

Staveley with Ings Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd April 2024 At the Parish Hall, Ings – 7.15 p.m.

Present: Cllrs M. Kidd, Y. Cannon, A. Capstick, L. Long, D. Michel, M. Powell. P. Riley.
L. Postlethwaite (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public present: 13

01/24 Apologies: Cllr A. Salisbury

02/24 Declarations of Interest: None

03/24 Minutes: it was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 4th March 2024

04/24 Public Participation:

- Graham Livesey was presented with a Parish Council Community Award for his unstinting services in helping to keep the streets of Staveley clean. He was instrumental in placing 4 dog poo bins in strategic places and has then been steadfast in emptying them for the last 15 years.
- A local resident noted that work carried out by a landowner near Ashes Lane had adversely affected the footpath to Ashes Lane campsite. There was also noise disturbance when a field was used as an off roading racecourse. It was noted that the Parish Council have no powers to address this and that a change of use of land is allowable for up to 28 days a year (reduced to 14 for motor racing), therefore it may be useful to keep a diary of events.
- It was noted that Ings playground had been checked and that the mole eradication had finally been successful
- Appreciation was expressed for the great service of meals on wheels in Staveley which is implemented by Burneside bakery

05/24 Planning Applications:

a) **New Planning Applications**

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. **Supported**

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.

Supported

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

7/2024/5128: Greenholme, Ings. Agricultural workers dwelling - remove condition 2 on planning permission 7/1984/5547 restricting occupation to an agricultural worker. **Councillors would not oppose an unfettered dwellinghouse, but would recommend that should this condition be removed, then a local occupancy condition should be applied**

T/2024/0052: St James's Church, Brow Lane, Staveley. Fell 1 cypress - 5 day notice (**For information only**)

b) **To note Planning Applications determined since last meeting**

T/2024/0002: Eagle & Child, Staveley. Fell 1 Willow. **No objection**

7/2024/5075: 2 Scoggs Close, Staveley. Single Storey extension. **Certificate of Lawfulness Granted**

7/2022/5600, Big Meadow, Windermere Road, Staveley. The development proposed is the formation of a field access to Big Meadow off Windermere Road, Staveley, and closing up of existing access off Brow Lane – **The appeal is dismissed**

7/2024/5014: 32, Seedfield, Staveley. Demolition of Conservatory & replacement single storey rear extension, front infill extension, parking area & garden building. **Approved with conditions**

7/2024/5089: 16, Seedfield, Staveley. Proposed dormer roof extension, single storey side extension and new detached single garage to replace existing. **Approved with conditions**

7/2024/5082: Fell Garth, Crook Road, Staveley. Demolition of existing kitchen, garage and outbuilding and construction of new side and rear extension with covered patio, new detached garage, block up existing access and creation of new vehicle access parking and turning area and associated landscaping to gardens. **Approved with conditions**

c) To note Planning Applications still outstanding

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.

7/2023/5189: Land north of Kentmere Mills, Chapel Lane, Staveley. Erection of six portal frame industrial starter units and a two storey office and warehouse facility with associated car parking and the provision of vehicle electrical charging points and solar panels to the roof slopes, following withdrawal of application ref 7/2022/5208.

06/24 Community plan update – newsletter

The success of the newsletter was discussed. There was a consensus that it is a powerful tool for disseminating information to all members of the community (it is also available online on the Staveleywithings.org website). Councillors agreed to the costs for continuing it for another year.

07/24 Community plan update – partnership grant

- The first event for the young people of Staveley and Ings is to take place on Thursday 18 April from 4.00 - 6.00pm at Staveley Pavilion followed by one on Saturday 20 April 12.00 - 2pm.
- Staveley school has also been supportive of community composting, including the use of a hot composter. The school will be able to save money on both food and paper waste and it is hopeful that the local cafés may be persuaded to take part too

08/24 Community plan update – assets of value

There is still a need to identify those assets that are important to the community. This will help to feed into the neighbourhood plan and consequently the Lake District National Park's Development Plan

09/24 Community plan update – sewage

- Staveley residents should have received a letter from United Utilities (UU) which includes a notice about the availability of free water butts.
- UU have completed their investigations into mapping and filming the combined network, however they are still tracking the flow. A full report is due at the first bi-monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday 9th April (subsequent meetings are scheduled for 4th June and 6th August).

10/24 Closure of the sub Post Office in Staveley

The current sub post office in Staveley will close from July 2024. As the service is important to a big percentage of the community, the closure has been raised as an issue. This was discussed however, as yet, no solution has been found and the Parish Council will continue to take an interest in the situation.

11/24 Bus stop at Staveley Village Hall – whether to end the lease early or to retain it

A meeting with the SVA had been cancelled so the matter is to be carried forward by the Clerk as an agenda item for a future meeting

12/24 Parish horticulture update

The parish horticulture will be conducted on a contracted basis. Cllr Cannon had reviewed three tenders which had all come in at around £20 per hour. She strongly recommended that of a local professional gardener, who already works in the area, and has previously demonstrated care of the local green spaces. Cllrs agreed to accept her tender of 4/6 hours per month based on a set schedule. It was noted that this does not include Alec Row.

13/24 Fellfoot Cottages allotment septic tanks contract

It had been brought to the PCs attention that the septic tank acknowledgement fee had not been charged to the residents of Fellfoot Cottages for many years. Cllrs agreed to re-instate the fee from March 2024 at a charge of £5 per property per annum.

14/24 Sewage and flooding update – PTP Letter

- Following the successful meeting with UU in January, the sewage party working group felt that rather than sending a letter, it was better to have discourse with UU around the use of Package Treatment Plants (PTPs)
- The issue of the use of PTPs for new developments has evolved following the January 2024 meeting with UU. Firstly, it has been found that the sewage on the streets issue is due to surface and ground water, rather than foul water from properties, and secondly UU have promised action and investment. Therefore, data is required to consider the possibility of future connection to the mains network rather than PTPs
- Cllrs agreed to wait until figures were given by UU at the first bi-monthly meeting, before making the decision as to whether a letter regarding the use of PTPs is necessary. Clerk to carry this forward to a future agenda

15/24 Strategy to raise the profile of councillors for recruitment

At the moment Facebook and the newsletter are being used to raise the profile of councillors and the need for recruitment. Consideration needs to be given as to other methods that could prove successful

16/24 Review of the moratorium

The reasons for the moratorium were discussed. Again, Cllrs agreed to wait until figures were given by UU at the first bi-monthly meeting, before making any decisions as to how the moratorium should subsequently be reviewed and updated. Clerk to carry this forward to a future agenda

17/24 Resignation of Parish Clerk

There has been interest for the role, although as yet no formal applications. It is hoped that an appointment can be made for commencement prior to the next meeting. Councillors agreed that the recruitment panel could appoint a replacement following interviews.

18/24 Correspondence:

A list of correspondence received has been circulated, and included in this was a request from Electricity North West, for an arborist surveyor to prune some tree branches away from conductors, at Fellfoot allotments. Cllrs agreed that he could do so, however it was noted that care should be taken around a 400 year old tree underneath one of the wires.

19/24 Finance

The bank reconciliation to 31st March 2024 was reviewed and signed off

Income

An early receipt for Fellfoot allotments £28.00

Payments

Clerk Lesley Postlethwaite – March Salary £360.40

HMRC – Tax deducted £90.20

Ings Parish Hall – Room hire £24.00

EH Buckley – Material for mole removal £67.99

20/24 Date of next meeting: Monday 13th May at the Ayland Pavilion, Staveley

Signed (Chair)

Date:

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