

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EGREMONT TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2023 AT 5.30PM IN EGREMONT MARKET HALL**

Present:

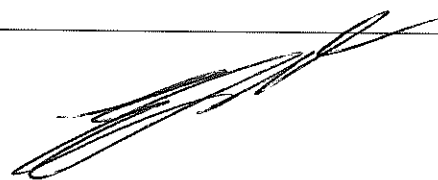
Mrs Elaine Woodburn (EW)                      Chairperson  
Mr Stephen Bell (SB)                              Vice Chairperson

Also:

Mr Graham Calvin (GC) who arrived at 6pm                      Mr Sam Pollen (SP)  
Mr David Wright (DW) who arrived at 6.35pm                      Mr Gareth Stringer (GS)  
Mr Michael McVeigh (MM) (who arrived at 6.40pm)

Mrs Geraldine Pritchard (GP)                      Town Clerk  
Mrs Nicola Cattanach (NC)                      Assistant Clerk

<b>188.22.23</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
	RESOLVED to note that apologies were received from Neil Ferguson, Jean Lewthwaite & Cumberland Councillor Graham Minshaw.	NC
<b>182.22.23</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA</b>	
	RESOLVED to note that there were no declarations of interest	
<b>183.22.23</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>	
	In his role as the new Cumberland Councillor SP gave the following report: SP said he and the CEO Mark Fryer were to have a look at the priorities of the new Council, such as the Post Office, school crossings, play park, the former nursery, Borderlands, the former Castle Mount care home and Egremont Castle. SP had attended the inaugural meeting on 13 <sup>th</sup> April with MM. SP is to be part of several groups and community panels including: Licensing, Overview and Scrutiny and he is to be the Chair of the Labour Group. He will also attend Town Council meetings as he wants to work in partnership with Town Councillors and be involved with the Amenity Committee and the Crab Fair. SP said this is the start of a very busy 7 to 10-year process and with no increase in funding. GC arrived at this point.	SP
	EW suggested that the Town Council should write to Cumberland Council regarding funding towards a children's play provision, Beckermest, for example, has a great play area for a much smaller child ratio than Egremont, this was RESOLVED.	GP
	EW said the removal of school crossings, particularly at Bookwell was lethal for pedestrians due to the volume of traffic and that St. Bridget's and others should be considered too. SP said he is in discussions regarding these two crossings.	SP
	EW said parents need to be educated and involved about their parking as well as motorists, a 20mph speed zone should also be in place. GP said that a similar request had been sent to Cumberland with regards Orgill School, RESOLVED that the area of Bookwell and St Bridget's School are also requested to be considered as a 20mph zone. SP said that the last Council had been challenging and communication is key, going forward & with this in mind, he intends to work closely with the Town Council Chair, Clerk and the CEO of Cumberland Council, Mark Fryer.	GP SP
<b>184.22.23</b>	<b>CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS</b>	
	The new Post Office was discussed and possible crowd funding to raise funds for works to be carried out as suggested by B Skirrow. EW said that the Town Council cannot lead on this as it is a business and it could lead to other businesses asking for the same. Clarification on what is needed and timelines need to be discussed.	



	<p>EW read out an email from a member of the public who had recently attended a private family interment at the cemetery. It praised the Council's curator for his help and compassion throughout and office staff were also thanked.</p> <p>EW read out an email from C Scott requesting Egremont to take part in Cumbria in Bloom this year. It was RESOLVED that the timescale was too tight given the time of year as the majority of preparation work is undertaken by staff and it is a busy time with end of year accounts and elections.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that NF and CO are removed as delegated users on the Town Council's building society account and SP &amp; GC are to be added as signatories.</p>	<p>GP</p> <p>GP SP.GC</p>
185.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER, APPROVE &amp; SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING:</b> RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Egremont Town Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023. EW signed these.</p>	
186.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER &amp; REVIEW ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>4/23/2094/0F1      Alterations and extension to existing loft extension and ground floor. Sheelin, Woodend, Egremont No objections</p> <p>4/23/2097/0F1      Two storey side extension for garage, bedroom and en-suite 54 Ashley Way, Egremont No objections</p> <p>4/23/2012/0F1      Consultation on Additional Information: Erection new dwelling Land at Montreal Place, Moor Row GC to re look at plans and provide comments</p>	
187.22.23	<p><b>TO RATIFY COMMENTS WITH REGARDS ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS.</b> RESOLVED that there were no plans to ratify</p>	
188.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER ANY REPORTS INCLUDING FINANCE, PERSONNEL, CEMETERY, BOWLING GREEN, MARKET HALL, WEBSITE, ALLOTMENTS, DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS, HEALTH &amp; SAFETY, CUMBRIA IN BLOOM, PUBLIC REALM &amp; WC PARTNERSHIP</b></p> <p><u>Allotments</u> DW arrived at this point. GC met with Unblock Cumbria and the tenant of plot 19 on the East Road allotment site. GC is waiting for confirmation of a start date to begin jet washing the drain &amp; then put a camera down, GC has agreed to assist to keep costs down &amp; he does not expect this to exceed £200. GC to speak to a tenant of Sandholes following his email regarding peat control ideas. GS to speak to a tenant of Sandholes following his query about the increase in garage ground rent. RESOLVED that GP contact Mr Sharples to see if he wants to have a further meeting regarding pest control costs. There is also some allocation of vacant plots to do</p>	<p>GC</p> <p>GC</p> <p>GS</p> <p>GP</p>

	<p><b><u>Market Hall</u></b> SB reported that the workers from Haverigg Prison are doing a good job of re-decorating the supper room.</p> <p><b><u>Egremont Castle</u></b> DW said that he had attended the Friends of Egremont Castle meeting where it was confirmed that the Easter Bunny Hunt had been a great success. Works 4 You had been requested to tidy up prior to the event, however on the day the bins were overflowing, this was a concern and the Castle group would like to approach Lord &amp; Lady Egremont to ask about other ways of maintaining the Castle. EW said that the Town Council would have to be mindful of this as any impact on the lengthsman scheme could affect the rest of the work that the scheme covers in the parish.</p>	
189.22.23	<p><b>CONSIDER &amp; REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE</b> Public notice from Thomas Armstrong to inform all that the large Leylandii tree outside of Westlakes Academy would be removed whilst the school children were on easter holidays. Letter of thanks from the Bowling Green Committee for the newly installed patio doors on the pavilion, it has made a massive improvement and the Club are very much grateful to the Council and their support. The club also informed the Council that new windows would be required too, possibly next year, RESOLVED to request that the club obtain some quotes for this work.</p>	GP
190.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER &amp; RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT</b> RESOLVED to accept, consider and approve the Clerk's report.</p>	
191.22.23	<p><b>TO RATIFY THE PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS</b> RESOLVED to ratify the payments at 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 amounting to £12,094.62</p>	
192.22.23	<p><b>RECEIVE &amp; APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT 12th April 2023</b> RESOLVED to accept, consider &amp; approve the financial statement at 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 amounting to £13,861.68</p>	
193.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER ANY UPDATES ON THE OLD EGREMONT NURSERY SITE</b> SP stated that after 1<sup>st</sup> April, he would expect Town Councillors to push him to obtain progress on this site as well as others such as the old Red Lion site but initially it was RESOLVED that the office contact Mr Flecken from Copeland to ask for an update MM said that the nursery had been passed over to Growing Well and has received funding from Copeland &amp; he hoped that they could interact with Works 4 You Ltd.</p>	ALL GP
194.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER REPORT ON INCONSIDERATE PARKING IN EGREMONT FOLLOWING A WALKABOUT WITH SELLAFIELD OFFICERS – SP &amp; NF</b> NF said that Sellafield reiterated to them that they can only advise workers not to park illegally or disrespectfully. SP said that the Town Council need to work with Cumberland Council, Sellafield Sites, Home Group and Enforcement. EW asked if we could ask Sellafield for their parking policy. GP said that this had already been requested but that it will be chased up.</p>	GP
195.22.23	<p><b>COUNCILLORS MATTERS – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MINOR MATTERS NOT ON THIS AGENDA AND NOT FOR DISCUSSION</b> a. The former Red Lion site was mentioned as a potential area for a green space/play area for residents. SP would be meeting Mark Fryer to discuss the</p>	SP



community space. DW said that other surrounding villages, such as Beckermot and Seascale, have fantastic play parks and that a town the size of Egremont would warrant a play area and the historic element could be used to encourage visitors to stay in town a bit longer, he said there could be outdoor exercise equipment and bike hire.

- b. It was disappointing to hear that the Police have been targeting shops in the area and all five checked were found to have sold alcohol to underage customers. Councillors were unaware of this & would like a better working partnership with the Police.

**196.22.23 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA**

**197.22.23 RESOLVED THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May AGM followed by the Town Council Ordinary meeting. Councillors requested that the Annual Town meeting could also take place on the same evening, this will be confirmed.

GS & DW both gave their apologies for 16<sup>th</sup> May and GS gave his apologies for 23<sup>rd</sup> May (if the Town meeting is to be held on this date)

The meeting was brought to a close at 7.30pm

GP

