

Staveley with Ings Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th May 2024 At the Ayland Pavilion, Staveley – 7.15 p.m.

Present: Cllrs M. Kidd, Y. Cannon, L. Long, D. Michel. P. Riley; Westmorland & Furness Cllr Ali Jama; L. Postlethwaite (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public present: 5

45/24 Apologies: Cllrs A. Salisbury,

46/24 Election of a Chairman for council year 2024/25

It was **resolved** unanimously that Cllr M. Kidd be elected Chairman for the council year 2024/25. Councillors expressed their appreciation of his skills and expertise in chairing the meetings, and in his dedication and work over the last 12 months.

47/24 Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office form for 2024/25 was signed by Cllr. Kidd and witnessed by the Clerk

48/24 Election of a Vice Chairman for council year 2024/25

It was **resolved** unanimously that Cllr A. Salisbury be appointed Vice Chairman for the council year 2024/25.

49/24 Declarations of Interest: None

50/24 Minutes:

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2024 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

51/24 Appointments of members to committees and working groups

- a) **Allotments Working Group:** Cllrs A Salisbury, M Kidd
- b) **Sewerage & Flood Plan Group:** Cllr M. Kidd
- c) **Emergency planning:** Cllrs L. Long, P. Riley, A. Salisbury

52/24 Appointment of representatives

- a) **CALC South Lakeland District Association Committee:** All Councillors free to attend
- b) **Lakes Line user group and Lakes Line CRP:** Cllr M. Kidd
- c) **LDNP Partnership Forum:** All Councillors free to attend

53/24 Public Participation

- Nick Gallavin has accepted the role of Clerk and will be attending the next meeting
- Arthur Capstick was nominated for a Parish Community Award
- A resident of Ings noted that speeding traffic on the A591 at Ings, has become an issue once more. They requested that the Speed Indicator Device (SID) be deployed again, as it was successful last time it was used. Clerk to request the SID's return from Grayrigg
- The Ings playground had been checked and it was noted that there were some damaged branches on one of the large trees. Cllr Riley offered to contact Matthew Flynn (Radiata Specialist Tree Services).
- The wall at Ings Village Hall, which has previously been damaged by the River Gowan, is in a worse state of repair. This wall is jointly owned by the Village Hall and the Parish Council

- It was noted that the cobble stones, that have been placed in front of the flower box at the entrance to Windermere Road, will encourage weed growth and also make grass mowing difficult
- The food van in the layby on the A591 between Staveley and Ings has now had the wheel removed. It looks unsightly, is encouraging weed growth, and is restricting potential parking. There was a suggestion that there is a new note on the door; Cllr Riley offered to check the notice. It was noted that the van had been reported previously, however it was suggested that the Clerk should report it again to the W&F Highways department.
- A business owner in Staveley noted that there were suspicious holes in the riverbank, possibly indicating the presence of rats. It was suggested that they look for evidence of rats, in which case Pest Control could be contacted. It was also suggested that it would be good to try and remove all food sources, which are coming from cardboard recycling not being disposed of correctly. This may be an Environmental Health issue.

54/24 Planning Applications

a) New Planning Applications

T/2024/0061: 38 B, Main Street, Staveley. Fell 1 larch. **Decision from LDNPA – no objection**

7/2024/5092: Barley Bridge Barn, Staveley. Replace existing shed with a summerhouse - **no objection**

7/2024/5119: Part OS 1242, Windermere Road, Staveley. 3 dwellings - variation of condition 1 (plans) of planning permission 7/2006/5272 for amended design proposals - **no objection**

T/2024/0038: Fox Barn, Barley Bridge, Staveley. Fell 1 cypress - **no objection**

7/2024/5177: Gift Shop, Main Street, Staveley. Change of use from retail gift shop to hot food takeaway – **Councillors support this application as it is a growing business that is an asset to the village**

7/2024/5162: Cragg Cottage, Staveley. Demolition of existing single storey extension, erection of two storey extension - **no objection**

7/2024/5158: 13 Danes Road, Staveley. Upgrade of existing garage/workshop to bike/garden store and workshop (and to make watertight) including the following: Reduce garage length by approx.800mm to reduce impact on back lane and allow space for water butt. Replace mono pitch roof to 15 degree east/west duo pitch with solar panels to both pitches. New/replacement windows and doors (garage door removed) - **no objection**

b) Planning Applications determined since last meeting

7/2024/5103: 3, Kent Drive, Staveley. Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof. **Approved with conditions**

7/2024/5128: Greenholme, Ings. Agricultural workers dwelling - remove condition 2 on planning permission 7/1984/5547 restricting occupation to an agricultural worker. **Approved unconditionally**

7/2024/5085: Meadow Bank, Kendal Road, Staveley. Small single storey extension to the front of the property. Modify the driveway to allow more parking and safer turning onto the main road.

Refused

7/2021/5196: 1 High Knott Barn, Ings. Amendment of local occupancy condition to correspond with Draft Housing Supplementary Planning Document. Redevelopment of agricultural building to two local needs dwellings. **Finally disposed of**

c) Planning Applications still outstanding

7/2023/5189: Land north of Kentmere Mills, Chapel Lane, Staveley. Erection six units including five industrial starter units and one two storey office and warehouse facility; associated car parking and vehicle electrical charging points; and solar panels to the roof slopes.

7/2024/5144 - Hill Farm, Ings. Change of use of land for siting of 3 holiday pods

55/24 Community plan update - Meeting of the Community Plan Group on 24th April

- The aim of the meeting was to review the draft Action Plan Revision for 2023-25. It was proposed that this is discussed at the next Parish Council meeting (Monday 3rd June) to see if the PC will adopt it. Clerk to add it to the agenda.
- The next meeting of the Community Plan Action Group is due on 23rd May 2024

56/24 Community plan update – Taking really positive action on climate change and biodiversity

- As part of the C&N Partnership grant and 6 week engagement exercise, a couple of pizza drop in sessions have taken place for the youth of the village. It was identified that they would like a safe place to socialise, particularly as once leaving primary school, they may go on to different senior schools. It is hoped that by developing facilities that support social opportunities this may encourage active involvement in the village once they leave primary school.
- There is the possibility of support from Cumbria Youth Alliance

57/24 Community plan update – Helping residents thrive within the community

Businesses in Staveley Mill Yard have been approached to see if they would consider taking on the sub post office. The question was raised as to whether it may be run as a Community Benefit Society, however suitable premises would still need to be found.

58/24 Community plan - Creating attractive, welcoming and nature friendly villages

- The furniture for Alec Row has arrived and the next phase is to take place on Thursday 16th May. Thanks were extended for the contributions towards the costs. Clerk to provide a breakdown to Cllr Cannon. Clerk to add furniture to insurance policy along with two existing benches.
- There was a reminder that despite all the hard work, the plans for the New Abbey were not accepted and instead it is to be used for affordable homes. As nothing has been heard about the progress of the tender document, Councillors **agreed to write another letter seeking an update.**
- It was felt that the Scottish Place Survey, used for the New Abbey proposal, contained a lot of useful information. Councillors **agreed** to ask for the data from the survey. Cllr Michel offered to make the request.

59/24 Community plan – Communication

The C&N Partnership grant would support an overhaul of the noticeboards in the parish. This is to be added to the agenda for the next meeting

60/24 Bus and train timetables/tourist information board

The PC used to combine bus and train timetables onto cards and posters, however it was **agreed** that this is no longer necessary. The tourist information board opposite the chip shop has recently been updated, so it was felt that nothing needs to be added to it.

61/24 Sewerage and flooding update – PTP letter and moratorium

- United Utilities (UU) have continued their work with cameras throughout the network and identified issues with ingress due to a leak in the pipework. They have promised the resources to get this sorted, however it will take time. In the meantime, they have temporarily expanded capacity at the treatment works
- It was agreed that Councillors should send the PTP letter, however it has been held for a while so needs to be reviewed. Clerk to send letter to Cllr Kidd
- The implications of the above, on the moratorium were discussed and it was agreed to review the moratorium in 3 months. Clerk to add to agenda in 3 months
- Clerk requested to contact CALC as to how binding the moratorium is on a Councillor that they cannot make an independent review of decisions on a case by case basis

62/24 Contents of Ayland shed and insurance

The gritter and the generator are to be kept in the shed and the flood gear needs to be moved there. Clerk to check the insurance of the contents.

63/24 Consideration of the use of weedkillers

W&F Council have been using weed killer to reduce the spread of growth in unwanted areas. Discussions were held between the need to reduce invasive spreads which become dangerous when unchecked, for example near kerb stones, and the desire to recognise and encourage biodiversity. Councillors agreed to send a letter to Westmorland & Furness Council outlining that the PC would support reduced use of weedkillers and emphasising the fact that biodiversity is a key factor in the Community Plan. They would suggest that biodiversity is considered in their regime and the impact assessed.

64/24 Correspondence

A list of correspondence received has been circulated (including a funding request from the Clean River Kent Campaign). A notification had been received about a couple of unofficial signs, placed on existing signage, on the A591 near the short dual carriageway section by the turn off for Ashes Lane campsite. It was suggested that this should be reported to Highways. Clerk to report this

65/24 Finance

- The addition of the new Clerk and removal of 2 x signatories on the bank mandate were **authorised**.
- The Asset Register and Risk Assessment were **approved**
- The annual accounts had been distributed to Councillors and were available at the meeting. The internal audit, to be carried out by Mr Malcolm Richardson, is to take place on 16th May. Various earmarked reserves (£23,922) are held with the monies to be spent in the future for designated projects. The level of general reserves now stands at £19,482 which complies with the recommended amount equivalent to the precept claimed of £17,407

Income

Allotments to 30th April 2024	£1,440.20
VAT refund for 2023/24	£822.37
Westmorland & Furness Council - Precept	£16,740.00

Payments

CALC - Annual subscription CALC and NALC	£380.13
Lady Greenfingers – Greenspaces maintenance (April 2024)	£80.00
Cllr Kidd – Advert new Clerk	£7.00
SVA – Room hire (Community plan group meeting)	£24.00
Ings Parish Hall – Room hire (17.04.24)	£34.00
Zurich Municipal – Insurance	£1,566.80
L Postlethwaite - Clerk’s salary April 2024	£450.60
NBB Recycled Furniture - Alec Row	£2,394.00

66/24 Date of next meeting: Monday 3rd June at the Ayland Pavilion, Staveley at 7.15pm

Signed (Chair)

Date: