

PAPCASTLE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
7th January 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

Present David Johnson, Ian Trohear, Robert Jackson,
Robert Jackson Jnr. John Conlon, John Burrows, Jilly Douglas, Brian Merris.
Also present Duncan Fawcett

75/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Helen Tucker (Cumberland Council)

76/24 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

David Johnson introduced Duncan Fawcett as an interested party to fill the Parish Council vacancy. Duncan Fawcett left the room. Duncan Fawcett was proposed by Brian Merris, seconded by Ian Trohear and unanimously agreed as the new co-opted Councillor. Duncan Fawcett returned to the meeting and was informed of the outcome. The Clerk gave Duncan a New Councillor Pack and is to inform Cumberland Council of the decision.

77/24 DECLARATION OF INTEREST – none

78/24 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR REMAINDER OF ENSUING YEAR

As no one came forward to fulfill the role it was agreed to leave the matter until the Annual Meeting in May.

79/24 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dovers Lane
First Responders

80/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

81/24 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record – proposed by Jilly Douglas, seconded by Ian Trohear and unanimously agreed.

82/24 MATTERS ARISING

Beech tree, The Mount – Councillor Tucker agreed to chase this up. Clerk to contact Councillor Tucker again.

Weeds in the village – the weeds are still prevalent. Councillor Tucker to chase up. Clerk to contact Councillor Tucker again.

Emergency Plan – the Clerk confirmed she had the matter in hand.

Additional litter bin – David reported this is now being emptied but it was agreed to pursue a further bin.

Parish Council website - David had circulated information for a new website which would be at a cost of £9.99 plus VAT per month. It was agreed David and Barbara to pursue the existing website to see if this can be updated. To be reported to the next meeting.

Resiting of 30mph sign – Clerk to chase this up.

Bank signatories – the Clerk had obtained the necessary forms from Cumberland Building Society and had filled in the required information. Robert Jackson Jnr. David Johnson and Brian Merris signed as appropriate. Robert Jackson Jnr to take the completed forms to Cumberland Building Society.

83/24 REPORT FROM CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR HELEN TUCKER - to follow

84/24 LIGHT IN VILLAGE HALL LANE

David Johnson reported this had now been fixed.

85/24 GULLEY LEADING DOWN TO JUNCTION IN CENTRE OF VILLAGE

The Clerk reported she had written to the householders regarding overhanging debris but had not received any responses. Ian Trohear agreed to carry out the work.

86/24 ANTI HARRASSMENT AND BULLYING POLICY

This had previously been circulated by the Clerk. It was proposed by Jilly Douglas, seconded by John Burrows and unanimously agreed to adopt this policy. This will be ratified along with other policies at each Annual Meeting.

87/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS - NONE

88/24 PLANNING DECISIONS – NONE

89/24 FINANCIAL ISSUES

The Clerk reported a letter had been received from the Great North Air Ambulance for a donation towards running costs. It was proposed by Ian Trohear, seconded by Robert Jackson and unanimously agreed to donate £100.00 (one hundred pounds).

The following payments were agreed and cheques signed:

Clerks salary	£317.60
Tax on salary	£ 79.40
Clerks expenses	£ 29.33
Great North Air Ambulance	£100.00

90/24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

First Responders – Jilly Douglas raised the issue of the possibility of telephone numbers of suitable people in the village who may be able to help in case of a medical emergency – it was agreed Jilly place an article in the next edition of The Villager.

Dovers Lane – Jilly Douglas raised the problem of deliveries being made to property on Dovers Lane which were in other parts of the village. Again it was agreed Jilly place an article in the next edition of The Villager pointing out the problems.

Light in Back Lane – David reported this had now been fixed

Overgrown branches affecting lighting – David Johnson reported several lights in the village were affected by overgrown branches etc. David agreed to undertake a survey of all lights and report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

91/24 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Meeting ended 8.35 pm

Signed as a true and correct record

Date