

Torver Parish Council

Minutes and Actions of Torver Parish Council

Meeting held at Torver Schoolroom, Torver,

On Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr P Worth

Deputy Chair: Cllr C Bradley

Councillors: Cllr M Feather, Cllr V Kay

Clerk: C Sargeant

Members of the public: 1 (C Barr)

Minute Number		Action By
001/25	Public participation: 1. Westmorland and Furness Cllr S Pender: There was no report from Cllr Pender. She had sent an email in December 2024 about 'Electricity resilience in Coniston and Hawkshead.' This was a presentation from ENW, relating to improving the resilience of supply in Coniston and Hawkshead. Cllr S Pender had an initial meeting with ENW in January about concerns with her 9 parish councils and this was a follow up meeting. It is hoped this will greatly increase the resilience of supply when the investment is fully implemented. 2. Representation from members of the public: C Barr presented an information sheet to be delivered to every dwelling in the parish. Cllr P Worth offered to print it when an exact number was determined. Cllr M Feather proposed that the document should be dated January 2025. C Barr is to confirm the date of the community lunch.	
002/25	Apologies: No apologies - all councillors present.	
003/25	Minutes of the Meeting on 7th November 2024: Resolved: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th November 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair P Worth: Proposed by Cllr C Bradley and Seconded by Cllr V Kay.	
004/25	Requests for Dispensation: None declared.	
005/25	Declaration of interests in respect of Agenda items: None declared.	
006/25	Planning:	

	There were no new applications. It was noted that: 1. 7/2023/5670 Bankend Farm, Tover LA21 8BT – appeal decision – appeal allowed. 2. 7/2024/5701 Wilson Arms, Torver LA21 8BB – LDNPA Planning Correspondence – non-consultation letter	
007/25	Financial Matters: (a) Parish precept: Cllr P Worth had prepared and emailed (30th Dec.) detailed accounts and analysis for councillors to consider. It was resolved, in order to maintain the level of reserves at a prudent level in line with JPAG Guidance, to increase the precept by £320 from £4,120 in 2024/25 to £4,440 for 2025/26. Proposed by Cllr C Bradley; Seconded by Cllr M Feather. Clerk to submit. (b) The following payments were authorised: To Torver School for Schoolroom hire and heating - £121.00 To Parish of Coniston & Torver for Remembrance wreath - £125.00 (c) Money is available for repair or replacement of notice board. Funding options were considered. Application to Haverigg to be investigated.	Clerk
008/25	Banking arrangements: Following discussion, it was agreed that the arrangement with Barclays should continue for the present.	
009/25	Clerk and councillor vacancy: It was unanimously agreed to appoint C Sargeant as the clerk. Cllr C Bradley handed TPC's laptop to the clerk. The councillor vacancy is still to be filled.	
010/25	Village Green: Cllr C Bradley has been working to establish the frequency of events held on the village green and the significant number of villagers involved. Cllr V Kay said there was a video/dvd history of Torver that contained information about the village green. It was suggested that the Wilson Arms background film about the village might include activity on the green. Cllr M Feather thought it should be added to C Barr's leaflet. Cllr C Bradley to condense the CCC questionnaire to a more palatable size.	CB
011/25	Storm Arwen Community Resilience Fund: There is still an opportunity to apply for funding for the Schoolroom from the Arwen CRF. Applications need to be in by early February. Other applications for funding were considered.	Clerk
012/25	Torver Plan – Highways and paths:	

	Both Cllr V Kay and C Barr reported on unsuccessful attempts to get Highways to undertake repair and restoration; both will continue to pursue. Cllr M Feather said locals were active in restoration work.	VK
013/25	Email addresses: The clerk was instructed to pursue the creation of a torverpc email address with gov.uk	Clerk
014/25	Correspondence: 1. 22nd Dec. W&F Cllr S Pender: 'Electricity resilience in Coniston and Hawkshead' (see above 001/25). 2. 3rd Jan. W&F Cllr S Pender forwarded a weather warning from W&F Council. 3. 9th Jan. Westmorland and Furness Temporary Traffic Regulation Order Team: A temporary road closure has been put in place at A593 Hollow West, Torver, from its junction with Old Rake extending in a north easterly direction to its junction with the U5041, to allow Fibrus Networks Limited to carry out utility works which are expected to commence 23rd January 2025 and anticipated to take 3 days to complete. Clerk instructed to publish through Nobbut.	Clerk
015/25	Councillor Matters: No additional matters raised.	
016/25	Date of Next Meeting: The date of the next meeting will be held on Thursday 6 th March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom.	
017/25	Closure: The Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm.	