# Underskiddaw Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Underskiddaw Parish Council meeting held in Underskiddaw Church Rooms at 16:30 on the 15th November 2022

**Present:** Joe Saxton (Chair), Jan Boniface, Diane Griffiths, David Horsburgh, Jana Lambert,

**In Attendance:** Jill Perry (Shadow Authority of Cumberland elected member), Alan Bowness (Cumbria County Council), Linda Jamieson (We Fibre)

**Apologies**: Cllr Ellen Barker (Work commitments), Sally Lansbury (ABC), John Hayes (Village Hall)

With 5 councillors present the meeting was quorate.

Thanks were noted to C/Cllr A Bowness for all his years of service.

# 72/2022 Apologies for absence

**Resolved** by all present that the above-mentioned apologies from Parish Councillor and the reasons for absence be accepted.

# 73/2022 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th October 2022

**Resolved** by all present that the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th October 2022 be signed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Joe Saxton.

**Action: Clerk to upload the minutes to the website and circulate to all.**

# 74/2022 Request for Dispensations & Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Saxton noted a declaration of interest in planning application 7/2022/2241.

# 75/2022 Exclusion of Press & Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960).

None

# 76/2022 Public Participation

None

# 77/2022 Application for Co-option (1 Vacancy)

None received

# 78/2022 Update from other bodies (If present)

## Cumberland Shadow Authority

Jill Perry updated all present that there is now an agreed and adopted council plan, the authority is currently going through the budgeting process which they are hoping to have adopted at the January 2022 meeting. The authority has accepted the recommendations of the independent remunerations committee and so all members are being paid a full allowance for this ‘shadow’ year.

# 79/2022 Clerks report

The Clerk Report had been circulated to all prior to the meeting. The receipt of this report was noted by all.

## Boundary Commission for England 2023 Boundary Review

The clerk had circulated this information via email prior to the meeting. The proposed alteration would see Underskiddaw Parish moved from the Workington Constituency to a newly formed Whitehaven & Workington Constituency.

**Resolved** by all that individual councillors submit their own responses if they would like to.

# 80/2022 Finance & Accounts

## To receive note of the Bank Balances

**Resolved** by all present that the bank balance be noted as

Current Account £13,647.65 at 31st October 2022

## Invoices for approval

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| **To** | **For** | **Amount** |
| CPRE | Annual Subscription | £36.00 |
| Becx Carter | Salary (at new pay rate) | £360.40 |
| HMRC | PAYE | £323.60 |
| Becx Carter | Salary (back pay to 1st April 22 as agreed nationally) | £124 |
| Becx Carter | Expenses | £37.29 |
| Crosthwaite Church | Room Hire | £25.00 |

**Resolved** by all present that these invoices be paid.

**Action: Clerk to organise the payment of these accounts.**

## Bank reconciliation & spend against budget report

**Resolved** by all present that the bank reconciliation & spend against budget report be signed as a true and accurate record by the chair of the meeting.

## To consider a donation to the Great North Air Ambulance

**Resolved** by the majority present that a S.137 contribution of £200 be made to the Great North Air Ambulance in recognition of the valuable work that this charity undertakes.

**Action: Clerk to organize this payment.**

## To approve the Clerks statutory salary increase & associated back payment

**Resolved** by all present that Underskiddaw Parish Council formally adopt the revised National Association of Local Councils Salary Scales as per National Governmental Guidance, and the associated arrears.

**Action: Clerk to update Cumbria Payroll Services**

## (vi) To consider and discuss the draft budget for 23/24 financial year.

The clerk had circulated a draft budget for 23/24 with the meeting papers. A discussion was held regarding the draft proposed budget which suggested either a 5% or 0% precept change for 23/24 with an acceptance by all that if a contested election occurred in the Parish in May 2024 that this costs would be borne out of council reserves. All councillors to review the budget and send over any errors/omissions/alterations to the Clerk by the end of December 2022.

**Action: Clerk to update the budget with any suggestions received from councillors and agenda for Jan 23 for approval**

# 81/2022 Lake District National Park Authority

## Decisions

**Resolved** by all present that the below decisions be noted as received.

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| **Ref** | **Location** | **Proposal** | **Decision** |
| 7/2022/2195 | Langrigg Cottage, Keswick | Extension to and internal alterations to provide new bedroom kitchen & entrance hall | Approve with conditions |

## Planning Applications for Consideration

**Ref: 7/2022/22041**

Location: Land opposite Greystone, Underskiddaw

Proposal: Creation of Pond

Cllr J Saxton noted a declaration of interest in this application and abstained from any discussion relating to it.

**Resolved** by all present that Underskiddaw Parish Council and no comments or objections to this proposal

**Action: Clerk to submit these comments.**

# 82/2022 Members Reports

## Village Hall

John Hayes had sent an update in advance confirming that the CA12 Winter Warm scheme has started this week. Underskiddaw Village Hall will be open between 1-5pm every Wednesday for hot drinks & biscuits.

1. *We Fibre Broadband.*

Engagement manager for Cumbria & Northumbria for We Fibre, The area around here should have been live mid 2022 but due to the busy tourist season this was delayed to prevent in road works during the busy season. Hoping to go live in this area in the coming weeks. There is currently an early bird offer for residents within this community to take up prior to it being installed.

There is 171 properties in the first section of We Fibre, with 50 properties already signed up. We Fibre has confirmed that once a 30% strike rate is hit We Fibre want to offer something back to the local community, this could include providing a free service to the two community buildings in the area (e.g. Church Hall & Village Hall).

Q: What is the provision for properties along the A591?

We Fibre aim to cover everyone in a community, they aim to not leave anyone behind.

Q: What is the actual speeds that people will get on a Wi-Fi connection to the new provision?

We Fibre offer 1000mb per second to the router, but this does depend on the device/wifi connector. They are aiming for around the 400mb per second.

Q: What is the offer for ongoing land line provision?

People who still want a landline, need to opt for a ‘full connection’ and will be £10 a month (any time calls to landlines and mobiles). There is no line rental per month.

Q: The Ofcom guarantee of repairing or compensation within 2 days does this apply here?

We Fibre is still covered by the Ofcom regulations. We Fibre don’t have a minimum speed like some of the other competitors.

Q: When the installation starts how long does it take to get into consumer homes.

A: They have built a core network already (the fibre is installed already now in this area). Customers will then get a choice of an installation date (normally within 2 weeks). Getting the cable from the pole to the house will take about 2 hours. Once We Fibre leave the premises it will be live. We Fibre provide the new router. Install cost, router etc. is covered by the government grant.

**Action: Cllr J Saxton to invite Linda to a future community event to encourage update.**

**Action Clerk to contact Linda to ask for further information to be shared with Parish Councillors.**

The Clerk has the contact details for the We Fibre Community Engagement representative for the Underskiddaw area. These can be supplied on request to the Clerk.

# 83/2022 Dates of next meeting.

**Resolved** by all present that dates for the forthcoming meetings of Underskiddaw Parish Council be set as:

10th January 2023 16:30 -Underskiddaw Church Room

Meeting Closed 17:25