



# ALSTON MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes** of a meeting held in the held **Garrigill Village Hall** on Monday 1st July 2024 at 7.00pm.

### **Councillors Present:**

Alice Bondi, Elaine Edgar, Elaine Grew, Raymond Miller, Dee Monk, Alastair Robertson, Ron Robinson;  
Graeme Ransom, Holly Ho, Alan Green, Michael Hanley, Brian Davies, Alix Martin, Paul Best

**In Attendance:** Carrie Pillow

**Public Present:** 4

### **Public Participation (Timed item 15 minutes)**

This is at the Chair's discretion and no decisions can be made on items brought to the attention of Alston Moor Parish Council under this item.

Mop – asked questions re Expense policy & grant for youth club

**APCM/2425/41.** To receive **apologies & consider approval of the reasons** given for absence

None

**APCM/2425/42.** To receive **declarations of interest** in items on the agenda.

Cllr Ho – Planning

**APCM/2425/43.** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

**Resolved** to approve Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

**APCM/2425/44. Exclusion of Press & Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

To decide whether there are any agenda items which require consideration for the exclusion of the press and public.

None

**APCM/2425/45.** To consider adoption of Co-option Policy & Action required

1. To consider adoption of Co-option Policy

**Resolved** to approve, co-option policy

## **APCM/2425/46. Chair's Report**

To receive for information a verbal report from the Chair

The chair requested a letter of thanks to be sent to the resident, who administered emergency at an accident.

A Brief overview of the WM&F Cabinet visit

A Successful but damp gala

## **APCM/2425/47. Council To Receive Reports (If Any):-**

*Written reports received will be placed in the appendix of the minutes, verbal reports will not be minuted.*

Westmorland & Furness District Councillors' Report – Noted – Appendix 1

Police Report - Noted - Appendix 2

**APCM/2425/48.** To receive reports from **Committees, working groups & consider** any actions required

### **i. Committee**

Development, Governance & Personnel (DGP) – which includes staffing

Staffing Meeting - Agenda for next Meeting - Ongoing - Position of Clerk / RFO

### **ii. Group Representatives**

Alston Moor Fitness – *Visit report*

**Resolved** to approve pavilion internal alterations as requested by the gym.

Alston Moor Partnership– **Noted** recent solar made easy.

WAF meeting – **Noted** – Appendix 3

**APCM/2425/49.** To **Consider** Matters arising, and actions required

#### **1. Policies to review or Adopt**

Expense Policy – **Resolved** to approve, Expense policy

Grant Policy – **Resolved** to approve, Grant Policy

#### **2. Ongoing – Nenthead Fountain**

**Action** – Cllr Robinson to gather quotes

#### **3. W&F - a list of historical "assets" – Gathering of evidence**

**Action** – Cllr martin to start a communal list for Cllrs to add too.

4. Christmas Lights

Reassess precept, for the 3 areas, **Resolved** to approve £500 for Alston, Nenthead & Garrigill.

Christmas Lights coordinator Alston – Raymond Miller, Ronald Robinson, Paul Best coordinate. Ladder training was discussed.

5. Benches for removal.

Alston - Pennine Way (Tower Hill) / Alston - Firs Walk 1 / Sand Hill

**Action** – Cllr Green to review

**APCM/2425/50. To Discuss Planning Applications & Consider Response as a statutory consultee.**

2024/0874/RMA at Broadpot Hill –

[Planning application: 2024/0874/RMA | Westmorland & Furness Council \(westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk)

**Resolved** No objections

**APCM/2425/51. FINANCE REPORTS:**

1. Current Balance of the Community Account as at 07/5/2024

**Noted** - £151487.38

2. To consider payments for Approval

Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Supplier	Description	Total
26.06.2024	7567	LCC	Locum	£2,861.64
31.05.2024	48743	Urbaser Ltd	bins	£3.62

**Resolved** to approve

**APCM/2425/52. To note the status of assets & consider and action required.**

Tyne Willows Playing Field	Village Seats	Notice Boards
Firs Woodland Walk	War Memorial	Defibrillators
Pavilion	Bus Shelters	
Footway lighting		

No issues **noted** in addition to 2 benches noted previously in minutes.

**APCM/2425/53. To Note Correspondence Received**

None received in addition to previously discussed

**APCM/2425/54.** To consider items for the **Next Meeting Agenda**

Benches – Additions

Defibs – Additions

Bank Signatories

**APCM/2425/55.** To consider any Councillor or Officer **Training.**

Ladder Training Cllr Best

**APCM/2425/56.** Date and Time of Next Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> August

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## Appendix 1

Eden Planning Committee 12.6.24

Report by Michael Hanley.

1. Reinstatement of dwelling (Moor Top Cottage) near Langwathby (on right hand side of road between Langwathby and Melmerby).

It was a former cottage. It was abandoned in the 1960s. It has been empty for 60 years with no roof.

Objection from Langwathby Parish Council (over visibility splays and the volume and speed of passing traffic).

Mat Wilson (MW, Planning Officer): Discussed the report and recommended approval. Visibility from the exit towards Melmerby is poor, so the exit has been moved to the south side of the property closer to Langwathby.

Daniel Addis (DA, Planning Agent): The walls of the house are in good condition. The applicant bought the property two years ago. We understand we will need to do an additional bat and bird survey. The visibility splay towards Langwathby is 250 metres but less towards Melmerby, but acceptable.

Doug Banks (DB, Chair of Langwathby Parish Council): In 2022 we had not received the planning application. The building was stopped and the planning application was applied for. For traffic approaching from the east, the visibility is severely restricted. The entrance is to be moved but we still have concerns.

Member's Questions:

J Murray (JM, LD): If there is to be an additional survey (bat and bird), can we make a decision today?

I Blinkho (IB, Solicitor): I would like to ask the planning officers about this.

M Lynch (ML, Planning Development Officer): We cannot make a decision today. If the survey is positive, we will proceed to give conditional permission.

M Eyles (ME, LD): I think it is good that the building is being reinstated.

Vote: Unanimous in favour.

2. Formation of roadway at Omega Proteins, Penrith.

Main objection is from Fresh Air for Penrith, a local pressure group. They complain that this will cause further throughput and lead to potential spillages. The lorries will be empty so this cannot happen.

ML: There is a rough track there which will be upgraded to a parking area. The road will be an egress point, only for vehicles leaving the site. The vehicles will be empty.

JM: We are getting piecemeal bits about the development of the site (Omega Proteins). It would be good if we got a presentation from Omega Proteins (OP) of the full plan for the next five years.

ME: I am no defender of OP. If we wanted such a presentation from the owner I am sure he would only be too happy. I have always found the company approachable.

Vote: unanimous in favour.

3. Construction of heat network connecting OP with nearby Sewborwens Farm and the Newton Rigg Estate to install a pipe network and heat exchangers.

A Foster (AF, Planning Officer): This is of significant public interest. The applicant owns the farm and part of the estate. The network will carry heat from the OP plant, similar to a domestic heating system. 115mm diameter insulated pipes buried at 1.5 metres will carry the hot water. The heat exchanger unit will be housed in a shipping container on the OP site. The route minimises the loss of trees. Penrith Town Council has no objections.

N McCall (NMC, LD): Is it going across other properties?

AF: OP owns all the land.

Vote: Unanimous in favour.



**ALSTON MOOR Police Update for JULY 2024 Parish Council Meeting**

**CRIME FIGURES** Crime figures can be obtained via the Cumbria Police

Website: <https://www.cumbria.police.uk/Your-Area/Your-area.aspx>

Alternatively use the following link: <https://www.police.uk/>

**INCIDENTS OF NOTE during the month of JUNE 2024**

**Burglary & Theft**

None Reported

**Damage**

None Reported

**Sheep & Poaching issues / Wildlife / Suspicious**

ALSTON – Noises heard from old school – checked OK – 21<sup>st</sup>

**Safeguarding Issues**

ALSTON – XL Bully dog seized by police – 12<sup>th</sup>

ALSTON – Report of underage drug taking in town – 22<sup>nd</sup>

**ASB & Neighbour issues.**

NENTHEAD – Neighbour Harassment – 28<sup>th</sup>

**Road Traffic Issues.**

ALSTON – RTC van on it's side – 2<sup>nd</sup>

ALSTON – Hartside – unroadworthy vehicle with faults stop checked – 3<sup>rd</sup>

NENTHEAD – Single cyclist serious RTC – 27<sup>th</sup>

**Assault / Violence**

ALSTON – Domestic assault – male arrested – 15<sup>th</sup>

*LOCAL POLICE UPDATE METHODS:-*

Cumbria Police website [www.cumbria.police.uk](http://www.cumbria.police.uk)

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**PARTNER AGENCY MESSAGES**

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This information is then fed to the police's National Fraud Intelligence Bureau to gain a more complete national picture of fraud. Action Fraud also provides a wide range of information about how to protect yourself from becoming a victim. For more advice or to report a fraud, visit the Action Fraud Website [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call.....

## Appendix 3

WAF meeting Thursday 27 th June ( Notes of said meeting )  
New WAF Local Plan— Early Conversation / Parish Council Briefing.  
Officers — Dan Hudson, Alastair Mc Neal, Leanne Beverly.  
Initial “ call for sites” to be identified and submitted to WAF before end of September 2024.  
Criteria needs to be ready prior to submission I.e. flood risk report etc...  
( Call for sites “ — Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment Process [ SHELAA] ) .  
Additional Points— submit sites including waste and recycling that have previously been ignored for building. Sites once submitted will be consulted upon in the Autumn.  
Design code — Required by NPPF and Levelling Up and Regeneration Act .( LURA )  
Process and Time scale— early engagement end of August 2024 for project inception/ draft design code document December 2024 / formal consultation and engagement April 2025 / Final design code June 2025.  
A. Local Plan is :— How we see places change and how we manage them  
Vision by a number of people, how to deliver it— planning and planning permission  
Early engagement — July - August 2024  
Develop and preparation 2025/2026  
Independent review 2026/ 2027  
Adopting plan 2027.  
B. Themes :— Economic growth / demographic challenge / rural areas future and sparsely population / climate change and biodiversity / design /. Housing.  
Communication and Engagement :— Members, Stakeholders,Residents.  
Everyone kept informed  
Maximising opportunities to interact  
Different stages - informal / formal  
Role of Parish and Town Councils :— Statuary consultees  
Speaking up for communities  
Detailed local knowledge - critical /. Cascading that knowledge down to Communities and back to WAF /. Encourage people to participate.  
Awareness of local design and characteristics  
Neighbourhood planning and Community Plans need reviewing , however these will become nil and void once the Local Plan has been adopted in 2027. If any conflict arises between the plans then the most recent takes priority I.e. will be then the Local Plan of WAF.  
Assets of Community value note of  
Direct place making in the management of local parks, open spaces, playgrounds, village halls, street scape  
Local Plan needs to reflect Neighbourhood Plan and previous local plans of Eden, South Lakes, Barrow and Furness.  
Discussion on areas being different and Conservation areas.  
C. New Infrastructure:— increased number of schools, G P Services, Highways etc... Use of levy money. This known as 106 in Eden and Barrow, and Sill in South Lakes and the National Park. Government is pushing for the new Levy system to the out dated 106 and SILLS .  
United utilities to be responsible for the improvement of sewage and Water systems but not on developers new properties. Will need a Flood Risk Assessment for roads , rivers, and property run off. This under the heading “ Water Management System “ .  
D. Affordable Housing :— right balance of houses to buy that are affordable for local people and houses to rent with affordable rents ,again for local people .  
An obvious discussion took place about land suitability, type of build, Conservation areas, second homes and tourists etc.....  
There is no green belt land identified in Cumbria only green spaces.

E. Transport :— quantity poor in WAF with virtually nil in Eden and rural areas even worse off.

F. Key messages ;— Early Consultation is the main focus with early conversation to all on the Local Plan —Listening — early conversations, vision, issues that need addressing

How will this happen ? — Consultations will begin in July 2024. There will be briefings for Councillors, Drop in sessions for everyone living within WAF area carried out locally, Static displays in Libraries and Town Halls, Information packs for Parish Councils. Further information via WAF website, social media, press release in local papers and WAF staff communication office.

IN ALSTON the drop in session will take place on 23 rd July at the Town Hall 3 pm - 7 pm . There will also be a static display in the Library at the Town Hall throughout consultation process.

How the Parish and Town Councils can help ———through the information packs, spreading the word to Community groups, Parish newsletters, noticeboards, web sites, local events.

Encourage people to attend drop in sessions and report local issues to WAF.

How to respond:—Use the questionnaire on citizen space portal . But don't worry all whom don't have a computer or I phone or are technophobic there will be paper copies made available at the drop in sessions.

Deadline for individual responses will be 9 th September /. For Parish and Town Councils it will be end of September . .

NB Last speaker was rushed so didn't get all information, however should be receiving the Power Points soon and when I do will send them out to all Councillors.

So, this is our opportunity to have our say about what is built and where and what the construction will be . What we need and want for AM. Thank you Elain