

**Skelwith Parish Council**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 7.30pm 2024**

**Present:** Cllrs D Nicholl (Chair), R Singleton, A Howes, R Howes, R Pickering and S Pender (Clerk)

30/2024	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> – none	
31/2024	<b>Apologies:</b> None	
32/2024	<b>Minutes;</b> to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held in July 2024 as a true record	
33/2024	<p><b>Public Participation:</b></p> <p><b>i)Police Report:</b> no update but area newsletter for Low Furness and High Furness &amp; Grange distributed to Cllrs by email</p> <p><b>ii) Update from W &amp; F Authority from Cllr Pender:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Council has transitioned but still needs to transform</li> <li>● Meeting with ENW 18<sup>th</sup> Dec regarding resilience of supply</li> <li>● LDNPA Ward Meeting is in Coniston 3<sup>rd</sup> December</li> <li>● Fibrus Broadband Ward Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</li> <li>● 20mph zone approved for Coniston</li> <li>● Working hard on management of events</li> <li>● Have made 2 formal complaints to WF regarding the road at Stang End</li> </ul> <p><b>iii) Ambleside Action for a Future Water Group from Clare Humphrey</b>            In the last 18 months AAFAF have started monitoring water quality in Windermere supported by several Parish Councils and the South Cumbria Rivers Trust. Now the University of Cumbria are proposing the installation of remote sensing monitoring buoys in Windermere with the information communicated in real time within the public domain. In other catchments UU are of course also coming under sustained pressure from groups such as Clean the River Kent Campaign.            Last week, AAFAF members Jane Mathieson, Tim Boden and Clare Humphry plus Lakes Parish Councillor, Juliet Cunningham, had a meeting with United Utilities staff which included Andrew Marshall who is the engineer now in charge of delivering the improvements to the 10 Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTWs) around Windermere.</p> <p>UU have committed to take plans to Ofwat to improve 9 out of 10 of the WWTWs that are sited around Windermere. (Glebe Road is considered to be at the highest standard already). They have added Hawkshead and Grasmere works to the planned improvements. The plans still have to be approved by Ofwat, so are not a done-deal yet, however, the brilliant news is that United Utilities are intending to reduce the phosphate output levels in the final treated effluent at all 9 WWTWs.</p>	

	<p>They are going to reduce the Ambleside WWTW's output from 0.5 mg phosphate per litre down to 0.25 which is the current 'TAL' (Technically Achievable Limit) and the lowest that WWTWs can achieve at the current moment. They also hope to bring most of the others down to 0.25 mg and they plan to bring Langdale down from 2 mg per litre to 0.5 mg.</p> <p>Clare agreed to keep us informed of this excellent work.</p>	
34/2024	<p><b>Update on ongoing matters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Highways Matters – pots holes logged</li> <li>● Community Centre – progressing positively with Diocese</li> </ul>	<p>SP RH AH RP</p>
35/2024	<p><b>Planning Matters</b></p> <p>None received</p>	<p>SP</p>
36/2024	<p><b>i) Rural Art Exhibition</b> - update by Cllr R Singleton regarding Wilder Cumbria Arts Exhibition of local artists and school children in the Beatrix Potter Gallery in Hawkshead in August and September 24, in partnership with National Trust and supported by the Parish Council, it was a great success with over 1000 people attending. Well done to Rachel, Joy and Jane</p> <p><b>ii) Coppermines Grizedale Stages Rally 2024</b> - Saturday 7th December – no comments</p>	<p>SP RS</p>
37/2024	<p><b>Financial matters: resolved:</b></p> <p>i) Approved payments to the Clerk for Clerk for Home Working, Wilder Arts Grant Payments, Rothay Parkrun Grant, laptop charger</p>	
38/2024	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> That correspondence be accepted – all circulated by email</p>	
	<p><b>Date of future meeting:</b> To confirm the date of the next Parish meeting will 6pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025, followed by a supper at the Britannia at 6.30pm</p>	

Meeting closed at 8:45pm