
QUERNMORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2022

Present: Councillors: G Kelsall (Chair), J Fox, J Pye, J Alexander, D Whitaker, B Carter
District Councillor: Mayor J Pritchard
County Councillor: Matthew Maxwell-Scott
Clerk: Gareth Catterson

22/143 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Action

Councillors: J Townley, A Johnson, District Councillor: J Jackson

22/144 OPEN SESSION

Councillor J Alexander passed on a copy of a book that had been prepared as a commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party held at Quernmore Park. The Clerk would keep it with other Council papers etc.

Clerk

22/145 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 10th October were confirmed and signed as a correct record and the Clerk was asked to upload them to the website.

Clerk

22/146 MATTERS ARISING

None

22/147 POLICE AND COMMUNITY

No reports

22/148 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reported the current bank balance was £1,811.77. Changes from the previous meeting were:

1. 'Money In'
 - a. HMRC - £15 (the Clerk was trying to ascertain the reason for this deposit)
 - b. Co-op Bank - £60 (compensation for poor service).
2. 'Money Out'
 - a. Zurich Insurance - £214 (annual indemnity insurance).

22/149 PLANNING MATTERS – The following are reported:

22/00017/FUL	Proposed Solar Farm Grimeshaw Lane Quernmore - Installation of a solar farm with associated access and infrastructure to include substations, inverter stations, control room, CCTV, lighting, perimeter fence and all associated works	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 at the time of the meeting but reported that it would be permitted
22/01110/FUL	Titterington Cottage Bay Horse Road Quernmore - Retrospective application for the erection of a replacement agricultural storage building	Application Permitted
22/01119/FUL	Friars Moss, Friars Moss Road, Quernmore - Erection of a slurry store with canopy over	Application Permitted
22/01271/FUL	Ty Nant Wyresdale Road Quernmore Installation of solar panels to south roof slope	Awaiting Decision
22/01271/FUL	Ty Nant Wyresdale Road Quernmore Listed building application for the installation of solar panels to south roof slope	Awaiting Decision

There was brief discussion regarding the solar panels at Ty Nant regarding the listed building status which the Clerk confirmed was Grade 2. No objection was raised.

22/150 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District Councillor, Mayor J Pritchard reported:

1. There was no further news re The Eden Project.
2. The UKSFP Rural Fund was available for projects that support the aims of the government's Levelling Up White Paper and Future Farming Programme. It funds capital projects for small businesses and community infrastructure. The aim was to help to improve productivity and strengthen the rural economy and rural communities.
3. The Boundaries Commission were proposing to merge the Lower Lune Valley with Morecambe and Lunesdale which also takes in Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale.
4. The Mayor had attended a 'Food Futures' event and was surprised to find she was the only non-vegetarian at the event.
5. From mid-January 2023 the Elections Act 2022 will require voters in Great Britain to show photo ID before being issued a ballot paper in polling stations at UK Parliamentary elections, local council elections and referendums in England and police and crime commissioner elections in England and Wales. The Mayor was uncertain how the legislation affected postal voting.

County Councillor: Matthew Maxwell-Scott reported:

1. There was a strain on Highway's budgets regarding repairs owing to a 27% increase in the cost of road repairs, partly because of the UK's bitumen having come chiefly from Russia.
2. New average speed cameras were to be installed on the A6 and A603
3. He held a small fund (£2000 p.a.) to distribute for local special causes. Money could be applied for on the Lancashire County Council, Member's Grants web page.

Parish Councillors asked:

1. What was happening about the South Lancaster/M6 Link Road? The County Councillor stated the project was likely to take 20 years and at a current cost of £160m. The money would have to be clawed back by a roof tax on new developers if current planned housing in the area went ahead. It was noted that the University had cut back their expansion plans.
2. What was the cost and benefit of a Parish Planning Document. The Mayor stated that Caton had just completed theirs and the cost was around £10,000, but grants were available. The benefits were community consultation and involvement were required and the City Council must recognise the outcomes of the plan when making decisions.

22/151 DOCUMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Rural Services Network:

- 1.1. **The Rural Bulletin** – 18 October, 1 November, 8 November, 15 November
- 1.2. **Rural Funding Digest** - November 2022 Edition

2. Community Connectors:

- 2.1. Exhibition about the Amazon opening at Halton Mill
- 2.2. Food Futures Opportunities
- 2.3. Two exciting paid opportunities to work for Let's Be Friends
- 2.4. Warm and Welcome Spaces

3. Local Plan, Planning Policy and Consultations:

- 3.1. Lancaster South Area Action Plan - Consultation on Topic Papers
- 3.2. Latest News November 2022 - Draft Mill Race Conservation Management Plan

4. Lancaster City Council Planning review - invitation to workshop 8th November

5. Lancashire County Council:

- 5.1. Response to query re 'Dangerous Trees'
- 5.2. Online Launch of Crowdfund Lancashire and Lancashire Culture and Sport Fund
- 5.3. Lancashire Community Food Grant Scheme
- 5.4. Lancashire Warm Spaces Grants
- 5.5. Winter Stakeholder Bulletins

Councillor J Alexander questioned whether organisations in the Parish were aware of the Warm Spaces Grant. The matter was discussed, and it was agreed the Clerk should contact the WI and local churches to inform them of the availability of the grants.

Clerk

22/152 ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS (if any)

Councillor J Alexander asked whether the Council should provide children in the Parish with a commemoration of the King's Coronation when it took place next year. There was a suggestion that the Parish Council could contribute financially towards anything that Quernmore School may be doing. Councillor J Alexander volunteered to investigate possibilities.

Cllr J
Alexander

The issue of the dangerous trees on Quernmore Brow was passed on to County Councillor M Maxwell-Scott to investigate further.

Cllr
Maxwell-
Scott

22/153 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday, 23rd January 2023 at 7.30 pm in Quernmore Recreation Club. Clerk to make necessary arrangements.

Clerk