**WEDNESDAY 16th APRIL 2025**

A meeting of the Haile and Wilton Parish Council was held on Wednesday 16th April 2025, in Haile Village Hall, Haile @ 7.30 pm.

**PRESENT** Gordon Smith - Chairman

Eva Watson-Graham

Dave Riley

Michael Garstang

Paul Sutton

Lesley Fowler – Clerk/Treasurer

# MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

**RESIGNATION**

Gordon handed in his resignation which will take effect after this meeting.

Lesley will inform Cumberland Council (as Gordon was an elected member) and a vacancy will be raised in due course.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Paul and Michael had both expressed their interest in re-joining the PC as their circumstances had changed. They were both invited to this meeting and asked to give a brief resume of why they wanted to join and what they could support with.

Paul – was a previous member for a number of years but had to resign due to conflict of interest with his then employer and also work commitments. He has lived in the parish for 10 years and loves the area. He wants to support the PC and help make a difference. Paul has experience with planning and building regs, and will be an asset to the current committee.

Michael – had to resign as he moved out of the area, but is now back and wants to pick up the ropes again. He has a wealth of knowledge in IT and is happy to support the PC with social media. Michael was brought up in Wilton and is now a member of Wasdale Mountain Rescue.

Michael and Paul where then advised that they could stay for the remainder of the meeting but couldn’t participate until the next meeting. They were both co-opted on and will be attending the next meeting in May.

**WEBSIDE DEVELOPMENT**

Eva has the photos for the new website, but just needs to forward to the clerk.

**PLANNING APPLICATION/UPDATES**

Planning Application 4/25/2112/ON1 – Application for proposed agricultural building, land south of Town End Farm, Haile for Mr Jack Jenkinson – No objections were raised.

Planning Application 4/25/2122/OB1 – Application to vary condition 2 (occupancy condition) of holiday barn to 2 permanent dwellings, Hight Broad Leys Farm, Calderbridge for Venus Lowrey Properties – No objections were raised.

Proposed solar farm at Cobra Castle, Egremont – although an application hasn’t been submitted yet, this has raised a lot of public interest in the surrounding area. Eva and Lesley attended a closed meeting with the local councillors and the Company who will be responsible for the installation of the solar farm. Many questions/concerns were raised, which will hopefully be taken on board.

An open evening was also held in Egremont Market Hall, where members of the public were invited to look at the proposals and ask any questions. Due to the volume of locals who attended this, and the strong feelings against the solar park, the application has been delayed and a following consultation day will be held.

Eva agreed to write a passage to cover many points that were raised, and this will be displayed on the website.

**CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**

Lesley has received a copy of the clerk’s contract from Beckermet PC. Eva agreed to take it away and see if it is suitable for us to use.

**SUMMARY OF CALC NOTIFICATIONS**

All relevant notifications were forwarded to the councillors.

**HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

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| Job No | Issue | Status |
| EI/220677 | Drain blocked in Carleton Moor Wood | Ongoing |
| EI/220678 | “Wilton” sign at Stockbridge damaged | Ongoing |

**GRASSCUTTING**

Mel had been in touch with the clerk so see if we required their services to cut the grass at the village hall and outside the church. The cost would be increased by £100 from the last invoice, will now be £1100 + VAT.

It was agreed to continue with this service, but ask for tenders later in the year for the following year, as it was felt that this was quite expensive. The clerk to add this to the December agenda.

# BANK BALANCE/BUDGET

The bank balance at 31/3/25 was £6939.00

Cumbria Payroll have issued the clerk with a payslip for the money outstanding for 24/25. She is now owed £470.15 which was agreed. Tax of £117.40 to be forwarded to HMRC and £21.30 for Cumbria Payroll to do the calculations.

# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Dates of forthcoming meetings have been circulated via e-mail.

# UPDATES/FEEDBACK

The paediatric pads for the Defib machine are approaching their expiry date. It was agreed the clerk would order the replacements. The clerk was also asked to find out if the machine is registered as it has no reference number on the casing.

The clerk was asked to contact CALC to see if they can audit out accounts.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st May 2025.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

**CHAIR:**

**DATE:**

TIME - 1.5 hrs