

Bridekirk Parish Council
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Minutes of the meeting of Bridekirk Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th March 2024

Comment [DC1]: R

Present: Mr S Dumbill (Chair); Mr R Coy; Mr R Stenson; Mr B Crosby; Mr F Armstrong; Mr M Buckley; Cllr M Harris & Clerk : Ms D Cosgrove

Parish Meeting

1.2.24 Apologies received from: Mr M Rollison; Mr D Hodgson & Mr W Nixon

2.2.24 The minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 14th February were signed as a true record.

3.2.24 No declarations of interest

4.2.24 There were no members of the public present at the meeting

5.2.24 Accounts approved for payment:

- Fencing for Dovenby Green £2,550 (TBC before payment as invoice may be incorrect)
- Room Hire £175

6.2.2024 Reports from outside bodies:

Cumberland Council - Report had been previously circulated via email. Noted that the speed checks had take place and this confirmed that the speed limit is being regularly broken and at a higher level of speed than the last time it was checked. Awaiting further updates.

7.2.24 Planning Applications – None to consider this period.

8.2.24 Clerks report - reported under appropriate headings.

Noted that the Clerk is going to be in hospital for the May meeting of the PC, so it was resolved that the meeting is brought forward to enable her to attend. This means that the May APM and Parish meeting will now be held on Wednesday 1st May at 7.15pm and 7.30pm respectively.

9.2.24 Flooding updates –

- It had been observed that the beck is again looking dirty with cloudy water and froth in the water that appears to have come from pollutants. Clerk to correspond with Mr Buckley to see if anything has been noticed and any action taken.

10.2.24 Parish Maintenance – .

Mr Buckley confirmed that he has now moved from the area and therefore will no longer be eligible to represent the Parish, so he has drawn up a proposed schedule

of the maintenance tasks for the remaining Parish Councillors to consider at the next meeting of the PC

- **Dovenby/M Sport wall.** No apparent work has been undertaken, although M Sport are aware of the problem.
- **Potholes** - There has been notification of a road closure to resolve some of the potholes but this has been delayed, hope to have the work completed before the next meeting.
- **Street Lighting** – Clerk to ask advice from NALC following the removal of the lighting in Dovenby where ENW have replaced old poles. This was something we were aware may become a problem from discussions in 2021, however this could represent a safety issue, the PC are not in a financial position to take on the responsibility of the lighting as this has always been a Local Authority responsibility, and to take on the lighting of one village will set the precedent for all villages.
- **Seat on Tallentire Hill** – Should have a progress update for next meeting.
- Concern has again been raised by the homeowner of the area near the school about the damage to the land by drivers using the entrance as a turning circle. This has been previously been raised as an issue, but the land is not owned by the PC so cannot therefore be maintained through their limited funds. It should be maintained by the owners, however Highways have previously said it is private land and the homeowner does not believe it belongs to them. Recommended that the homeowner contacts land registry to confirm ownership to resolve the matter.

11.2.2024 Tallentire Wind Farm Fund –

No meeting for some time to come but should be looking at applications to go forward. Mr Stenson will continue to look at options for potential of having planters in the villages and report back to the PC

**12. 2.2024 Noted date and time of next meeting : Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 7.30pm
Bridekirk Parish Church**