

MURTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF MURTON PARISH COUNCIL 9 May 2022

Present: Alastair Bell, Barbara Govan, Jim Hardman, Anne King (Vice Chairman), Tina Longstaff, John McDarren (Chairman), EDC Cllr Willie Patterson and one member of the public.

35/22 Apologies for Absence – Cllr Caldwell.

Resolved: to accept Cllr Caldwell's apologies for being unable to attend the meeting.

36/22 Declarations of Interest - No declarations of personal or pecuniary interests in respect of items on this Agenda were made by elected members.

37/22 Minutes of Previous Meetings

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 7 February and the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7 March 2022 be signed by the Chairman as accurate records.

38/22 Open Session – No items were raised by members of the public (or Councillors with a prejudicial interest in an item of business).

39/22 EDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Planning Applications

39/22/1 21/0730 – Land east of Brackenber, Brackenber CA16 6LP – outline application for an agricultural worker's dwelling. It was noted that the PC wrote in support of this planning application which was subsequently approved by EDC.

39/22/2 22/0093 – Bank Wood Farm, Brackenber CA16 – change of use of agricultural land to a seasonal campsite on two field enclosures. It was noted that the PC wrote in support of this planning application.

40/22 Garden Waste Recycling

It was reported that during the summer vehicles sometimes park in the space reserved for the Murton skip next to the bus shelter. The Clerk will have a sign made to deter people parking in this space.

41/22 Cumbria Local Heritage List – the Clerk has submitted details of the Hilton and Murton troughs and water systems on to the list but has not received any further information back from EDC.

42/22 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – 2-5 June 2022 – the following activities are being planned for the Jubilee:

Workshops are under way to create silk banner, lanterns, bunting and other decorations for the Institute, homes and the path up to Murton Pike.

Thursday 2 June: Afternoon: banners will be taken up the Pike and planted at intervals. There will be parades from Hilton and Murton to the Institute for a barbeque at 5.30-6pm. At 9.45 pm Penrith Cadets will light a beacon on Murton Pike. Weather permitting there may also be a bonfire. 4x4 transport may be available too.

Sunday 4 June: There will be a family afternoon tea dance with 40s and 50s swing style music. At 5.00 pm there will be the enthronement of the Jubilee king or queen, presentation of Jubilee mugs and judging of children's activities and competitions. The celebration will continue into the evening. Ursula Hurst is to be commended for the success of an Arts Council grant to fund some of these celebrations.

43/22 PARISH OWNED PROPERTY, VILLAGE GREENS & ENVIRONMENT

43/22/1 Parish Owned Property

Brackenber noticeboard – it was noted that the donor of this board had agreed to undertake repairs.

Murton fell gate bench – the person donating funds for the refurbishment of this bench in memory of his parents visited recently. Councillors and the Clerk welcomed him and he was very pleased with the bench and plaque.

43/22/2 Village Greens & Environment

Murton Middle Green – the residents of The Nook had written to request access across the Village Green in order that essential underpinning work be undertaken. A risk assessment, plan and timescale regarding public safety, security of plant and reinstatement of the damaged Green had been provided. Councillors visited the site and agreed that the work was essential and that it should go ahead. It is due to be started shortly.

Murton Top Green – Children's play area – no further information about this proposal had been received.

Murton Top Green – this was being mowed by volunteers, however cars had been observed driving and parking and people have been having barbeques on the Green.

Resolved: that a sign be made to state that the above is not allowed on Village Greens.

Hilton Top Green – the possible use of the Village Green has been requested for Jubilee celebrations. This was considered appropriate and the early mowing of the Green, where pollinators are being cultivated, a one off.

43/22/3 Health & Safety Checklists – Cllr King will check parish property in Hilton, Cllr Hardman Murton property and Cllr Govan will check the Cemetery and Brackenber.

44/22 CEMETERY MANAGEMENT, HEALTH, SAFETY & MAINTENANCE

44/22/1 Health, Safety & Maintenance – two quotes had been received for the repairs to the cemetery walls. Having reviewed the timing and the costs, it was agreed that Neil Richardson of Appleby would undertake the job and begin immediately. Since beginning work more areas needing repair have been identified as the wall continues to collapse. The standard of work is very high and the PC would be keen to continue to employ him should future repairs be necessary.

Resolved: to accept the quote for £1,200 for the repairs necessary at the time of the quote, but noting that the final invoice is likely to be in the region of £1,700.

44/22/2 Cemetery Mowing after 2022 – there was no formal response to this invitation to tender. The current provider has undertaken the first mowing of this season and the paths have been sprayed for weeds. Further discussion on how uneven areas could be levelled will take place.

44/22/3 Memorial Plaque Area – the first plaque has been placed on the new plaque wall and the second will be added shortly. Following a request, it was proposed that a system whereby a space could be reserved should be instituted. A reservation fee of 50% of the cost of the plaque (at the time of purchase) was agreed.

44/22/4 Annual Review of Cemetery Fees (Appendix 1) – the document was reviewed and will be updated to include the facility to reserve a space on the plaque wall. The website will be updated with the latest version.

45/22 CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

45/22/1 Highways – the jet machine had been in the parish and filled several holes. Subsequently further holes have been marked with spray paint.

45/22/2 Outcome of Election – EDC Cllr Patterson updated the PC on the outcome of the previous week's election for the two new unitary authorities replacing Cumbria County Council on 1 April 2023.

Murton will be covered by the new Westmorland and Furness Council. The Appleby and Brough Ward of the new Council will be represented by two Councillors. Previously there had been six Councillors (two County, four District) from this geographic area.

45/22/3 A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project – the Chairman has received enquiries about this project and how it will affect residents and access to Appleby and the surrounding area. The Clerk will write to Highways England to ask to receive updates. This will be a standing item on future Council Meeting agendas.

46/22 FINANCIAL REPORTS

46/22/1 Budget 2022/23 & Current Financial Situation (Appendix 2) – this report was reviewed.

Resolved: that the current Financial Report and list of Clerk's Expenses be signed by the Chairman.

46/22/2 Annual Return 2021/22 – Section 2 - Accounting Statement

Resolved: that the Accounting Statement be signed by the Chairman.

46/22/3 Annual Return 2021/22 – Section 1 – Governance Statement

Resolved: that the Governance Statement be signed by the Chairman.

46/22/4 Certificate of Exemption for Smaller Authorities

Resolved: that the Certificate of Exemption be signed by the Chairman.

46/22/5 Vote of thanks to the Internal Auditor – Councillors asked the Clerk to pass on their thanks to Richard King for undertaking the audit.

47/22 Clerk's report on any actions taken under delegated powers not otherwise mentioned, and to note any particular items of correspondence.

The invitation to the Annual Local Liaison Meeting at Warcop Camp had been received. Cllr McDarren will attend.

The Clerk will set up a WhatsApp Group for Parish Councillors to facilitate the informal sharing of information between meetings.

48/22 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda – there were none.

49/22 Next Meeting: Monday 1 August 2022

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm



Parish Clerk