

Minutes of WALTON PARISH COUNCIL meeting held TUESDAY, 7.30pm.19th December, 2023

Present: Councillors: - Armstrong, Hodgson, Hogg, Matthews, Shaw, Wilkinson and Weaver.

In attendance: - 2 members of the public

054/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – RESOLVED Received from the Clerk

055/23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – RESOLVED Cllr Shaw asked that Cllr Armstrong chair the meeting because of his ownership of the Old Vicarage Brewery. No other requests were received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

056/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING – RESOLVED In the absence of the Clerk, Cllr Shaw to take the minutes but also to speak on agenda items.

057/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – RESOLVED Other than Cllr Shaw in 055/23 above, no further declarations by elected members of interests in respect of items on this agenda were received.

058/23 PLANNING CONSULTATION on Cumberland Council planning submission 22/0770.

Councillor Armstrong provided an explanation of a “Certificate of Lawful Existing Development and the potential significance of the criterion of four consecutive years of a property being used as a dwelling before a certificate is sought. Councillors noted the following:

- Invitation to comment on the consultation had been sent to some, but not all, parishioners by Cumberland County Council
- The (previous) Carlisle City Council had initiated an enforcement action against the owners of the Centurion Inn but this had not resulted in the pub reopening since the initial closure.
- The property had been previously registered as a Community Asset but the registration had ceased.

059/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – RESOLVED Members of the public present were concerned that the Community Asset registration had been allowed to lapse by the previous Carlisle City Council. They felt that without this, there was little that could be done to oppose the application.

060/23 – PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO PLANNING AUTHORITY Agreed that the following comments should be passed to Cumberland County Council in respect of this planning submission 22/0070:

The Parish Council understands that the Centurion Inn was registered as a Community Asset but Carlisle City Council would not renew the registration. It is disappointing that apparently no enforcement action was completed following previous planning decisions which could have provided a route to the Centurion Inn reopening.

061/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9th January 2024 Village Hall, Walton, 7.30pm