

Chairperson's approval.....

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 18 January 2023 commencing at 19.00hrs
Venue: The Reading Rooms, Beckermat**

Present: (JN) Julie Nugent, Chairperson, (TB) Tim Barlow (Vice Chairman), (KC) Kath Cook, (SC) Steve Caddy, (MS) Michael Slater, (TC) T Church (Clerk)

1 Apologies

Eric Jewitt.

2 To declare any interest in items on the agenda

No declarations of interest.

3 Public Participation

No public participation.

**4 Approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 December 2022.
Review actions from previous meetings.**

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record after some minor amendments had been made. The Chairperson to sign the minutes at that point.

The actions were reviewed, updated, closed out or marked as ongoing, as appropriate.

5 Planning Applications

No planning applications had been received.

6 Finance

December Finance Report

Report noted.

Approve Clerk's January salary

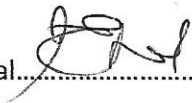
APPROVED for payment.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

It was noted that the Clerk had signed the Parish Council up to this scheme.

Outstanding Rent – Over 35's

It was noted that the rent was still outstanding. A payment from the Over 35's team was expected soon.



7 Standing Orders – for review and publication

It was **AGREED** that the Standing Orders available on NALC's website would be adopted by the Parish Council at the next meeting once the proforma had been downloaded and circulated to full council.

ACTION 1: Clerk to circulate proforma to full council for checking ahead of formal acceptance at February's meeting

8 Code of Conduct for Local Councillors (each Councillor to formally adopt)

The Code of Conduct was **ADOPTED** by full council ahead of publication on the Parish Council's website.

ACTION 2: Clerk to check if signatures were required by each councillor to acknowledge formal acceptance

9 Dignity and Respect

It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council would sign up to the Civility and Respect pledge demonstrating a commitment to treating each other, the clerk and members of the public with civility and respect in all interactions.

The pledge would be published on the Parish Council's website once all signatures had been received.

10 Grass Cutting Contract

After an Invitation to Tender process (ITT), and subsequent discussion at this meeting, a grass cutting contractor had been selected.

ACTION 3: Clerk to advise successful tenderer verbally and follow up with written confirmation

11 Portaloo for BVA/Church


The Parish Council wasn't able to assist with the request for a portaloo in the church while the refurbishment was being carried out in the Reading Rooms. It was hoped that alternative funding could be obtained from NWS.

12 Hanging Baskets at Bus Stop

A local resident in Beckermet had volunteered to plant out and water the two hanging baskets at the bus stop. Thanks from the Parish Council to be passed on to the resident.

The Parish Council also wanted to thank another Beckermet resident for the sweeping and tidying up he had carried out recently near the bus stop.

A local resident has asked, that while the play park was closed, could the car park also be closed to enable a tree to be cut down in his garden using a cherry picker.

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This would be ideal timing to cut back the overgrown trees while the cherry picker was in situ. The Parish Council would cover the cost of the additional work.

ACTION 4: KC to make arrangements with the local resident

13 Progress Reports

Play Parks Beckermet and Thornhill

A provisional inspection date for the new play park at Beckermet was booked for Friday, 27 January 2023 after completion of the work. It was **AGREED** that light refreshments would be provided for the children at the opening of the play park. NWS had agreed to pay for balloons on the day. Any photographs taken would need to be in agreement with parents.

The Parish Council thought the new play park would be a great benefit to the village children and the wider community.

The two designs for the new play park at Thornhill had been circulated to full council.

After the consultation meeting with the village's children modifications to the design had been put forward. The play park design will be completely inclusive with specially adapted pieces of equipment.

The amended design would be circulated again when received for final approval ahead of the funding application.

14 Councillors' reports on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council

No meetings attended.

MS announced he had become the farming representative on the Mid Copeland GDF Committee.

15 Recruitment of additional councillors

Ongoing. The Parish Council was hopeful that residents from Thornhill would join the February meeting to observe proceedings with a view to becoming a member of the Parish Council in the future.

The Parish Council is working hard to encourage Thornhill residents to get involved and assist with the exciting projects planned for their village. It is very important to have their input and support.

16 Date and time of next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 15 February 2023 in Thornhill Social Club at 19.00hrs.

All business concluded; the meeting closed at 20.59 hrs.