**Askham and Helton Parish Council**

**Meeting:** Parish Council Meeting **Date:** Thursday, 26th September 2024

**Venue:** Askham and District Community Centre

**Present:** Laura Harker (LH), Chris Whittaker (CW), Malcolm Holt (MH) Gary Calland (GC)

**Apologies:** John Banks (JB), Mary Westgarth (MW), Sophie Riches (SR)

**In Attendance:** Sandie Watson (Clerk/RFO). Neil Hughes W&FC (NH)

**Members of Public:** 0

**Minutes**

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| 329.1  Apologies | MW – ill, JB – ill, SR - work  Resolved that the apologies be accepted and the reasons recorded. |  |
| 330.2  Declarations of Interest | i. Register of Members Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests.  ii. Personal/Prejudicial Interests. Cllr Harker, Village Hall Committee item 7 Planning 7/2024/3097 The Village Hall.  iii. Dispensation Requests. None received. | **ALL** |
| 331.3  Minutes | Resolved that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting on 30th May 2024 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. |  |
| 332.4  Public Participation/  Open Session | No comments received. |  |
| 333.5  Outcomes of Actions of last meeting | **Tree seat** – MH and CW works ongoing. | **MH & CW** |
| 334.6  External Meetings | A brief report was received from Cllr Neil Hughes. Repairs should be done to Askham Bridge. 20mph speed limit is going ahead, consultations are taking place. W&FC lighting review has been put back until 2025.  Place Action Group - Cllr Estill elected to Chair, Councillors urged to attend meetings. Cllr Hughes is intending to retire in November – date to be confirmed but it was likely this would be his last meeting at Askham. LH expressed thanks and appreciation for his support to the Council. |  |
| 335.7  Planning Applications | **Applications:**  **7/2024/3097 The Village Hall, Askham & District Community Centre, Askham CA10 2PF**  Re-cladding of exterior walls and installation of a disabled access ramp. **Resolved to support.**    **7/2024/3077 Sycamore House, Askham, CA10 2PF**  Listed Building Consent. Proposed alterations to the rear of Sycamore House including both internal and external works.  **Resolved no objection.**    **7/2024/3076 Sycamore House, Askham, CA10 2PF**  Proposed alterations to the rear of Sycamore House including both internal and external works.  **Resolved no objection.**    **T/2024/0117 Lowside Farm, Helton, CA10 2QA**  Plum tree (T1) – fell to ground level. **Resolved no objection. Granted.**    **T/2024/0140 St Peters Church, Askham, CA10 2PF**  Fell 1 large tree, leaving a stump that can be used as a seat. **Ratified no objection.**  **T/2024/0123 Scar View, Askham, CA10 2PG**  3 x Copper Beech Trees – crown lift removing all branches to a height of 4m together with relevant pruning – as per supporting document. **Ratified no objection. Granted.**    **7/2024/3055 Land southeast of Holywell House, Helton, CA10 2QA**  Agricultural shed for the storage of crops and machinery. **Non consultation**. **Noted.**    **7/2024/3022 Scalegate, Heltondale, Penrith, CA10 2QL**  Remove condition 2 (Local Occupancy) on planning permission 7/2006/3148 – Re-instatement of existing farmhouse and conversion of outbuildings into additional living accommodation. **No Objection. Granted with conditions.**    **7/2024/3050 Low Moss, Helton, Penrith, CA10 2QA**  Proposed alterations and extension – variation of condition 2 (plans) of planning permission 7/2023/3072 with the introduction of solar panels to west elevation, additional window to north elevation and substation of Westmorland slates for Welsh slates. **No objection to solar panels, objection to substitute slates. Granted solar panels, Refused timber cladding and window. Granted with conditions.**    **7/2023/3190 Lowther Castle and Gardens, Old Walled Garden, Lowther**  Construction of paths. **Pending response from LDNPA.** | **SW** |
| 336.8  Fellrunner Village Bus Service | Resolved to donate £250.00 to support residents using the service. | **SW** |
| 337.9  Roads and Highways | Gully between Helton and Butterwick has been cleared. Cattlegrid at Helton is full of spoilage. The Council resolved to contact Highways again as although Highways state it is within acceptable levels of debris there are concerns that stock may attempt to escape over the grid. Clerk to contact Highways. GC to provide further information to the Clerk. | **SW**  **GC** |
| 338.10  Election of Parish Members LDNPA | The Council has not received any applicants. No further action. |  |
| 339.11  20mph Speed Limit through Askham | CW reported the consultation phase ends 18 October 24. 500 responses over 28 areas have been received to W&FC to date. These have been mostly positive. If public approval is received further consultation for signage will be received. |  |
| 340.12  Westmorland & Furness Ward Ward Boundary Consultation | Resolved no comments to make. |  |
| 341.13  Westmorland and Furness Local Plan Consultation | Councillors will contact local landowners to encourage putting forward suggestions for development. | **All** |
| 342.14  Bank Mandate | The mandate has been sent still awaiting response, Clerk to follow up. | **SW** |
| 343.15  Financial Report | Resolved: The Clerk circulated the budget and bank reconciliation. Closing balance on 30 August 2024 £11,047.90.  The Council reviewed and accepted the transactions and budget 2024/25 updates.  Acknowledgement for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return has been received from the auditors. | **SW** |
| 344.16  Payments of Account | Resolved. The Council approved for payment:  Clerk’s wages/expenses £1272.96, CPSL £69.60, HP Ink £18.00, Mower Fuel £80, Hall Rent £10.00. | **SW** |
| 345.17  Correspondence | Good Councillors Guide is available online.  Reading Room/Monty: following investigation the committee for the  Monty is dissolved as there are no trustees. The property belongs to the residents not the Council. The Council resolved no further action to be taken.  Off road footpath Helton to Askham letter acknowledged. |  |
| 346.18  Items for agenda and dates of next meetings | Parish Council Meetings:  Thursday, 28th November 2024  Budget, Water buffalo on Helton to Whale Bridleway.  All meetings held at 7.00pm at Askham and District Community Centre. | **SW** |

**Meeting closed 20.25pm**