

SCALEBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Scaleby

Present: Cllr G McGarr, Cllr T Moore, Cllr G Little, Cllr M Grant, Cllr L Thompson and Cllr R Marsden.

In Attendance: Unitary Authority Member Cllr J Mallinson, The Clerk A Dawes. One (1) Member of the Public.

001/24 **Apologies for Absence** – apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr S Brown.

002/24 **Declarations of Interest and Request for Dispensations**

002/24.1 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

002/24.2 The Clerk received no declarations by members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

003/24 **Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th September 2023**
Council received and approved the accuracy of the last minutes of the Parish Council and authorised the Chairman to sign, after the addition of Cllr M Grant in attendance.

004/24 **Public Participation**

004/24.1 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. The member of the Public in attendance had no questions but had come to listen to the update from Fibrus U.K.

004/24.2 Cllr Mallinson gave a brief report highlighting the current progress with Cumberland Council paying particular attention to Highways and a grit survey which had been commissioned some time ago but never undertaken, this was now being rectified and Council members were asked to submit areas of concern that were previously gritted but now not so, as well as areas that had always been untreated. Cllr. Mallinson went on to explain the grading process that Highways undertook in terms of gritting pressure times.
Cllr Mallinson reminded Council of the ability to request from him small amounts of funding to maybe “top-up” schemes funded via Hallburn or other such funding sources.

Cllr Little asked a question regarding an item in a nearby Parish which may have an environmental impact upon Scaleby, Cllr Mallinson reported that nothing had changed over the last months as the item in question had not yet reached the Planning stage.

Cllr Mallinson left the meeting at 19:50

004/24.3 Fibrus U.K. – Paul Cretney gave Council a very informative update on the process, progress and future possibilities for Hyperfast broadband being brought into the surrounding areas. Paul answered many questions from

Council who were left in a much more positive frame of mind at the completion of Paul's update.

It was agreed that individuals requiring any further information could contact Paul on paul.cretney@fibrus.com

Cllr McGarr thanked Paul on behalf of the Council.

Paul and the Member of the Public left the meeting at 20.25

005/24 Finance Matters

005/24.1 Payments

Payments included in the schedule were authorised

005/24.2 Bank and Accounts

The Bank Reconciliation for October was distributed to members together with Budget v Actual reports.

006/24 Administrative and Highways Matters

006/24.1 Hallburn Wind Farm Grant Scheme – Council was updated by Cllr Moore, who confirmed that the next meeting would be on 27th February 2024.

006/24.2 Bus Shelter – Cllr McGarr reported that the list of eligible Grant requests to Cumberland Unitary Authority was been assessed by Mark Hodgkiss.

006/24.3 Speeding – Cllr McGarr was to attempt to contact (again) the Collision Prevention Officer and confirmed that there were now enough volunteers to create a Community Speedwatch Group. Cllr McGarr has received an email the next morning offering training for the Community Speedwatch Group

006/24.4 Replacement Clerk / RFO – Council to contact CALC for help and advice regarding the process and council to seek out any volunteers who may be interested. Clerk to provide draft of an advert to be placed in the Notice Boards. Cllrs McGarr and Moore to be delegated to recruit to the vacancy.

007/24 Councillor Matters – Cllr Grant asked for consideration at the next meeting to issues around activities “proposal” for Scaleby Moss.

008/24 Date of Next Meeting – confirmed as 20th March 2024

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.