

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EGREMONT TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 5.30PM IN EGREMONT MARKET HALL**

Present:

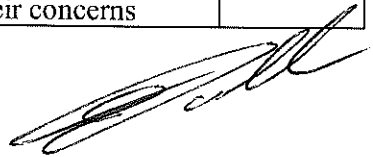
Ms Elaine Woodburn (EW)                      Chairperson  
Mr Stephen Bell (SB)                              Vice Chairperson

Also:

Mr Graham Calvin (GC)                      Mr David Wright (DW) who arrived at 6.15pm  
Mr Neil Ferguson (NF)                        Mr Gareth Stringer (GS)  
Mr Michael McVeigh (MM)                  Mrs Jean Lewthwaite (JL)  
Mr Tom Higgins (TH)

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

75.22.23	<p><b>To hold a minute's silence to reflect on the lifetime of service which Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II devoted to the United Kingdom, the Realms &amp; Territories and to the Commonwealth.</b> All Councillors partook of a minute's silence before the meeting commenced.</p>	
76.22.23	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> RESOLVED to accept apologies (with reasons noted) from S Pollen and D Wright (who would be arriving late) and also D Southward.</p>	NC
77.22.23	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA</b> RESOLVED to note the following declarations of interest: TH, GC &amp; MM declared an interest in all planning applications. EW &amp; GP declared an interest in the nominations for the Margaret Woodburn Good Citizen's Award.</p>	
78.22.23	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> There was no County Councillors present nor members of the public.</p>	
79.22.23	<p><b>CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS</b> EW thanked those who attended the recent short service outside the Town Hall to remember our late Queen Elizabeth II, she also thanked MM for standing in to do the reading at the church service in St Mary's &amp; St Michael's Church. EW brought up the matter of a lady from Bardsea bird sanctuary complaining about the trees being cut on the Main Street ready for the Christmas lighting. The content of her complaints was not factually correct but no response was made as it was felt it would only encourage further derogatory comments.</p>	
80.22.23	<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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022. EW duly signed them.</p>	
81.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER &amp; REVIEW ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b> 4/22/2354/0B1              Removal/variation of condition 5 (roller shutter doors) &amp; variation of condition 6 (exercise outside the building) of planning approval 4/20/2387/0F1 change of use from bus garage &amp; workshop to gym units 5&amp;6, Ennerdale Mill, Bridge End, Egremont  Comments                  Councillors have no objections to this application in principle as they do not want to discourage any business from operating however Councillors felt they needed to air their concerns</p>	

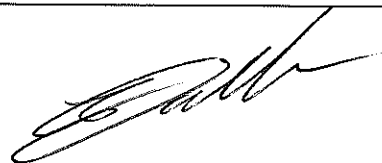


		<p>about the possible noise disturbance it may cause to nearby residents.</p> <p>Councillors are aware of several complaints over the previous 12 months about the loudness of the music and by allowing the lifting/removal of the above conditions, it will only make this matter worse so Councillors agree to the above as long as Copeland Borough Council monitors the noise levels on a regular basis and take action with any noise complaints immediately. Perhaps a clause can be added that if there are any noise complaints, which are proved to be true, the granting of the removal/variance of these conditions could be retracted. Councillors also want Copeland Borough Council to ensure that nearby residents are informed of this application and given the chance to comment.</p>	
	44/22/2361/TPO	Remove dead branches hanging over path of weeping elm tree, fell 2 fir trees, fell 2 beech trees, fell chestnut tree situated within conservation area Egremont Castle, Egremont	
	Comments	No objections	
	4/22/2371/0F1	Agricultural implement shed Pallaflat Farm, Bigrigg	
	Comments	No objections	
<b>82.22.23</b>	<b>TO RATIFY COMMENTS WITH REGARDS PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS</b>		
	The following plans were ratified:		
	4/22/2257/0F1	Consultation on additional and amended information Change of use from guest house to dwelling (retrospective) Jasmine House, Moor Row This amendment is the operational statement and additional floor plans	
	Comments:	No objections	
	4/22/2230/0F1	Proposed drop kerb to allow vehicular access 10 Howbank Road, Smithfield, Egremont	
	Comments:	No objections	
	4/22/2304/0F1	Erection of a concrete and steel garage Land adjacent to Rose Bank, East Road, Egremont	
	Comments:	Councillors have no objection as long as the height of the structure does not affect visibility to traffic coming in and out of the site	
	4/22/2310/0F1	Replacement of an agricultural building for use as a general Purpose store (retrospective) Low Farm, Moor Row	
	Comments:	No objections	
	4/22/2319/0F1	Demolish existing garage and erection of rear extension and Conservatory Beech House, Moor Row	
	Comments:	No objections	

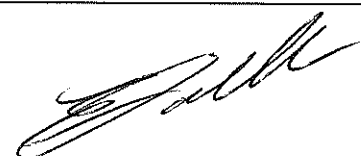
	<p>4/22/2317/0F1 Erect a garage at the rear of the property (retrospective); lean to the side of garage and erect a new carport to the side of the property 23 Smithfield Road, Egremont Comments: No objections</p> <p>4/22/2042/0F1 Consultation on Additional and Amended Information for Planning Application: Use of the land for the siting of four glamping pods with small Decking areas, construction of parking comprising 4 spaces Footways and associated drainage and minor earth works to Regrade the land levels 5 Ellerbeck Barns, Egremont Comments: No objections</p> <p>4/22/2327/TPO Removal of a chestnut tree protected by a tree preservation Order Braithwaite Court, Egremont Comments: Following the report from Copeland Borough Council Egremont Town Councillors agree with the consultant Arborist that there is no need for the removal of the tree and they support the expert's recommendation for extensive pruning.  N.B Councillors have noticed that the resident name on the 1<sup>st</sup> Planning application is different to the resident submitting the 2<sup>nd</sup> application, for the same TPO</p> <p>4/22/2335/0F1 Extension to Battery Storage Facility Land at Woodend, Cleator Comments: No objections</p>	
83.22.23	<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>Website</u> EW stated that the development of the new website is ongoing with Luke Johnson who will arrange to meet the office staff for some training.</p> <p><u>Bowling Green</u> SB reported that the AGM will take place in October &amp; the green will close for winter. The club now has 50+ members. GP reported that the lease for the club has not been renewed since 2016, despite constantly being requested. A new consultant Mr Lydiate is now involved &amp; he spoke about a new lease &amp; he highlighted that although there is a security tenure on the lease, he explained that if the land was required for development, having a security tenure would not prevent the development going through. Await a new draft lease from Mr Lydiate where it can be discussed further.</p> <p><u>Allotments</u> <u>East Road</u> – Re-inspections need to take place on three sites following letters being sent out to tenants.</p>	<p>NC.GP</p> <p>ALLOT COMM</p>



84.22.23	<p>Two quotes had been received to remove a tree, a third quote was requested but the tree surgeon did not turn up, it was therefore RESOLVED that the quote of £867.16 was accepted to carry out the work as soon as possible.</p> <p>There are still issues with a blocked drain on a tenant's plot, the committee will arrange to meet the lengthsman on site to discuss further.</p> <p><u>Sandholes</u> – A public meeting is to be held in Egremont Market Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept with tenants to discuss the rat baiting programme. Mr Sharples has unfortunately lost a ferret due to it ingesting rat poison &amp; he will attend to impress upon tenants that poison must not be used on site whilst he is carrying out this rat baiting service.</p> <p><u>Bridgend</u> – The committee will be notified of the plots that are due to be re-inspected.</p> <p>The three allotment sites have all been judged with particular outstanding comments about the Bridgend site which is good to hear &amp; all winners will be invited to the presentation in October prior to the Town Council meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED to invite the judge to present the prizes &amp; RESOLVED that the necessary awards are ordered.</p>	GP ALLOT COMM ALLOT COMM ALLOT COMM GP GP
	<p><u>Cemetery</u></p> <p>MM requested that a formal complaint is sent from the Town Council to Cumbria Police after he phoned to request assistance when cows had wandered into the cemetery from a nearby field &amp; public safety was at risk but he was not happy when he was informed that no-one would be attending. RESOLVED to email Richard Smilie &amp; submit this official complaint, Councillors were concerned that had MM not got hold of fellow Councillors TH &amp; GC, he would have been left to deal with the animals whilst at the same time, not knowing how many members of the public were in the cemetery at the time.</p>	GP
	<p><u>Christmas Lights</u></p> <p>The team from Lite have been to Egremont to prepare the trees for the Christmas lights to be installed in November.</p>	
	<p><u>Public Realm/Borderlands</u></p> <p>EW reported that she had met with the Mayor who was very supportive of the public realm scheme in Egremont &amp; he confirmed that the funds had not decreased but needed to be utilised by April 2023. He also stated that Copeland would prefer to manage the scheme but this needed to be discussed further.</p> <p>Councillors said that they would like to see plans for the development of the Red Lion site as funding from Borderlands is public money and this should not be handed to a private developer.</p> <p>GP asked if Copeland could not guarantee the work getting done within the timescale, will the Town Council lose the funds.</p>	EW
	<p><u>Egremont Castle</u></p> <p>The Friends of the Egremont Castle Group had requested a union jack flag to hang at half-mast in remembrance of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, TH confirmed that the Rugby League club had supplied them with one.</p>	
	<p><b>CONSIDER &amp; REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letter from CALC highlighting the need for Town &amp; Parish Councils to take into account when setting the precept, the possible costs of re-elections next year, GP stated that the Town Council have a £4,000 pledge already in place.</li> <li>2. Email from CALC re: Climate change, RESOLVED that the Town Council will support by displaying posters &amp; social media.</li> </ol>	GP



85.22.23	<p>3. BT require confirmation of where the disused phone box will be sited before the matter can move forward, RESOLVED that either outside of Memory Lane or the Cumberland Building Society would be the best location.</p> <p>4. Email from SAAA with the option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangement, RESOLVED to remain opted in with external PKF Littlejohn for the next 5 years.</p> <p>5. Local Council's update – an article stated that there is a clamp down on takeaway litter &amp; Councils in England can set stricter litter rules for new takeaways when considering planning applications, including the provision of more bins, RESOLVED to ask Copeland if they do this.</p> <p>6. Cumbria Wildlife Trust have informed ETC that diseased ash trees are to be felled at Clintz Quarry, this was noted.</p>	GP
86.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER &amp; RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT</b> RESOLVED to accept, consider and approve the Clerk's report.</p>	NC
87.22.23	<p><b>TO RATIFY THE PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS</b> RESOLVED to ratify the payments amounting to £29,137.61</p>	
88.22.23	<p><b>RECEIVE &amp; APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022</b> RESOLVED to accept, consider &amp; approve the financial statement at 15<sup>th</sup> June amounting to £26,001.33.</p>	
89.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER AND MAKE A DECISION RE: THE QUOTATION FOR THE WINTER FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS</b> RESOLVED to accept &amp; approve the quote of £2,136.00 + vat for the planting up of 15 planters with winter plants which includes maintenance such as de-heading.</p>	GP
90.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER THE INVITATION FROM NALC TO SIGN UP TO THE CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE</b> RESOLVED that Egremont Town Council sign up to this pledge</p>	ALL
91.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER AND MAKE A DECISION TO ADOPT THE UPDATED COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT</b> RESOLVED that Egremont Town Council adopt this updated Code of Conduct.</p>	ALL
	<p><b>TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS AND DECIDE THE WINNER OF THE MARGARET WOODBURN GOOD CITIZEN INDIVIDUAL AWARD AND GROUP AWARD</b> All nominations were read out &amp; considered &amp; the following was RESOLVED: Winner of the Individual award goes to David McDowell nominated by Ryan Fitzwilliam for his commitment &amp; dedication to the community through being a fireman, a fundraiser, a volunteer &amp; much more. Winner of the Group award goes to Lad Barber nominated by Kelly Sommerville for the sponsorship given to local sports clubs but also the football swap scheme whereby if anyone needs a pair of football boots, they can pop into the shop &amp; get a pair. RESOLVED that the winners &amp; the people who nominated them will be invited to the October meeting for a presentation. There were also two nominations for the ladies from Memory Lane &amp; though they had been thanked &amp; acknowledged via letter, it was RESOLVED that they are invited to the meeting and a small special recognition plate will be presented to each of them.</p>	GP GP



92.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER AN UPDATE REGARDING THE MOOR ROW COMMUNITY AREA - GC</b></p> <p>GC said that residents of Moor Row had wanted the sports field to become a community area however drainage problems had to be addressed first. A group of parents from Moor Row School initially agreed to take on the task to create the area &amp; were given a grant from Cumbria County Council for £6000 but became disheartened due to the prolonged drainage issues so the group returned the cheque to the school who then returned it to the County Council but they have informed GC that the funding is still there &amp; GC will endeavour to resurrect the project with a new group.</p>	GC
93.22.23	<p><b>TO CONSIDER ANY UPDATE ON THE TOWN HALL CLOCK – EW</b></p> <p>EW wanted to ensure that possible refurbishments for the Town Hall Clock were included in the Borderlands funding plans.</p> <p>GP reported that a resident had called into the office to say that his pool team raise funds for local charities &amp; they have agreed to try &amp; raise funds to enable the necessary works to be carried out to get the Town Hall clock working again.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a letter is sent thanking the group for their offer which is most welcome.</p>	GP
94.22.23	<p><b>COUNCILLORS’ MATTERS - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO RAISE MINOR MATTERS NOT ON THIS AGENDA AND NOT FOR DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a TH said that Egremont Rugby League Club have an under 14 girls team and they are playing very well and not yet been beaten but they only have one rugby kit so he asked about available funding, EW advised him to contact the LLWR Community Benefit fund which may be able to help.</li> <li>b NF said that Egremont Youth Partnership were interviewing for a new manager as James Bowden has now left &amp; in the meantime, Tracy McFadden is standing in.</li> <li>c GC said that over the school holidays a number of needles etc. were found in Moor Row School car park, the people involved however have been caught on CCTV and the matter is now being dealt with by the Police.</li> <li>d MM asked if the Boxing Club was now open, it was reported that some are coming in to train but it is not yet officially open to the public.</li> <li>e DW gave an update from his meeting with John Swift Homes re: the development at Summergrove. DW said that he will draft out a response for Councillors to approve before sending which will be in support of the development in principle, however to add that the residential conditions must be considered with public open spaces &amp; play areas and where possible, avoiding heavy goods vehicles travelling through Moor Row and directing more traffic through Keekle. EW agreed providing that there are no changes to the planning application.</li> </ul>	DW
95.22.23	<p><b>ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA</b></p> <p>Presentation to the winners of the Good Citizens Awards &amp; the allotment competition.</p>	
96.22.23	<p><b>RESOLVED THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>RESOLVED the next meeting of Egremont Town Council will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at <b>5.00pm</b> in the Main Hall of Egremont Market Hall.</p>	

