

SKELSMERGH & SCALTHWAITERIGG COMMUNITY PLAN, July 2022

ISSUES	ACTION	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?	WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN?	STATUS, July 2022
ENVIRONMENT				
Litter on road verges	Organise volunteer teams to clear road verges and laybys	Councillors – agenda item at PC meetings, to arrange & report on events CCC Waste Management Team <i>(Westmorland & Furness Council in 2023)</i>	Twice a year	Continues – ongoing
Dog fouling in parish hot spots	PC will provide notices for display in affected areas informing owners to clean-up dog mess - <i>‘There’s no such thing as the dog poo fairy’</i>	Parish residents to request poster from PC as/when required	Ongoing	No concerns have been reported recently; no longer a priority discussion item
Public rights of way and footpath maintenance	Carry out 3 yearly footpath surveys; report problems and deal with minor maintenance issues	Parish Footpath Champion CCC Countryside Access Team	Last completed Spring 2022; due Spring 2025	Issues will continue to be reported on an ad hoc basis, as identified
Parish Woodland maintenance	Maintain Parish owned woodlands to a high standard Organise regular volunteer work parties for maintenance work	Tree warden Councillors	Twice/year, or more if required	Ongoing
HIGHWAYS and TRANSPORT				
Road surfaces, drainage and bridge maintenance	Represent local concerns and maintain good communication with CCC Highways to achieve improved maintenance	Parish Council CCC Highways & CCC Councillor <i>(Westmorland & Furness Council in 2023)</i>	Routine agenda item at all ordinary PC meetings for update on recent/new highways issues of concern	Ongoing
Dangerous parish roads for cyclists and pedestrians	Support and promote measures for safer cycling	Parish Council Sustrans CCC Highways <i>(Westmorland & Furness Council in 2023)</i>	The PC will lobby on behalf of residents when opportunities/concerns arise E.g. ‘Safer walking to school initiatives’	Representation will continue as work plans are developed

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HOUSING				
Need for affordable housing and developments to existing properties in line with the PC criteria	Support applications for new affordable housing, when they present Respond to all planning applications to ensure PC/local criteria is complied with	Parish Council SLDC planning officers (<i>Westmorland & Furness Council in 2023</i>)	Ongoing	PC review planning applications on a case-by-case basis Reported in the minutes of all Ordinary meetings
COMMUNICATIONS				
Improve communication about Parish matters by Councillors and with residents	Increase membership of parish database to maximise publicity of parish events and items of interest to residents	Church and Community News articles	Ongoing Articles in C&C News following Ordinary PC meeting New residents are invited to join the PC database (via the Welcome letter)	New website developed Proposed community event (Summer 2022) to include a focus on emergency planning and promote interest in the vacant Councillor posts
COMMUNITY				
New residents to the parish	Provide a welcome pack, to include: copies of Church and Community News; the Parish Walks and reference to Community Plan on the PC website	Councillors - to deliver packs to new residents in their wards Clerk - to keep plan up to date (per PC meeting) on website and provide envelopes for the packs	Ongoing	Welcome pack reviewed in 2022 PC meetings; may need to reprint parish walks soon
Health care resources	Provide First Aid/CPR training to local people and maintain PC defibrillator	Defibrillator Monitor Councillor	Community training event proposed for summer 2022	New defibrillator pads due March 2023
Provision of varied social activities for residents	Provide financial support (grant awards) to the Community Hall to host events/activities for all age groups (children, young people and adults)	Parish Council Community Liaison Lead Councillor Community Hall Committee	Grant applications are standing items at every Ordinary PC meeting Applications encouraged in PC updates published in C&C News	Discussion with the Community Hall Committee in August to progress joint social event