

ESKDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Eskdale Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 7pm in St Bega's Church Hall, Eskdale Green.

Present:	Chairman	Cllr M Shaftesley
	Councillors	Cllr A Vicars
		Cllr R Brown
		Cllr L Hunt
		Cllr H Berger
	Clerk	Mrs D Pickles

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Wedley, Ashall and Tyson

2 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made at this point in the meeting.

3 Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th July 2018

The minutes other than a request to reduce the number of trainees required for British Heart Foundation match funding from 100 to several, were read and agreed, proposed Cllr Hunt, seconded Cllr Vicars.

4 Progress reports

4.1 Defibrillator. The defibrillator unit has arrived and will be installed soon by LDNPA who have agreed to also fund the electricity needed for the cabinet. Cllr Berger stated that the Boot end of the Parish also needs to acquire a unit. Cllr Vicars will arrange for registration of the unit with North West Ambulance Service and a press and photo opportunity with an article in the Parish Magazine.

4.2 The Noticeboard has arrived and awaits installation. The Clerk reminded the Council that the agreed location for this is on the railings opposite the church porch as any other location would require the permission of the Diocese. Suitable fittings will be sourced by Cllr Vicars.

4.3 Parish Plan, Cllr Vicars. Cllr Vicars reported that the sub-committee had met and agreed that there should be a public meeting to be widely advertised as an evening event to possibly include local history and to seek comments on the key plan areas of housing, transport, tourism etc. alongside the LDNPA "Vision" documents. These comments would then be used to update the existing plan and to provide budgeting guidance for the financial year 2020/21 precept planning in November 2019. Publicity for second home owners and regular visitors who may have an input could be via the Parish Magazine and website/s.

5 Planning

5.1 Application No. 7/2018/4100, Dalegarth \Hall Cottage. Development of glamping tent business (said to be resubmission of 7/2011/4006) Cllr Berger subsequently declared a possible conflict of interest in relation to this application. After discussion, it was agreed that there were no planning related objections to this application, however it was noted that this is not a true copy submission as the original permission related to the access being across the existing trail and this new submission shows that it will now be a waterside track along the beck edge. This is particularly relevant as the original application had an advisory note to the effect that even the original access was in an area liable to flooding although at the "once per hundred years" end of

the scale (although these scales have proved rather inaccurate over the last few decades) and this new beck-side access would appear to be a far greater flood risk. Cllr Berger did not make any observations in regard to this application and the decision to raise no objections to the application was not affected by his presence. Clerk to advise LDNPA of both of these points.

5.2 Forestry Commission plan for the Miterdale Forest. After discussion it was generally thought to be beneficial to visitors and local walkers, although the question of the road damage caused by the last large extraction plan which has only been repaired quite recently after a lengthy period where school buses and other users could not travel safely on the road was raised, as was the absence of consultation with some of the residents of Miterdale. Cllr Berger will liaise with those residents and their concerns will be considered as part of the Parish Council's formal response.

6 Members of the Public

There were no members of the public attending.

7 Finance

7.1 Verge cutting contract for 2019. It was agreed that the tender documents be amended to ask for two quotations, one cut only in late July, and for two cuts in June and September. Clerk to arrange for advertisement and receive quotes by 12 noon on 9th November ready for meeting that day.

7.2 Budget pre-planning. Cllr Shaftesley asked all Councillors to think about what items, other than fixed costs such as insurance, CALC membership and Clerk's salary, need to be funded from the next precept.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Request for donations to The Great North Air Ambulance were discussed and, as Eskdale PC is not a "Quality" Council and therefore has no power to make donations it was agreed that no donation was possible

8.2 Royal Mail Spam Mail campaign notice received.

9 Matters for report and next meeting

9.1 Japanese Garden, Cllr Vicars reported that some work has been done round the ponds but it was agreed that another strongly worded letter be sent to the Forestry Commission to bring this nationally and internationally important Mawson garden back to its rightful condition as agreed when the Commission bought this land and garden from the Outward Bound Trust in the 1960's. The letter to also emphasise the LDNPA plans to help widen the tourism areas away from the central lakes to the broader landscape including Eskdale.

9.2 Winter roads, Cllr Vicars reported that he is in contact with both Cumbria Highways and Samantha Bagshawe at CALC and talking about joining with the other parishes between Eskdale and the A595 to perhaps share one gritting resource.

9.3 Street lighting. There were 4 lights not working which have been reported to Copeland and Cllr Vicars was informed that this work has been sent on to the contractors. Cllr Hunt volunteered to visit the Copeland office to ensure that the work is carried out soon as the clocks will change at the end of October and we have a duty to ensure safety of our residents and visitors where possible

9.4 Attendance at external meetings, Cllr Vicars and Cllr Hunt will attend the Three Tier meeting on 18th October and the Clerk will circulate all meeting details as soon as received. It was agreed that, as part of the continuity and planning for absences a new email address be set up on Gmail which all Councillors will be able to access directly, rather than wait for the Clerk to circulate them. Clerk to set up email address and advise all Councillors of the details and password. Clerk to begin migration of regular contacts to the new email address. Urgent or very important messages will be brought to the attention of the whole Council by direct email, but generally it will be for Councillors to regularly check for new communications.

9.5 Silent Soldiers sponsorship to mark centenary of the end of WW1, Cllr Berger asked that the Council purchase one of the British Legion figures for display at the corner or Rigg cottages. After discussion it was agreed that the Suffragette figure was preferred. Clerk to arrange purchase at a cost of £150

9.6 St Bega's Church overgrown border, clearance requested to allow access. Cllr Hunt asked if this had been done yet. It would appear that a start has been made, Clerk will check and report back at November meeting,

9.7 Website – design to be revisited and made much clearer. Add sections on Policy and Plans along with GDPR and DPA statements.

9.8 Due to the collapse of the floor in the Village Hall future meetings may have to be held elsewhere, with full disabled access and room for members of the public or others to attend. The regulations state that meetings should always be held in public buildings but does allow for the use of licensed premises if no suitable venue is available. Cllr Shaftesley to arrange.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting will be on Tuesday 13th November at 7pm, venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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Signed Chairman.....