

Bridekirk Parish Council
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**Minutes of the meeting of Bridekirk Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th
September 23**

Present: Mr R Stenson (Acting Chair); Mr R Coy; Mr M Buckley; Mr W Nixon; Mr D Hodgson; Cllr M Harris & Clerk : Ms D Cosgrove

Parish Meeting

- 1.3.23** Apologies received from: Mr S Dumbill (Chair); Mr M Rollison; Mr F Armstrong; Mr B Crosby;
- 2.3.23** The minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 12th July 2023 were signed as a true record.
- 3.3.23** No declarations of interest
- 4.3.23** There were no members of the public present at the meeting
- 5.3.23** Accounts :
- Lazy Lawns; August Cut – cheque 100081
 - Approval also given for Beck Clearance costs

6.3.23 Reports from outside bodies.

- Cumberland Council – Cllr Harris gave a verbal update on activity since the last meeting, he continues to pursue the issue of white lines for safety at Dovenby, but this may take some time.
- Concrete issue in schools. Only school affected by this in Parish is Cockermouth, but this lasted for only one day before classes resumed.
- Bin strike is over, may take a couple of weeks to settle back to usual routine, this is particularly around the paper and cardboard collections.
- Cllr Harris is stepping down as Portfolio Holder for Wellbeing and Health. This will not affect his ongoing attendance at Parish Council meetings.
- Meeting of the Lakes to Sea Community is to be held at The Kirkgate on 26th October at 6pm and is open to all.

7.3.23 Planning Applications – nothing to report this period

8.3.23 Clerks report - reported under appropriate headings.

9.3.23 Flooding updates – Dovenby Beck Clearance – this work is being undertaken. It was resolved that Mr Buckley should arrange for a skip to be brought in to remove the debris that has been lifted.

- There was further flooding near The Ship as a result of blocked drainage due to a collapse further up the road. A worker had attended and attempted to clear the drains nearest the problem area but the collapse needs to be dealt with before this will be resolved.

10.3.23 Parish Maintenance – .

- **Doveny/M Sport wall.** Work had been started on the repair of the wall, although there was no response to the email sent by the Clerk to Mr Mullen. The contractor working on Beck Clearance has identified Japanese Knotweed that is growing through the hole in the wall, this needs to be tackled by M Sport as a matter of urgency to prevent further spread outside of the M Sport facilities. Mr Buckley will try to make contact with Mr Mullen, if he is unable to, then Clerk to write to him.
- **Grass areas to be cut:** Agreed that this still needs to be done prior to the next cutting season.
- **Potholes** – again it was confirmed that any member of the community who has concerns about the state of the roads/potholes should be reporting these in directly to the Highways. Suggestion made that we have a banner headline to this effect on the Parish Council website. To be discussed with Mr Rollison on his return from holiday.
- **Fencing in Dovenby** – Confirmation that we still require a second quote for the application to CCF to be finally agreed..
- **Defibrillators:** Batteries now received. All defibrillators in good working order

11.3.23 Tallentire Wind Farm Fund – CCF There were only two applications in to the last meeting, one being the one from Bridekirk Parish Council for £7,700 for fencing. This is also being supported by the PC to the amount of £500. Bridekirk Friendship Group were also successful in securing £2,320. There is only approximately £53,000 left for this year and a further £30,000 p.a. to cover the four eligible Parishes will be made available in the next Financial Year.

**12.3.23 Noted date and time of next meeting : Wednesday 8th November at 7.30pm
Bridekirk Parish Church**