

Present: Councillors: - Armstrong, Hodgson, Shaw, Weaver and Wilkinson.

In attendance: - Clerk, Cllr Mallinson (Unitary Authority Member), and 1 Member of the Public

**061/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr. Matthews, Cllr. Reynolds

**062/24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – RESOLVED** No requests were received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

**063/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – RESOLVED** No declarations by elected members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received.

**064/24 MINUTES**

**064/24.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH JULY 2024 – RESOLVED** To authorise the Chairman sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2024.

**065/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – the Member of the Public (MOP) asked a question regarding the Cast-iron Signpost to which Cllr. Mallinson gave a brief update on the situation an advised that he would further pursue the matter with the Assistant Director at Cumberland Unitary Authority.

**UNITARY AUTHORITY REPORT** – In addition to the update noted above Cllr Mallinson reported that few meetings during the month of August were held, as is the norm, however it should be noted that the Authority was again struggling with it's financial situation and at the Budget Setting exercise would have to try to return to a balanced Revenue Budget, despite it being almost certain that Local Government will receive no additional funding in the short-term from Central Government. Cllr. Mallinson also reported that we needed to keep the Climate Change Agenda at the forefront of all out thinking. GS enquired about the timings of the input into any fiscal discussions at the Authority level to which Cllr Mallinson replied that the timings of any discussions had not been altered in any way by the change in Government at a National Level.

**REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC)** Cllr Weaver reported attendance at the last meeting of the VHMC and brought up the issue of the placement and number of recycling “bins”. After much discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that AD would contact Cumberland Unitary Authority and have one of the Glass “Bins” replaced by a further Cardboard “Bin” to see if that alleviated the current anxieties.

Cllr Weaver also reported that the VHMC had discussed the pros and cons of moving the CAFÉ back to the Reading Rooms with no definitive decision recorded. He also reported that work was to commence on the repair to the Village Hall roof in 4 – 6 weeks.

**066/24 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – none to consider

**067/24 FINANCE MATTERS**

The Clerk circulated Bank Reconciliations and Budget v Actual reports to council members for discussion to the end of August 2024.

Payments Authorised as follows:

SLCC – Clerk Training	£	54.00
ICO – Data Protection	£	35.00
DM Payroll Services	£	60.00
Green Team – Grass cutting	£	540.00
Clerk – Wages and Expenses	£	409.87
HMRC – Income tax	£	93.00

**068/24 POLICY REVIEW –**

**RESOLVED** To defer to the next meeting the review and/or adopt the following core policies after the Clerk had checked and removed any references not applicable

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

PUBLICATION SCHEME/FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY

MEDIA AND PRESS POLICY

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY

FRAUD/CORRUPTION DETECTION & PREVENTION POLICY

FILMING POLICY

**069/24 LEAPS RIGG SOLAR FARM** – the Clerk reported that a number of written notifications had been received regarding ideas for Community Improvements in the Parish.  
A long debate then followed to reduce the four (4) items that the Council members declared where most beneficial to the Parish, down to 1 in light of the comments received which were read by the Clerk to ensure anonymity.

**RESOLVED** that any funds received from the developer of the Leaps Rigg Farm Solar Project would be utilised in a Community Investment Project to upgrade and redevelop the Village Hall footprint to incorporate the Reading Rooms and also to provide sufficient Car-Parking for that building.

**RESOLVED** Cllr Weaver would inform the VHMC to see if that may influence any timing of the proposed roof repair.

**RESOLVED** Council to hold an Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 with the Community Investment Project as a single item Agenda to discuss and agree the next steps following the decision of 10th September.

**070/24 CORRESPONDENCE AND LITERATURE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK-** all had been distributed electronically.

**071/24 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT ORDINARY MEETING** – Council members were reminded to submit items for the next meeting and note that any further items for consideration should be submitted to the Clerk in writing.

**072/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)** – held in Walton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

EXTRA-ORDINARY 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

NORMAL 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**073/24 CLOSE OF MEETING 21.05**