

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillor: M Percy, J Hobson, P Wait and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

Apologies: None.

REF

219/24 Open Forum

Cllr Percy welcomed the owner of Woodpecker cottage to the meeting, they are concerned about the planning application which has been submitted again for Whitehaven. The main issue is with the balcony, which is sited to look directly over neighbours back garden. There will also be Increased traffic with the construction on an already dangerous section of road. The property also appears to be overdeveloped, is there really a need to have 4 toilets.

The resident of Lapley bungalow was also welcomed to the meeting, they are concerned about the dormer window which will look into their bedroom window. The house will also be built right up to the boundary, this will force cars to park outside on the road obstructing other road users view, particularly Lapley Bungalow as they try and leave their property.

Both have commented on the application to SDC.

220/24 Apologies for absence

Cllr Eardley and County Cllr Thomas.

221/24 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None.

222/24 Co-option to the council

The councillors voted to co-opt Shona Percy to the council.

223/24 Reports from County and District Councillors

County Cllr Thomas had submitted a report prior to the meeting, which has been circulated.

District Cllr Percy circulated his report before the meeting.

224/24 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th November were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

225/24 Planning

The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

- a) S.24/1802/HHOLD – Whitehaven, Westend – loft extensions, single storey rear extension. **Object**
- b) S.24/1766/HHOLD – Lapley Bungalow, Westend – erection of conservatory. **Support**
- c) S.24/1927/HHOLD – 2 The Close – erection of 2 storey side extension, and single storey garage and porch to the front. **No comment**
- d) S.24/0672/FUL – Land at Betworthy Farm – erection of 17 dwellings including 6 affordable units, vehicular access onto The Close and associated landscaping and infrastructure. **Object**

The council has received notification regarding the following planning applications:

- a) S.24/1482/HHOLD – 16 The Close – erection of single storey rear extension. Front porch new green roof garage. **Permitted**

226/24

Accounts - PC

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Cambridge Solar Farm	1737.60	RPI Benefit payment
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Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	491.20	Wages - October
Hathaway Gardenscape	621.40	Grass contract
Hathaway Gardenscape	510.00	Grass Contract
S Cook	146.87	Newsletter Printing
S Cook	100.00	Newsletter editing

CRAG Expenses

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

None

Payments for Authorisation

Sarah Cesek	45.00	Yoga Teaching
Cam Family Butchers	246.00	Halloween Event
Sarah Lorkin	213.63	Halloween Event
World Jungle	3600.00	Community Play days
Grimshaw Kinnear Ltd	4024.80	Tennis courts, lines and cleaning

- b) 1st draft of the precept discussed

227/24

Clerks Report

- The T&C strategic forum meeting will take place on 2nd December, 6-7.30pm.
- The clerk has been in communication with Mr Goring regarding the village gateways, he is in full support and would like to see a sign referring to litter added to them. Clerk to measure and then send through location etc to highways for consideration.
- Cllr Eardley circulated the Equalities and Diversity Policy for consideration by the councillors. The council voted to support this policy.
- The SDC council plan consultation closed on Sunday 8th December.
- The new procurement act briefing session will take place on 20th November, 10 am online or 11th December at 5.30pm at Ebley Mill.
- The Christmas meal will be booked for Tuesday 10th December at 7pm.
- The clerk has been contacted by a resident who wanted the council to enforce the empty house powers. The clerk has responded to advise they will need to contact SDC.

Clerk

	The revised standing orders have been adopted by the council	
228/24	<u>Tennis Court</u> The courts have now been cleaned and remarked. The nets are very low, they appear to have sagged in the middle on both courts. Councillors to consider replacing them in the spring.	
229/24	<u>Lease for shop and village hall</u> Cllrs Hobson & Pearcy to meet with Mr Tony Eve after he has had the opportunity to review the proposed lease. Adaptation can then be sought for the shops lease.	Cllrs Pearcy/Hobson
230/24	<u>Village Shop</u> Cllr Wait reported bookings are now open to order for Christmas food, samples will be available to encourage people. The shop will be decorated at the beginning of December. The committee is looking for a volunteer to offer IT support. There is a good number of volunteers now in the shop which is appreciated.	
231/24	<u>Village Hall Update</u> Cllr Hobson reported the aircon is still not working correctly, the main hall is not getting warm enough. Tony Eve has gone back to the engineer to ask them to move the sensor off the stage and into the main part of the hall. An open day took place to show parishioners the plans for the extension, this was well received by those who attended. In order to fund the proposed development one of the properties will need to be sold, this has not happened to date. In regards to the solar panels the committee is waiting for a new proposal with the supply currently in place.	
232/24	<u>Membership of Rural Network</u> Clerk to circulate information.	Clerk
233/24	<u>Neighbourhood Watch</u> Cllr Pearcy reported 3 residents have expressed an interest, Cllr Pearcy will schedule a meeting for the new year, an invite will be put in the next newsletter.	Cllr Pearcy
234/24	<u>Footpaths, ditches and Stiles</u> Clerk to provide Cllr Wait with a map of all the footpaths in the parish.	Clerk
235/24	<u>Allotment Update</u> Nothing to report.	
236/24	<u>Village Maintenance</u> Clerk to contact some more companies to request quotes to put lines in the car parks and fill in the pothole.	Clerk
237/24	<u>Highways Repair & Maintenance</u> Nothing to report.	
238/24	<u>Playarea Update</u>	

Cllr Hobson carried out the inspection and circulated the report.

239/24 Emergency Plan

Clerk to investigate producing an updated plan.

Clerk

240/24 CRAG

Cllr Percy provided an update, the equality & diversity policy has now been adopted and will be put onto the website. The privacy and data protection policy also needs to be updated and adopted.

Cllr Percy will share with the council the ways of working document.

The bid for funding is in the final stages, the CRAG members have been working hard to reach the deadline.

Cllr Percy

241/24 Matters for forward consideration

Article for Neighbourhood Watch

Lease

Emergency Plan

Precept – 2nd draft

242/24 Items for press release and publication

Minutes

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.