

## SCALEBY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Scaleby

**Present:** Cllr G McGarr (Chairman), Cllrs A Brown, M Grant, C Hogg, R Marston, T Moore, and L Thompson

**In Attendance:** The Clerk, S Kyle.

#### **427/21 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr G Little and County Cllr J Mallinson.

#### **428/21 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

No declarations or requests for dispensations were made.

#### **429/21 Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

#### **430/21 Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

#### **431/21 Administrative Matters**

##### **431.1 Benches**

The two benches have been delivered and are awaiting installation, pending Highway's approval. Concerns were expressed regarding any possible utilities in the Scaleby Hill Green area; a plan is to be requested if possible.

**Resolved** to authorise the Chair and Vice-Chair to sign documentation requesting a Highways permit for the bench placement.

##### **431.2 Community Led Plan**

The CLP working group had met to review the existing plan and recommend future projects for action, including:

- Broadband: a search to find a relevant governing agency is to be made
- Notice boards: encourage other user groups to display relevant information, including contact details
- Litter picking: to encourage two annual litter picks
- Play area: noted that lack of availability of suitable land is the major issue
- Pavement Barclose to Scaleby: noted that this has been investigated and is unfeasible due to cost

- Coffee Mornings: encourage the Welfare Committee to host
- Website: increase the usage through provision of more local information

It was also reported that residents report wanting increased events to increase community spirit. The Village Hall new entertainment system was shown, increasing the capability to run different event types.

**Resolved** to agree that many action points in the CLP have been achieved or investigated for feasibility and to continue to work on achievable goals going forward.

### **431.3 Allotments**

An article had been placed in the recently published Scaleby News, requesting anyone interested in the provision of allotments to register their interest. Two residents have so far registered their desire to progress the scheme.

**Resolved** to note the details for potential future use, the project being currently placed on hold.

### **431.4 Summer Play Days**

It was reported that the three provided days had been a great success, with 34, 29 and 33 children attending on the days respectively.

### **431.5 Book Swap**

Following the request made at the Annual Parish Meeting, a purpose-built cabinet is currently being made and will be installed outside the Village Hall soon.

### **431.6 DEFRA Local Nature Strategies Consultation**

Cllr McGarr reported that he had taken part in a virtual session regarding the Cumbria Nature Recovery Programme and suggested responses to the above consultation.

**Resolved** that the agreed responses be submitted.

### **431.7 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022**

The Village Hall Management Committee have noted the above and will be formulating plans for commemoration nearer the time. A suggestion was made that the beacon be painted platinum to coincide with the occasion.

### **431.8 Restarting Communities Fund**

It was noted that a grant of £956 has been allocated from the above City Council fund towards ongoing projects. The short turnaround for the application had highlighted the need for a project list; Cllrs were asked to give potential projects some consideration. A Hearing Loop for the Village Hall was suggested alongside new recycled plastic noticeboards. It was reported that the Village Hall gents' lavatories were currently closed due to water ingress.

## **432/21 Financial Matters**

### **432.1 Payments**

**Resolved** to approve payments, including retrospective payments, as follows:

- Sarah Kyle, August Salary, £149.04
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- Solway Recycling, benches, £991.20
- ICO, Data protection, £35.00
- GLL, summer play days, £432
- Sarah Kyle, stamp reimbursement, £92.40

### **432.2 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Update**

A budget summary, with expenditure to date against budget, was circulated alongside the agenda. The balance at bank on 31 August 2021 was £13,607.82.

## **433/21 Highways Matters**

### **433.1 Updates**

The laying of new drainage pipes was noted alongside concerns regarding drainage in the Scaleby Hill area, exacerbated by the compacting of ditches by vehicle use.

### **433.2 Speeding Petition**

Following the publication of an article regarding the above, in the Scaleby News, some residents had come forward with support for the petition, showing that the matter is parish wide and not confined to Barclose. The Cumbria Police Chief Constable is involved and ward member support is being sought for advice on speed reduction measures.

### **433.3 Wildflowers**

A suggestion was made to plant verges, wider than 1.2m, with wildflowers. A map was distributed to show potential suitable areas within the parish. Cumbria Highways have provided written consent. **Resolved** to authorise expenditure on wildflower mix. Methods of planting to be investigated.

### **433.4 Litter**

**Resolved** to advertise future litter picks, to be held on Sunday's at 3pm with a tea provided in the Village Hall, in the next newsletter. Dates and provision of refreshments to be confirmed. Cllr McGarr to approach local businesses for sponsorship.

Also **resolved** that CCTV provision, to deter fly tipping beside the recycling bins, to be considered once Village Hall consent has been granted.

#### **434/21 Councillor Matters**

**Cllr Moore** reported that he had installed new Neighbourhood Watch signs, with one remaining to be installed near to Pump Cottage, with two spares. He also noted that the wooden fingerposts in the parish have been replaced.

**Cllr Grant** expressed concerns that staffing changes at the City Council would lead to a detrimental building control service in the future.

**Cllr McGarr** noted that the Border Rambler continues to operate successfully with its slightly amended route in the parish.

#### **435/21 Date of Next Meeting**

Resolved that the Parish Council will be held in Scaleby Village Hall on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. The meeting will take place subject to a review of the business to transact, COVID regulations, hall accessibility and member availability at that time.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52pm.