



**Minutes of Beckermet with Thornhill Parish Council
Meeting held on
Wednesday, 21 June 2023 commencing at 19.00hrs
Venue: Thornhill Social Club**

Present: (JN) Julie Nugent, Chairperson, (TB) Tim Barlow (Vice Chairman), (KC) Kath Cook, (MS) Michael Slater, (EJ) Eric Jewitt, (SC) Steve Caddy, (TC) T Church (Clerk)

1 Apologies

None.

2 To declare any interest in items on the agenda

EJ declared an interest in Agenda item 6.

3 Public Participation

Th Chairperson thanked members of the TVA and the members of the public for attending this meeting.

**4 Approve the minutes of the BwT Parish Council meeting held on 17 May 2023.
Review actions from previous meetings**

The minutes from the Annual Parish Council meeting and the May Parish Council meeting were approved as a true and accurate record. Chairperson to sign.

The actions were reviewed, updated, closed out or marked as ongoing, as appropriate.

5 Finance

May Finance Report

Report noted.

Approve Clerk's June salary

APPROVED for payment.

Approve Annual Play Area Inspection Expenditure

APPROVED for payment. The RoSPA inspections be carried out late September hopefully at the reduced rate.

ACTION 1: Clerk to organise and request the reduced inspection rate be honoured



6 Planning Applications

4/23/2158/0B1 - 43 The Millfields, Beckermat

No comments/objections made.

ACTION 2: Clerk to relay feedback to Planning Department

7 Sellafield Parking – Letter from Egremont Town Council

There is clearly an issue with parking which is impacting on local villages near to the Sellafield site eg Beckermat, Thornhill etc hence the letter received from Egremont Town Council.

The car park at Beckermat, which is owned by the Parish Council, is regularly fully occupied by cars belonging to Sellafield workers thereby preventing Beckermat residents using the car park when taking their children to the park.

This car parking issue is causing BwT Parish Council concern relating to the safety of the children using the play park, especially during the summer holidays. In addition, the issue of preventing disability access to the park was raised. BwT Parish Council will consider designated disabled parking areas in the car park.

It was **AGREED** that signage would be erected, with appropriate wording, to highlight that the car park is private land and for play park use only.

ACTION 3: TB to circulate proposed wording

ACTION 4: JN to contact Beckermat School to request the children in Year 5 and 6 design additional signage

8 Cycle Route between Sellafield and Seascale

JN advised that she had written to the appropriate person at Sellafield requesting an update on the commitment given in 2021 that Sustrans will repair and maintain this part of the cycle track.

An e-mail, from a concerned Member of the Public, had been received by BwT Parish Council and other Parish Councils, highlighting the deterioration and level of disrepair on the cycle track particularly between Station Gate and Seascale.

The MoP was also in attendance at the June meeting. He explained the current state of the cycle track is the worst it has ever been and therefore unusable for cyclists, prams, scooters etc. The only alternative is to use the A595 which is not safe.

BwT agreed that this issue needed to be resolved and would take forward.

ACTION 5: JN to follow up with Ward Councillor and Sellafield representative

9 Progress Reports

Play Park Opening at Beckermat and agree wording for CALC's News article

It was **AGREED** to send CALC the video of the play park opening and wording. The deadline for submission is the end of June



ACTION 6: JN to send to TC for onward transmission to CALC

Play Park at Thornhill – Funding Update

Awaiting official confirmation from the funding panel. A notice will be placed in the village noticeboard and Facebook when confirmation of a successful funding application is received.

Additional funding would also be sought to improve other areas for the teenagers in the village to use having consulted with them to ascertain what they would like.

In addition, there will be a tree and bush cutting regime around the village during Autumn.

Play Park inspection forms – Thornhill and Beckermest

A play park inspection form for each village had been compiled. As agreed at a previous meeting the time of the inspection had been included on each form.

The local resident in Thornhill had given permission to pass his contact details on. A meeting to be arranged with him and the current inspector on the Parish Council. After each inspection the completed forms to be sent to the Clerk for recording.

ACTION 7: MS to contact local resident

20mph speed limit outside Beckermest school

Ongoing. The Parish Council is concerned about the current speed limit of 30mph on the road outside of the school. The speed limit should be consistent with other schools in the area at 20mph.

10 Councillors' reports on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council/Report Minor Matters

Feedback from meetings

MS gave an update from the West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group (WCSSG) highlighting the request for Parish representation on two new Sub Groups being set up.

Minor matters

- invoice for varnishing benches to be paid and include in finance report at next meeting
- waste at gravel pit, Bingo Wood hasn't been cleared
- trees at Cursey Bridge are getting worse. Local Authority hasn't cut back for several years and the overgrown trees are a visibility hazard for road users
- trees and bushes are overgrown at Nursery Wood

11 Recruitment of additional councillors

A poster was chosen which would be displayed in the Thornhill noticeboard and on Facebook to encourage Thornhill residents to join the Parish Council to get involved with helping their community.

Chairperson's signature _____



ACTION 8: JN to update wording on poster and circulate ahead of displaying

12 Date and time of next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 19 July 2023 at 19.00hrs.

All business concluded; the meeting closed at 20.57hrs