92/24	Finance	
	<p>92.1 To consider the statements of accounts – current a/c £51.68 deposit a/c £9,519.49 - 04/11/2024 It was proposed by Cllr A Clegg, seconded by Cllr E Wilson and resolved that the accounts be accepted.</p>	

	<p>92.2 To consider the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerks' November salary 2024 £139.10 (Includes pay rise from 1st April 2024 & back pay of £44.10 Hourly rate now £13.91) Total £146.60 with back pay. • Clerks December salary 2024 - £111.30 • HMRC / PAYE – November 2024 £36.60 • December 2024 £27.80 • Bank monthly charge – November 2024 - £8 each month <p>It was proposed by Cllr J Varden, seconded by Cllr M Steele and resolved that the payments be accepted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Virus software for Parish Council laptop approximate cost £35 a year – It was proposed by Cllr A Clegg, seconded by Cllr E Wilson and resolved that the clerk will purchase the anti-virus software for the Parish Council laptop. 	
	<p>92.3 To note the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerks' October salary – £108.00 27/10/2024 • HMRC / PAYE – £27.00 21/10/2024 • Bank monthly charge – £8.00 9/10/2024 • Waberthwaite Village Hall rent - £50.002 – 27/10/2024 • Zurich Insurance - £214.00 – 27/10/2024 <p>Noted</p>	
93/24	<p>Clerk's report on any actions taken under delegated powers.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
94/24	<p>Correspondence for Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emails circulated to councillors for information. • Letter received from a resident requesting that the old Parish Council noticeboard in the village shelter be left unlocked. This would allow for local information to be displayed as the other noticeboard was always full. It was resolved that the perspex window would be removed from the noticeboard and altered to facilitate this request. 	Chair to speak to resident regarding this decision.
95/24	<p>Planning Applications.</p> <p>None received.</p>	Clerk to contact LDNP.
96/24	<p>Parish Matters</p> <p>93.1 Budget – The budget was discussed, it was proposed by Cllr E Wilson and seconded by Cllr R Thronton that the budget be accepted with a precept of £4000.</p>	
97/24	<p>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.</p> <p>Cllr M Steele informed Cllrs that there was a LDNP Planning event at Gosforth Village Hall, 21st November 2024, running from 4-7PM, if anyone would like to attend. Cllr Steele asked if the defibrillators were covered under insurance, he is aware that the one located at the village hall is covered by their insurance. Clerk to contact Zurich insurance to check the policy.</p>	Clerk to contact Zurich insurance.
98/24	<p>Date of next Parish meeting.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr J Varden, seconded by Cllr E Wilson and resolved that the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 14th January 2025 in Waberthwaite, Corney & District Village Hall at 7.30pm</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.