

## SCALEBY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Scaleby

**Present:** Cllr G McGarr, Cllr T Moore, Cllr S Brown, Cllr G Little Cllr C Hogg and Cllr R Marsden.

**In Attendance:** The Clerk A Dawes.

**052/23 Apologies for Absence** – apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr L Thompson, and Cllr J Mallinson

**053/23 Declarations of Interest and Request for Dispensations**

**053/23.1** The Clerk did not receive any requests for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest

**053/23.2** The Clerk received no declarations by members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

**054/23 Co-option of Councilor**

*Having followed the due process in seeking a by-election and there being none required Council were at liberty to co-op and determined that Christopher Hogg should be co-opted.*

**055/23 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th July 2023**

Council received and approved the accuracy of the last minutes of the Parish Council and authorised the Chairman to sign.

**Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

The Clerk responded to the question raised by Cllr Little in respect of provision of a Parish Map detailing all “Unowned Land” documents were referred to (which had been made available to Cllr Little and Cllr McGarr Chair prior to the meeting) to try to clarify the terminology and definition’s together with a firm understanding of the volume of work involved.

After much confusion and debate it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would receive a number (1 – 3) of pieces of land which were considered “ownerless” from Cllr Little / Cllr McGarr and would document the process in attempting to establish the true “ownership” of each of the identified areas. The Clerk would also attempt to rectify the confusion over the number of Parish areas of Village Green and Common Land.

**056/23 Public Participation**

**056/23.1** In accordance with Standing Order 3e the Chairman utilizing his discretion, invited members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at this meeting. No members of the Public were in attendance.

**056/23.2** As Cllr Mallinson had given his apologies there was no update from Cumberland Unitary Authority.

**057/23 Finance Matters**

**057/23.1 Payments**

Payments included in the schedule were authorised

**057/23.2 Bank Balance**

The Clerk reported that the balance as at 31/8/2023 was £11,324.75

The Bank Reconciliations for July and August were distributed to members together with Budget v Actual reports.

**057/23.3 Precept and Budget**

The Clerk reported that at the next Council meeting decisions would have to be taken regarding the Budget for 2024/2025 to enable calculations regarding the Precept required to be undertaken.

Council **RESOLVED** to set aside £500 for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events surrounding the D Day landings in 2024.

**058/23 Administrative and Highways Matters**

**058/23.1 Hallburn Wind Farm Grant Scheme** – Council was updated by Cllr Moore, who attended the last meeting and indicated that all 9 applicants had received monies. The next meeting would be in February 2024 and eligible groups were encouraged to submit applications for Grant funding.

**058/23.1 Speeding** – As more interest from Council had been forthcoming Cllr McGarr indicated he would be willing to “resurrect” the concept of a “Community Speedwatch Group”. Council also discussed the issue of appropriate signage to try to deter the speedsters.  
It was thought appropriate to consider a bid to Hallburn Grant scheme with regard to Signage.

**058/23.2 Bus Shelter** – Cllr McGarr had been in contact with a supplier of Shelters but at the cost of £14,000 it was deemed more appropriate to look at a lower cost version. Cllr McGarr showed other members the shelter at Laversdale which was of a more modest construction but would be adequate for the job. Council agreed to set aside a sum of £4,000 to be made available for the work and that this would be the subject of Grant requests to Cumberland Unitary Authority and others as the project proceeds.

**059/23 Councillor Matters** – Cllr McGarr again reported on issues with Trees that had been planted and that some of them had not taken well. It was thought best to plant some more and Council agreed to a sum of money up to £300 to procure the required trees.

Cllr Little asked if we could have an update from Cllr Mallinson at the next meeting regarding the recycling project.

**060/23 Date of Next Meeting** – confirmed as 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.