
QUERNMORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH OCTOBER 2022

Present: Councillors: G Kelsall (Chair), J Fox, J Pye, J Townley, D Whitaker, B Carter.
District Councillor: J Jackson
Clerk: Gareth Catterson
Invited attendee: Adam Kirkby

22/131 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Action

Councillors A Johnson, J Alexander and Mayor J Pritchard.

22/132 OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were in attendance.

22/133 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 9th May were confirmed and signed as a correct record and the Clerk was asked to upload them to the website.

Clerk

22/134 MATTERS ARISING

With reference to the minute for Item 22/127, District Councillor J Jackson reported that whilst Electoral Ward Boundaries could be changed, Parish Council Boundaries cannot. Therefore, whilst the Bulk Ward/Lower Lune Valley boundary could be aligned with the M6, the western Quernmore Parish Council (QPC) boundary could not, so the calculation for QPC's precept would not change and would take account of any new development in the area between Grab Lane/Woodlands Close and the M6.

22/135 POLICE AND COMMUNITY

Adam Kirkby, Community Connector Manager, Lancaster City Council gave a brief introduction to explain his role. The City Council had been aware that Parish Councils, Charities, Universities and Community Groups etc. had felt detached and often did not know who to contact about any issues that may arise. The Council had therefore created Community Connector Managers as a point of contact. An example of his role had been when it became apparent that some students felt that Lancaster was hostile towards them, and the Community Connector Managers had talked to students to help them feel more welcome.

He held a small budget for items that may be needed by the community (e.g., to help facilitate 'warm hubs' or community spaces). Typically, capital expenditure of around £200 could be available and approval usually took approximately 2 weeks

22/136 AUDIT 2022

The Clerk reported that PKF Littlejohn have accepted our Certify of Exemption and the Audit is deemed to be complete.

22/137 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reported:

1. The current bank balance was £1,950.77
2. The renewal of the existing Zurich Insurance Policy was now due at a premium of £257.60. However, Zurich was now offering a new type of policy aimed at Parish and Town Councils for a premium of £214 (Differences highlighted by the Clerk are in Appendix A).

Councillors resolved to change to the new policy owing to lower cost and better protection

22/138 PLANNING MATTERS – The following are reported:

22/00272/VCN	Highwood Bay Horse Road Quernmore - Change of use of dwellinghouse (C3) to a children's care home (C2) (pursuant to the variation of conditions 2 and 4 on planning permission 20/01372/FUL to amend the surfacing of the car park area and to amend the phrasing of the specified occupancy criteria)	Application Permitted
22/00064/DIS	Proposed Pumping Station Caton Road Quernmore - Discharge of condition 5 on approved application 21/01405/FUL	Application Permitted
21/01351/FUL	Land To The Northeast Of Kidds Transport Limited Caton Road Lancaster - Installation of a 25MW battery storage facility with ancillary development including 3m high fencing, battery storage containers, substation, transformers, switchroom, control room, welfare cabin and storage room, construction of internal access road and 4m high CCTV columns.	Awaiting Decision
22/0098/HDG	Junction Of Postern Gate Road / Friars Moss Road Quernmore - Removal of 19m of hedgerow	Application Permitted
22/00585/FUL	Gibsons Farm Bay Horse Road Quernmore - Extension of existing slurry lagoon	Application Permitted
22/00773/PLDC	Stoneycroft Bay Horse Road Quernmore - Proposed lawful development certificate for erection of a single storey rear extension	Lawful Development Certificate Granted
22/00729/CU	Stoneycroft Bay Horse Road Quernmore - Retrospective application for the change of use of agricultural land to residential land	Application Permitted

22/00250/FUL	Little Wood Blackwood End Farm Bay Horse Road Quernmore - Removal of caravan and ancillary buildings and erection of a dwelling (C3)	Application Permitted
22/00893/FUL	Blackwood End Bay Horse Road Ellel - Erection of an extension to existing agricultural building	Application Permitted
22/01110/FUL	Titterington Cottage Bay Horse Road Quernmore - Retrospective application for the erection of a replacement agricultural storage building	Awaiting Decision
22/01119/FUL	Friars Moss, Friars Moss Road, Quernmore - Erection of a slurry store with canopy over	Awaiting Decision

The Clerk reported that the owners of Quernmore House had lodged an appeal regarding the refusal of planning permission for produced changes they had submitted.

22/139 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District Councillor J Jackson reported:

1. That consultation was ongoing re better working between Town Councils.
2. Lancaster City Council had been asked to consider only serving vegetarian food in the Town Hall. The Leader had said it should be discussed. The Councillors viewed the opinion that vegetarian only food should not be imposed on all. They thought it would be better if there was a drive to source local produce or British produce where possible in that priority order.
3. A 'hub' for Ukrainians to meet was operating in Caton, run by Ukrainians and facilitated by the City Council. It should be noted that Lancashire had the highest number of 'hosts' nationally. Concern had been expressed about when the Governments 'host' scheme finished after 12 months there would be no housing available if hosts decided not to continue housing Ukrainian refugees.

Parish Councillors asked:

1. When would the University's solar panels be installed and were informed 2023
2. Was there any progress re Scarthwaite and were informed there was not.
3. Was there any progress on the enforcement notice at Redfields as the house was still being occupied. District Councillor J Jackson said she would raise the matter again with the Planning Department's enforcement section.

Clr. J
Jackson

22/140 DOCUMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Mr Mike Wright of Escowbeck House (forwarded to Councillors) regarding a hedge overhanging the pavement on the north side of the A683 just to the west of Low Road and the need for mobility drop kerbs. The Clerk had written to the landowner regarding the hedge which had then been cut back. The Clerk also logged a

request with Lancashire County Council for mobility drop kerbs to be installed – no progress so far.

The Clerk reported that the Fire Service had sent details of their Emergency Cover Review for comment and gave a brief summary.

Councillors resolved no comment was necessary.

The Clerk informed Councillors that the Parish and Town Council Conference would be held on the 12th November 2022 at County Hall in Preston.

The Clerk informed Councillors that Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Partnership had sent details of its draft priorities for its Integrated Care Strategy and associated survey.

Councillors resolved completion of the survey was not necessary.

22/141 ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS (if any)

The streetlight outside the Chapel was not working. The Clerk agreed to raise this with Lancashire CC Highways Department. Clerk

The Chair raised an issue about trees on the top side of Quernmore Brow above the crossroads which were reported to Councillor J Pye as dangerous. Lancashire CC Highways Department had given him 14 days to make them safe, but he had informed them that they were on the highway and were therefore not his responsibility but theirs. The trees had not yet been made safe. The Clerk agreed to raise this with Lancashire CC Highways Department. Clerk

22/142 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday, 5th December 2021 at 7.30 pm in Quernmore Recreation Club. Clerk to make necessary arrangements. Clerk

Appendix A – Comparison of Zurich Insurance Policies

ITEM	EXISTING LOCAL COUNCIL POLICY	NEW 'SELECT' LOCAL COUNCIL POLICY
Premium	£257.60	£214.00
Total Assets	£10,000	£15,000
Limit of Indemnity	£10,000	£12,000
Fidelity Guarantee (members & employees)	£25,000	£250,000
Personal Accident (members & employees) – Capital Sum	£20,000	£100,000
Personal Accident (members & employees) – Weekly Sum	£50	£500
Legal Expenses - Contract Disputes	£100,000 £5000	£250,000 Not covered
Damage caused by disease in animals belonging to or kept or sold by the insured	Excluded under public liability	Included under public liability