

## **Beaumont Parish Council**

### **Minutes of Beaumont Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 held in Beaumont Parish Hall at 7pm**

**Present:** Mr T Greenwood (Chair), Mrs J Irving (Vice Chair), Mr D Betts, Mr A Cleminson, Mr P Dry, Mr T Grainger, Mrs Y Palmer, Mr T Allison (Cumberland County Councillor).

Mr Greenwood opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**Apologies** Mrs I Davidson (Clerk)

#### **Minutes of the last Annual Parish Council Meeting**

- The minutes of the last Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 were approved and signed as a true record by Mr Greenwood.

#### **Declaration of Interests:**

- Mr Betts declared an interest in relation to the setting of the grass cutting grants.
- It was agreed he should not be involved in that part of the meeting.

#### **Parishioners' concerns**

- No Parishioners present.

#### **Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:**

##### **Peacocks in Kirkandrews:**

- Information was forwarded as agreed at the last meeting.
- The number of peacocks visible seems to have reduced.
- No further action required unless brought back to the meeting by parishioners.

##### **Tractors driving recklessly through Kirkandrews and Beaumont:**

- Situation has greatly improved with large vehicles/tractors slowing down.
- Speed signage seems to be working
- No further action required unless brought back to the meeting by parishioners.

##### **Camping in the Pound:**

- No more incidences of camping reported, so hopefully just a one off.
- No further action unless brought back to the meeting by parishioners.

##### **Bin for Grinsdale:**

- Mrs Irving to meet with Mr Allison to discuss siting of a bin at the Pound Kirkandrews and Grinsdale Village.
- Mr Allison to approach Neil Dixon at Cumberland Council re approval and costs.

#### **Councillors' Reports**

##### **Parish Plan:**

- Work continues with Mr Greenwood working on extrapolating graphs to reflect actual number.
- Mr Cleminson to update annexe A to reflect the new Governments change in planning policy post election.

### **Community Speedwatch**

- Cumbria speedwatch team have been monitoring the speed of vehicles at Monkhill as requested.
- A community speedwatch training was hoped to be organised but not enough interest from Parishioners to meet the minimum group size of 6-10 people.
- Decision made not to go ahead until enough parishioners come forward to meet the required minimum numbers.

### **Use of Social Media to share information**

- Social media going well with 43 followers and the start of interaction with parishioners.
- Social media will continue to be run by Mr Betts and Mr Cleminson.
- Can now be removed from the agenda.

### **Repair finger sign to Hosket Hill and Moorhouse and missing sign at Beaumont**

- Awaiting collection and repair of Hosket Hill/Moorhouse sign which is kindly being stored by Albinas at Hollow Creek.
- Beaumont sign still awaiting action by Cumberland Council.

### **Defibrillators**

- Mr Betts circulated information of the initial and ongoing costs of defibrillators in the Parish.
- Due to the costs involved, level of ongoing maintenance and location to the hospital it was decided to recanvas opinion when the Parish Plan is distributed.

### **Accounts**

Cheques were raised and approved as follows (including cheques approved but not written at last meeting):

000281	CALC	£201.99	Annual subscription
000282	Monkhill Chapel	£25.00	Meeting room Hire
000283	Burgh by Sands PC	£100.00	Refund speed strip contribution
000284	Mrs I Davidson	£45.00	Admin expenses
000285	HMRC	£83.40	Month 1-3 PAYE
000286	Mrs I Davidson	£323.66	Clerk salary
000287	Border Group Ltd	£261.42	Portaloo Hire
000288	Beaumont Parish Hall	£25.00	Hall Hire

- Mrs Davidson to chase up Invoice for speed monitoring device warranty.

### **Bank and Savings Accounts**

- Mrs Irving approached The Cumberland Building Society regarding the provision of internet banking. Again, the request was refused.
- It was approved to allow The Cumberland Building Society to investigate savings accounts on behalf of the Parish Council.
- In relation to the opening of a savings account all Councillors confirmed they were British Resident and held a UK passport with Mrs Palmer stating she held both a UK and a Russian Passport.
- Mrs Irving to investigate bank and savings account options for the next meeting.

### **Grants (General)**

- Mr Greenwood asked Mrs Palmer to refrain from commenting on this section of the meeting as she had a possible conflict of interest as she was a trustee of the Parish Hall. Mrs Palmer agreed.
- Mr Cleminson to update the grants policy into a formal written document to improve transparency and avoid confusion as to how grants are applied for and awarded.
- It was agreed the Parish Council would remind applicants that grants are not guaranteed and should not therefore be relied upon if setting annual budgets etc

### **Grants in Relation to Grass Cutting**

- The 2024/25 annual grass cutting contribution for the Parish Hall and The Church/Graveyards was agreed to remain at 50% of total cost (2023/24 contribution 50%) but with a maximum amount claimable of £900.

### **Grant requests Beaumont Parish Hall**

- A Grass Cutting Grant of £490.00, being 50% of the total cost of £980.00, was unanimously approved.
- Mr Allison suggested the Parish Hall apply to Helen Esslemont at the Community Panel for a grant to cover the remaining 50%. Mrs Palmer to relay this information back to the Parish Hall Committee.
- It was agreed that the Parish Council would offer to meet the cost of the annual inspection fee of the play equipment located at Beaumont Parish Hall including the amount currently outstanding for the previous inspection.
- The request for a maintenance grant (current and retrospective for 2023/24) was deferred until the next meeting giving the hall time to review its request to a specific item as grants cannot be awarded to cover day to day maintenance or running costs.

### **CPD Training**

- Mrs Davidson to contact CALC suggesting 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Speeding throughout the parish:**

- Bin stickers are starting to be requested but more are available.
- No further action required unless brought back to the meeting by parishioners.

### **Rural Funtime**

- Posters put up and advertised.
- Report and feedback to follow at next meeting.

### **Margaret Hodgson Wiggonby School Trust**

- Mrs Betts sent an annual update and kindly agreed to continue to represent the Parish Council.
- The Parish Council would like to thank Mrs Betts for her time and input in relation to the Wiggonby School Trust.

### **Local Council Award Scheme:**

- Carried forward to next meeting when Mrs Davidson present.

## **Councillors Concerns**

- St Marys Church are looking for volunteers to help relay new paths with a date to be set in September. All help would be appreciated.
- The graveyard at Kirkandrews (looked after by Cumberland Council) is looking untidy. Mr Betts agreed he would contact them to see when they were next scheduled to do any work there.
- Mr Allison was asked the following questions:  
In relation to the change of parliamentary boundaries would there also be a change in parish boundaries. This was in connection with the Parish boundary being on the other side of the bypass which is in a different Parliamentary boundary. Mr Allison said he was unaware of any changes being made.

With the change in Government would there now be more costs passed down from the Cumberland Council to the Parish Councils? Mr Allison said there had been no formal notification but he wouldn't be surprised if that was the case due to the current financial situations of Local Councils and in particular Cumberland.

- Sunday parking on both sides of the road at Monkhill Chapel was now becoming a road hazard. A conversation would be had with the Chapel to see what could be done.

## **Planning and Decisions**

### **NOTIFICATION OF AMENDED DETAILS/FURTHER INFORMATION**

**Proposal:** Erection Of Replacement Hay Store And Tractor Implement Shed

**Location:** Millbeck Stables, Grinsdale Bridge, CA5 6DP **Appn Ref: 23/0752**

**Councillors to review the revised plans and report to Mrs Davidson if any changes to the original comment are to be made. If no changes Mrs Davidson to resubmit original comments.**

### **NOTIFICATION OF DECISION**

**Proposal:** Conversion Of Existing Building To Form An Energy Self-Sufficient Dwelling To Be Occupied In Conjunction With The Existing Renewable Energy Research Business. **Location:** Beaumont Sustainable Development Farm Project, Riverbank Farm, Beaumont, Carlisle, CA5 6EF **Appn Ref: 21/0682**

**Permission Granted Subject To Nutrient Resolution**

**Correspondence:** As circulated plus

- Mrs Betts Wiggonby Trust report
- Parishioner Correspondence regarding the press reporting that Mr Graham is residing at Millbeck Stables.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September in Beaumont Parish Hall at 7pm.

**Meeting Closed:** Mr Greenwood declared the meeting closed at 20.37.