

HELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 06 September 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Helington and Brigsteer Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs S. Carman (Chairman), J. Cooper, G. Riley, K. Ritchie, J. Tudor, R. Ward.

The Chairman welcomed Cllrs. Tudor and Ward to their first meeting of the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that various induction papers had been issued and acceptance forms completed.

In Attendance: Cllr. J. Battye (W&FC), 1 member of the public and M.R. Curry (Clerk)

38/23 Apologies: Cllr. J. Sunderland

39/23 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests: None was declared.

40/23 Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 05 July were **Approved** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

41/23 Public Participation: No comment or questions were raised from the floor.

42/23 Planning: The following applications, responses, decisions and updates were noted:

a. Lake District National Park Authority: (View applications, responses and decisions online at:

<http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/swiftlg/apas/run/wphappcriteria.display>)

i. **7/2023/5426 – Boundary House, Brigsteer, LA8 8AP:** Approval of reserved matters on planning approval 7/2021/5294. **Approved** – complies with conditions.

ii. **7/2023/5272 – Garden Cottage, Brigsteer, LA8 8AP:** Replacement extension to existing dwelling & conversion of existing basement to form kitchen. No Objection. **Approved** 03/08/23.

iii. **7/23/5399 – Wildwood, Crow Wood Field, Brigsteer LA8 8AW:** Demolition of existing dwelling; erection of replacement. No Objection. **Approved** 29/08/2023.

b. South Lakeland District Council: View applications, responses and decisions online at:

<http://applications.southlakeland.gov.uk/planningapplications/welcome.asp>)

i. **SL/2023/0298: 2, Prizet House, Helington:** Porch & conservatory extension; rear raised balcony and other proposals. **Objection submitted 14/07/23.** No decision.

ii. **SL/2023/0473: Prizet Filling Station (Southbound) LA8 8AA:** Variation of conditions on SL/2016/0824. No Objection.

iii. **SL/2023/0606: Barn to the east of Prizet LA8 8AB:** Application for non-material amendment on CU/2023/0010. No Objection.

43/23 Parish Land

a. Trees on Parish Land: Councillors Carman and Riley confirmed that they are conduct a visual survey of trees on Parish land.

b. Parish On-Line: Councillors confirmed the previous agreement to take out an annual subscription to the digital mapping facility Parish On-Line for a fee of £45.00.

44/23 Highways

a. Defects Schedule: The Clerk confirmed that he had updated the Defects Schedule and will circulate the current version to Cllrs. including Cllr. Battye.

b. Whetstone Lane: Cllrs expressed considerable appreciation for the re-surfacing work on Whetstone Lane and that this should be Minuted. The Clerk will write to Highways to express its approval for this work.

c. Low Lane: The Clerk reported that the Highways Structures Team had responded that the retaining element of the wall has not been affected by a depression in the verge and would not be taking any further action. Councillors observed that this response did not address the issue with the camber and cracks in the tarmac. It was **Agreed** that the issue should be monitored and reviewed in the Spring. In the meantime, this update would be relayed back to Grace with a suggestion that she might raise via HIAMS.

d. Crooked Gate: The Clerk reported that he had raised the question of re-surfacing not having taken place on the publicised dates and been advised that timing schedules had prevented it. Highways had assured that the work will take place 'in the Autumn'. The Clerk will submit a request that improvements to the visibility splay at the junction with Brigsteer Brow would be included. Reports of Japanese knotweed on Crooked Gate had been noted and referred to Highways via HIAMS.

45/23 Reports

a. Chairman and Parish Councillors: No reports were presented.

b. Helington and Brigsteer Village Hall: Cllr. Ritchie reported that the next meeting of the Trustees would be held on 17 September when, amongst other things the possibility of installing solar panels (and funding) was to be discussed.

c. Westmorland and Furness Council: Cllr. Battye reviewed her role with several committees including the Locality Board. Of note in her Report were the following:

