# Underskiddaw Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Underskiddaw Parish Council Annual Council meeting held in Underskiddaw Church Rooms at 16:30 on the Tuesday 12th September 2023

**Present:** (Chair), Jan Boniface, Ellen Barker, David Horsburgh, Jana Lambert

**In Attendance:** Becx Carter (Clerk & RFO), Nicola Pointer UU,

**Apologies**: Dianne Griffiths (Personal Commitments), Cumberland Council Jill Perry

With 4 councillors present the meeting was quorate.

# 52/2023 To appoint a Chairperson

It was noted that following the resignation of Mr Joe Saxton that a new Chairperson is required. The Clerk confirmed that legally a Chairperson is required for a Parish Council meeting to take place. A discussion was held amongst councilors present about how the Parish Council should move forward

**Resolved** that Cllr D Horsburgh be appointed as Chairperson for this meeting he signed the relevant declaration of office and this was witnessed by the clerk.

**Action: Clerk to update the website**

# 53/2023 Apologies for absence

**Resolved** by all present that the above-mentioned apologies be noted as received.

# 54/2023 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th July 2023

**Resolved** by all present that the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th July 2023 be signed as a true and accurate record by Cllr David Horsburgh

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

# 55/2023 Request for Dispensations & Declarations of Interest

None

# 56/2023 Exclusion of Press & Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960).

None

# 57/2023 Public Participation

None

# 58/2023 Update from other bodies (If present)

## Cumberland Council

## LDNPA

## Police

## United Utilities

Ms N Pointer attended and confirmed the pipeline was now watertight and the only remaining works at Williamsgate treatment works is landscaping etc. All the heavy civil engineering is now complete.

In Underskiddaw Parish Council the drainage is 95% complete in the Underskiddaw area (land drains into the fields etc- there is a planning condition that states that UU can’t undertake betterment). Boundary works are 90-95% (hedges/drystone walls/fences), groundworks are now at 95%.

The biggest thing remaining to be done in Underskiddaw Parish Council is the removal of the access point opposite Dodd Wood. This has been delayed by firstly the weather, and then by subsequent activity on the road network in the proximity. UU are waiting for approval by Cumberland Council for the installation of 2 way traffic lights to allow for the removal of the concrete platform.

Q: Can UU provide an update on progress on the stretch of lane at the bottom of Applethwaite Lane where the hedge hasn’t been reinstated?

Q: On the main road to the right of Applethwaite Lane Junction there is a stretch of hedge that has been reinstated closer to the Highway than the original was, why is this?

**Action:** **UU confirmed that they would take this away and discuss it and update via the Clerk**

# 59/2023 Clerks report

1. *Devolution Joint Committee letter from Above Derwent*

The Clerk noted to all that a letter had been received inviting local parish councils to join together to form a ‘Greater Keswick’ joint committee to discuss running devolved services e.g. traffic management, street cleaning, litter bins etc. At this stage Above Derwent are looking for a representative from Underskiddaw to work with them on this idea.

**Resolved** by all present that this matter be deferred to a future meeting.

1. *Hyperfast GB Update*

The Clerk confirmed that she had deferred this to the November 2023 meeting due to the difficulties of not having a Chair.

**Action: Clerk to agenda this for November.**

1. *To consider Parish Maintenance/Grass Cutting*

**Action: Clerk to organise to meet with DH to produce some maps of the areas that Andrew used to cover and bring to the November 2023 meeting.**

1. *LNDPA Visitor Management Plan Questionnaire*

A questionnaire has been received regarding LDNPA management of visitors during 2023.

**Resolved** by all present that devolved authority be passed to the Clerk to complete this.

**Action: Clerk to take this forward.**

# 60/2023 Finance & Accounts

## To receive note of the Bank Balances

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

Current Account £12,783.01 at 31st August 2023

## Invoices for approval

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **To** | **For** | **Amount** |
| Becx Carter | Expenses | £11.90 |
| Crosthwaite Church | Room Hire | £25.00 |

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

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

## To consider & approve the bank reconciliation & spend against budget report

**Resolved** by all present that these be approved as a true and accurate record.

# 61/2023 Lake District National Park Authority

## Decisions

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

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| **Reference** | **Location** | **Proposal** | **Decision** |
| 7.2023.2078 | Ormathwaite Farm, Ormathwaite | Replace an existing agricultural building with a new agricultural building | Approved with conditions  |
| 7.2023.2092 | Underscar Manor, Underskiddaw | Resufacing of biomass/winery access track | Approved with conditions  |
| 7.2023.2090 | Former Keswick Garden Centre | Amendment to conditions relating to the erection of 11 new dwellings and conversion of holiday let to dwelling | Approved |
| 7.2023.2123 | Millbeck Towers | Addition of secondary glazing and alterations to existing ground floor hearth | Approved with conditions |

## Planning Applications for Consideration

**Ref: 7/2023/2171**

Location: Millbeck Village Hall

Proposal: To replace all windows & external doors

**Resolved** by all present that Underskiddaw Parish Council fully support this application.

**Action: Clerk to submit this response**

# 62/2023 Members Reports

## Village Hall

The application is for planning for the ongoing works to restore and improve the VH.

# 63/2023 Dates of next meeting.

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

14th November 2023 16:30- Underskiddaw Church Room

9th January 2024 16:30- Underskiddaw Church Room

Meeting Closed 17:23

**Action: Clerk to speak to the editor of the Underskiddaw Newsletter about the copy dates for his newsletter and to ask if it is possible for the PC to put in an article at each addition.**