

Skelsmergh and Scalthwaiterigg Parish Council

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To Members of Skelsmergh and Scalthwaiterigg Parish Council

You are duly invited/required to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council on

Thursday 23rd November 2023, 7pm at Skelsmergh Community Hall
AGENDA

(Key: MA = papers uploaded to the Members area of the PC Website)

1.Welcome and apologies; To receive apologies and note reasons for absence

34/23

Present: John Chapman, JC, Tim Maggs, TM, Freyja Burrill, FB, Mick Crozier, MC, Chris Loynes, CL, Clerk, RA.

Angela Brand-Barker apologised for family reasons

2.Declarations of interest:

Councillors are reminded of the need to update their Declarations of Interest

To declare any personal interest in items on the agenda and their nature

To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

(Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the room for the relevant items.)

35/23

No councillors had any updates

3.Open Forum: Residents are invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at discretion of the chair. The council will seek information and concerns from any attendees re camping on A6 verge.

36/23

Mrs Mary Chapman attended in her capacity as chair of Community Hall Committee and parishioner and raised issue of carpark surface. Uneven surface is a safety risk. Hall Committee would like council to consider a grant towards cost. CL was able to suggest a possible source of aggregate.

Hall committee are also considering upgrade of kitchen and decking. Council will consider a grant towards costs

Resolved: council will consider a grant upon receipt of estimates.

4.Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting on

07.09.2023. *Paper MA*

No response from Council re representations to council about legality of campervan parking.

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Resolved: Minutes were accepted as a true record. Moved by FB. Seconded TM

5. Matters arising from the minutes

38/23

TM raised issue of tents which seem to be semi permanent on A6 verge

Resolved: Council will write to relevant departments: Health, social care, planning and local W&F councillors

6. Formal announcements by the chair:

Community Plan; Update from working group on 9th November 2023

Consideration and approval of budget for implementation of Plan

37/23

CL has agreed to lead on development of new plan.

Analysis of previous plans and their impact will take place over next three months with progress reports to May meeting. New plan will be ready for parish meeting in 2025.

Discussion of how to engage community. Use of Social media will be explored and survey delivered to all 170 dwellings in parish.

Projected costs: printing of surveys and postage for return

Resolved: Cl's proposals to be adopted. Working party will meet away from council meetings and bring developments to council for approval. This sub group will have power to co-opt any parishioners with appropriate skills/knowledge.

An initial budget of £750 was approved for initial costs.

Moved FB. Seconded MC

7. Grant Applications

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As above council will consider grants toward Community hall refurbishment on receipt of estimates

8. Finance:

To consider payments to be made as per clerk's report. *Papers MA*

To receive and note income

To receive and note bank reconciliation

To receive and approve budget projection for 2024

To consider and approve purchase of new Defibrillator battery
Update and details re new online banking service provided by Unity Trust Bank.
Application has been submitted and progress will be reported at the meeting.

39/23

New bank account will be operational from 30.11.23. This month's payments will be made online after that date.

Budget forecast indicates a healthy carry forward. This carry forward enables council to move forward with new community plan and grants toward Community Hall refurbishment.

Resolved: Monthly report and budget forecast approved. Budget of £250 approved for defibrillator battery. Recommended salary increase for clerk approved. Moved TM second CL

9.Update reports on:

Environment and Community Woodland (report received) JC had obtained a free survey from Cumbria Woodlands and spoke to the recommendations which are complementary to the existing Woodland Management Plan as reviewed.

40/23

JC recommended adoption of the Cumbria Woodland's recommendations and that an application to the Forestry Commission for a felling licence be made in order to implement them. It would thereafter be possible to engage a woodland professional to carry out thinning by running training courses. Community coppicing work parties would continue.

Resolved: Report accepted for implementation. Moved MC, second FB

Highways and transport:there was nothing to report.

Community Assets: refurbishment of noticeboards

JC has spoken to provider of Oakbank board and he will restore it. ABB will negotiate with Scrap Store to refurbish Dodding Holme. Moved MC, second FB

10.External Meetings: To receive reports from any external meetings attended by members

41/23

CL went to Westmorland & Furness Climate Conversation in October;- promoting retro fitting insulation especially for people on low incomes. Parish advisory document available. Unitary Councillors should be approached for input.

12.Planning applications;

42/23

Clerk has checked website weekly and none submitted for this parish

13.Correspondence: To consider correspondence received by the clerk.

43/23

Clerk has written to Highways re concerns over campervans in A6 laybys. No reply as yet.

Resolved: Clerk to Invite Community Enterprise rep to next meeting

14.Date for next meeting: Venue Skelsmergh Community Hall. Thursday 25 January, 7pm

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Chair thanked everyone for their input and closed meeting at 9.05

Ron Anderson

09 November 2023