Askham and Helton Parish Council

Meeting: Parish Council Meeting **Date:** Thursday, 23rd January 2025

Venue: Askham and District Community Centre

Present: Malcolm Holt (MH), Mary Westgarth (MW), Gary Calland (GC), John Banks (JB)

Apologies: Laura Harker (LH), Chris Whittaker (CW), Sophie Riches (SR)

In Attendance: Sandie Watson (Clerk/RFO)

Members of Public: 1

Minutes

365.1	LH - Personal	
Apologies	CW - work	
	SR - holiday	
	Resolved that the apologies be accepted and the reasons recorded.	
366.2	i. Register of Members Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to	ALL
Declarations of	update their Register of Interests.	
Interest	ii. Personal/Prejudicial Interests.	
	iii. Dispensation Requests. None received.	
367.3	Resolved that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on 28th	
Minutes	November 2024 were accepted as a true record and signed by the	
	Chairman.	
368.4	No comments received.	
Public		
Participation/		
Open Session		
369.5	Tree seat – MH reported the old seat has been removed. Measuring up	MH &
Outcomes of	has been done and progress being made.	CW
Actions of last	Gully between Helton and Butterwick is blocked again. Clerk to	
meeting	contact Highways.	
370.6	No reports received.	
External		
Meetings		
371.7	Applications:	SW
Planning		
Applications	T/2024/0216 Forge Cottage, Askham, CA10 2PF	
	T1, T2 & T6 - Sycamore, T3 - Willow, T4 - Norway Spruce - fell and	
	remove. T5 - Damson - removal of 2 major stems and crown reduction	
	by 2 metres. Ratified no objection. Granted.	

	7/2024/2100 Charal View Halton CA10 20 A	
	7/2024/3109 Chapel View, Helton, CA10 2QA	
	Demolish and replace sunroom. No objection. Granted	
	7/2023/3190 Lowther Castle and Gardens, Old Walled Garden, Lowther Construction of paths. Pending response from LDNPA.	
	7/2023/3025 Helton Head Farm – enforcement case ref: E/2024/0258	
372.8	A keen response has been received from Lowther who are organising a	SW
Off road footpath	public consultation. The Council would like to invite a representative	
Helton to	from Lowther to provide an update on the proposal.	
Askham	The state of the s	
373.9	GC raised concern regarding the parking of cars between The Health	SW
Areas of concern	Barn and Green Croft. Clerk to request an update from CW and escalate	
in the parish and	the concerns to the owner.	
village parking	Parking for organised events in the village. Concern was raised about	
issues	the lack of notice from event organisers.	
374.10	A notification has been received from W&FC informing the council that	
Publicity to	the parish will no longer be consulted for tree works and TPO. Any	
proposed works	application details can be found on the weekly planning list. It was	
to trees	noted the LDNPA will continue to consult the Council on these	
	applications.	
375.11	Also known as The Old School and owned by The Official Custodian for	MW
The	Charities on behalf of the trustees of Helton Village Hall of Charity	& SW
Monty/Reading	Commission Direct. The Council would like to encourage the re-	& MH
Room, Helton	establishment of a community group/trustees. The Council will	
	advertisement for volunteers by placing an advert in the village	
	newsletter and village Facebook group.	
376.12	The Council resolved to advertise in the newsletter for ideas and	SW&
VE Day 80 th	organisers to celebrate the event on 8 th May 2025.	MH
Anniversary		
377.13	Resolved: The Clerk circulated the budget and bank reconciliation.	SW
Financial Report	Closing balance on 30 December 2024 £6,912.96.	
	The Council reviewed and accepted the transactions and budget 2024/25	
270 14	updates.	SW
378.14	Resolved. The Council approved for payment:	300
Payments of Account	Clerk's wages/expenses £591.00, CPSL £34.80, HP Ink £6.00, Hall Rent £10.00. Newsletter £36.00.	
379.15	Place Action Group Meeting action log and plan circulated to council.	
Correspondence	No further comments.	
Correspondence	Lighting Policy Engagement session. Proposal from W&FC to take	
	back responsibility for lighting going to Locality Board Meeting for	
	consideration.	
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	20mph Speed Limit Project – awaiting outcome from Locality Board meeting on 22 nd January 2025. Bridleway No.342017 (Lowther Parish) and 305007 (Askham Parish) approved extension of closure until 30 th September 2025. No alternative route has been given however the route is currently available to the	

	public and is expected to be so until works can be completed in the drier	
	months next summer.	
	Environment Agency New flood warning service is being tested in	
	anticipation of roll out to public.	
	BT Digital Voice Switchover Engagement webinar. Information will be	
	available from BT to support the public before and during the	
	switchover.	
	Nominations are open for Eamont and Shap by election following the	
	resignation of Neil Hughes.	
380.16	Parish Council Meetings:	SW
Items for agenda	Thursday 20 th March 2025	All
and dates of next	Mower Service	
meetings	Website	
	Footpath Update	
	Thursday 22 nd May 202 Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm followed by	
	Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm	
	Thursday 24 th July 2025	
	Thursday, 25 th September 2025	
	Thursday, 20th November 2025	
	All meetings held at 7.00pm at Askham and District Community Centre.	

Meeting closed 20.30pm