

Muncaster Parish Council

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Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2024 starting at 7.00pm in Muncaster Parish Hall, Ravenglass.

Present:

Cllr Martin Harrison. Acting Chair
Cllr J Chapman
Cllr Mike Parr
Cllr Ewan Frost-Pennington

David Boyd Parish Clerk/RFO

1	Apologies for absence	Cllr Richard Johnson
2	Declarations of Interest	As notified / on record,
3	Minutes of previous Council Meeting	The draft minutes of the 9 January 2023 meeting were slightly amended and subsequently approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.
4	Public Forum	(No public present)
5.	Finance	(a) RFO Reports etc had been tabled by the Clerk and were approved, along with specific bank cheque payments to authorise (as attached) - which were approved.
6	Planning Matters	(none)
7	Council Correspondence	None not already circulated etc
8	Parish Hall	(Cllr Frost-Pennington declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting room.) The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Muncaster Estate which outlined their proposed terms of new lease as follows: 1. 15 year lease 2. @ £500 p.a.

		<p>3. Muncaster Estate permitted to use Hall free of charge for up to 5 nights p.a.</p> <p>4. Compliance with regulation</p> <p>5. Repairing lease: repairs to be to good standard</p> <p>6. Upon signing of lease, P.H. Committee to reimburse incurred Muncaster Estate fees of \$1900</p> <p>The letter in addition requested a deadline for substantial movement towards agreeing the lease by 15 March, otherwise notice to vacate the property would be served.</p> <p>The above was agreed and Cllr Harrison undertook to pursue. The Clerk was asked to pass this on to the Parish Hall Committee.</p>
9	Councillors' Reports and Progress for Information	<p>(a) Cllr Parr reported that the replacement village sign had been re-erected. This was warmly welcomed and all responsible thanked on behalf of the community.</p> <p>(b) Cllr Chapman said that public bodies such as parish councils were eligible to apply to be issued with a framed photo of the King. It was unanimously agreed to obtain same.</p>
10	War Memorial	Cllr Parr reported that he had met a contact who may be able to arrange for eg Haverigg Prison working parties to undertake required works. The Clerk welcomed this and recommended that especially in view of the Grade II Listing the present conservation architect should continue to supervise. This was agreed and Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.
11	Corney Fell Road: possible closure	It was enthusiastically noted that Cumberland Council appeared to have decided to replace the failed bridge and thus avert possible closure of this road.
12	Parish Council Website	The Clerk reported that the changeover to the new website had been implemented and seemed already an improvement on the old - although still much scope for further development.
13	Date of Next Meeting	Next regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 12 March 2024.

(Meeting closed 8.00pm)

PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL 13/02/24 - MUNCASTER PC BANK ACCOUNT

Date	Details	Voucher No.	Reference	Receipts	Payments	Amount
				£	£	£
13-Feb-24	Clerk salary Feb 24	2338	300060		167.81	-167.81
13-Feb-24	Parish Hall Hire Jan 24	2339	300061		15.00	-15.00
13-Feb-24	New Website	2340	300062		384.00	-384.00
13-Feb-24	Printer consumables	2341	300063		30.00	-30.00
TOTAL						-566.81