

**SKELSMERGH & SCALTHWAITERIGG COMMUNITY PLAN, July 2022**

ISSUES	ACTION	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?	WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN?	STATUS, July 2022
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>				
<b>Litter on road verges</b>	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 &amp; Furness Council in 2023)</i>	Twice a year	Continues – ongoing.
<b>Dog fouling in parish hot spots</b>	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
<b>Public rights of way and footpath maintenance</b>	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. Next due Spring 2025	Issues will continue to be reported on an ad hoc basis, as identified
<b>Parish Woodland maintenance</b>	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
<b>HIGHWAYS and TRANSPORT</b>				
<b>Road surfaces, drainage and bridge maintenance</b>	Represent local concerns and maintain good communication with CCC Highways to achieve improved maintenance	Parish Council CCC Highways & CCC Councillor <i>(Westmorland &amp; Furness Council in 2023)</i>	Routine agenda item at all ordinary PC meetings for update on recent/new highways issues of concern	Ongoing
<b>Dangerous parish roads for cyclists and pedestrians</b>	Support and promote measures for safer cycling.	Parish Council Sustrans CCC Highways <i>(Westmorland &amp; 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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<b>HOUSING</b>				
<b>Need for affordable housing and developments to existing properties in line with the PC criteria</b>	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 &amp; Furness Council in 2023)</i>	Ongoing	PC review planning applications on a case-by-case basis. Reported in the minutes of all Ordinary meetings
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>				
<b>Improve communication about Parish matters by Councillors and with residents</b>	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 (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.
<b>COMMUNITY</b>				
<b>New residents to the parish</b>	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 on website and provide envelopes for the packs	Ongoing	Welcome pack reviewed in 2022 PC meetings; may need to reprint parish walks soon
<b>Health care resources</b>	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
<b>Provision of varied social activities for residents</b>	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