

# HAVERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF HAVERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

**Present:** Cllr Sanderson (Chair), Cllr Bevins, Cllr Fleming, Cllr Stoddart and Julie Hendry, Parish Clerk  
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**In attendance:** One member of the public

Minute no	Action Point	Person
47/2023	<b>Apologies:</b> None received	
48/2023	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b> The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 June 2023 as a true record of what was discussed.	
49/2023	<b>Declarations of interest (in respect of items on the agenda):</b> None received	
50/2023	<b>Requests for dispensations:</b> None received	
51/2023	<b>Public participation:</b> a. Community participation: One member of public was in attendance because they had previously expressed an interest in being a Councillor b. Unitary Council update: Cllr Sanderson gave an update on the status of the new Unitary Authority and the ongoing recruitment challenges to the senior roles. Staff shortages were also causing problems with bin collections.	
52/2023	<b>Update on actions from the previous meeting:</b> a. An update on discussions with Peter Thornton regarding the obtaining of a quote for streetlighting maintenance and repair: Cllr Sanderson advised that Angela Jones or Peter Hoskins might be useful contacts in this regard. b. Parish Lengthsman: The Parish Clerk agreed to send the recruitment and contact information again to Cllr Bevins also Cllr Fleming agreed to contact with another potentially interested party.	JB/BF
53/2023	<b>Haverthwaite GP Surgery update</b> Cllr Sanderson had been in contact with the Director of Public Health, Dr Katrina Stevens, who provided a contact name in the ICB, Jane Scattergood, the Chief Nurse. One of the major issues appears to be locating alternative premises. Cllr Bevins suggested that the PC invite members of the practice and/or patient partnership group to advise on how best the PC might support efforts to maintain a GP service locally.	JH
54/2023	<b>A590 Meathop update</b> Cllr Sanderson reported that the preparatory works would commence on 18 <sup>th</sup> September with the main works commencing on 2 <sup>nd</sup> October.	
55/2023	<b>Planning outcomes to note:</b> Nil new applications were received.	
56/2023	<b>Community and environmental matters</b> a. Review of Parish assets such as grit bins and bus shelters: The Parish Clerk agreed to send the list of grit bin locations (19) to all for information and checking and Cllr Sanderson advised that she would let National Highways know if any need to be filled up. Bus shelters (6) to be followed up with Jonathan Reade by Cllr Sanderson.	JH SS SS

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	<p>b. Bridge footpath ramp update: Cllr Bevins has made contact with the preferred contractor and reported that the work will commence by the end of September.</p> <p>c. Overgrown hedge near GP surgery: Cllr Bevins reported on the hedge overgrowing into the road (Bare Syke) to be reported on HIAMS.</p> <p>d. Brow Edge Foundation update: Cllr Sanderson reported that the banking arrangements were being finalised and that the grant awarding round is about to commence.</p>	<b>JH</b>
57/2023	<p><b>Highways, footpaths, hedges and verges</b></p> <p>a. Backbarrow TTRO for bridge repairs: Cllr Stoddart reported that the works were now completed.</p> <p>b. Highways and issues for reporting on HIAMS: Cllr Stoddart reported that there were some overhanging trees in Finsthwaite Lane and agreed to obtain the What3Words location to enable them to be reported.</p> <p>c. Streetlighting issues to report: Nothing new to report</p> <p>d. Parish hedges, verges and footpath issues reported to PC: Nothing new to report.</p>	<b>CS</b>
58/2023	<p><b>Finance, Governance and Audit:</b></p> <p>The Parish Council approved the payment of the invoices received since the last meeting:</p> <p>a. Npower, streetlighting (June) £162.72 to note (payment is via Direct Debit)</p> <p>b. Npower, streetlighting (July) £166.34 to note (payment is via Direct Debit)</p> <p>c. Gordon Egglestone (defibrillator pads), £83.99</p> <p>d. Parish Clerk office expenses (printer cartridges), £90.65</p> <p>e. Altitude Services (streetlight repairs), £1455.18</p> <p>f. ACW, bus shelter cleaning (August) £120.00</p> <p>g. Parish Clerk salary (Q2) £520.00</p> <p>h. HMRC payment (Q2) £130.00</p> <p>i. Parish Clerk Q2 expenses, £28.80</p> <p>j. Westmorland and Furness Council (bin emptying), £1896.00</p>	
59/2024	<p><b>Correspondence, meetings attended and consultations:</b></p> <p>a. Acknowledgment of AGAR submission</p> <p>b. A590 speed reduction scheme</p> <p>c. Potential candidate for Parish Lengthsman</p> <p>d. Notes of the CALC Special General Meeting held on 22nd July 2023</p> <p>e. "Dog poo" campaign</p>	
60/2023	<p><b>Items for the next PC agenda</b></p> <p>a. Community Grants to be awarded</p> <p>b. Review of Parish assets such as grit bins and bus shelters</p> <p>c. Co-option of new Councillor</p>	
61/2023	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 7pm at Outback Hall, Leven Valley School</p>	<b>ALL</b>