



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 04 March 2019 in the Sportsmans Inn, Cowgill

Present: Councillors Graham Dalton, Chris Evans, Danny Smith, Geoff Woof, Ian Mitchell, Andy Cowton, Juliet Hoggar, Emma Richardson

County Councillor: Nick Cotton

District Councillors: Kevin Lancaster, Sheila Capstick

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 01 April 2019

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| 170 | /18 | <p>Apologies: RESOLVED to accept apologies and record the reason from Councillor Corpe.</p> | |
| 171 | /18 | <p>Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED that Councillor Hoggar declared an interest in Item 14 as an owner of a holiday let.</p> | |
| 172 | /18 | <p>Minutes of the meeting on Monday 04 February 2019: RESOLVED to note a change in item 156/18 that the BT Ducts were not being replaced but that concrete was put on top to add strength. A copy of the minutes was signed by the Chair.</p> | |
| 173 | /18 | <p>Clerk's Report: RESOLVED to accept the Clerk's Report and the following further information: Item 2 – It was noted that the Parish Forum will be at Barbon Village Hall. Item 4 – Details of landowners had now been passed to the organisers of the White Rose Classic Cycle event. Item 12 – Noted that the original objection of the Parish Council still stood as it had been discovered that the precedent has not already been set. Item 15 – The smartphone App was not working and so this item would need to be moved to the April meeting. The police report was added to the end of the report but there had been no reports in Dent.</p> | |
| 174 | /18 | <p>Chair and Member Announcements: Correspondence to the Westmorland Gazette newspaper had indicated that problems with a bridge at Crooklands were very similar to the ones experienced at Stonehouse. Another letter showed how a simple solution had been installed at a bridge in Kentmere, with two concrete posts at each end of the bridge to stop wider vehicles attempting to get over. This prompted discussion about the bridge at Stonehouse and several suggestions were made regarding solutions. It was agreed that it was the angle of the bridge and the length of vehicles rather than the width that caused most problems. It was agreed that the Clerk would make further representations to North Yorks. Council for new signage on the B6255. It was announced that Councillor Corpe was resigning from the council with immediate effect due to personal reasons. This was very sad news. Councillor Corpe had been a very valuable and hard-working member of the council who will be missed. The Chair announced that recent attempts to purchase the car park had failed and that this was unlikely to happen. The Chair also announced his intention to stand down as Chair at the meeting in May.</p> | |
| 175 | /18 | <p>County and District Councillor Announcements: <u>County Councillor</u> Had been in recent contact with Gary Verity of the Tour De Yorkshire. To host a start or finish of the race would cost £100k. However, Mr Verity was very taken with the Coal Road and this could be an option as part of a route.</p> | |

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| | | <p>County Councillor also noted that an event named the Chapel Challenge maybe of interest to local business owners, This event is connected to cafes to promote custom and could be replicated in this area.</p> <p>Gawthrop Hill was still causing some problems and solution would be to sort out the drainage on both sides of the road all the way down. Councillor Cotton will do everything he can to help with this.</p> <p><u>District Councillors</u></p> <p>Noted that the residents of Garsdale are still fighting the Private Water Supply issues. Councillor Mitchell is now on the MASCG dealing with Appleby Horse Fair.</p> | |
| 176 | /18 | <p>Public Forum:</p> <p>The Chair asked if Private Water Supplies had been an issue in Cowgill and it was noted that there were two known issues. One had been for a medical professional who had contested the findings.</p> | |
| 177 | /18 | <p>Music and Beer Festival Toilets:</p> <p>The Music and Beer Festival Committee advised that they are not in a position to provide one person to look after the public toilets over festival weekend and were suggesting that the public toilets be closed for the weekend. The council noted that the festival is provided with use of the field free of charge and that it did not wish to close the toilets as that would project a bad image of the village. It was RESOLVED that the clerk would write to the music and beer festival committee to advise that the toilets would not be closed and ask them to reconsider their position, given that they are prepared to spend money on extra portaloos.</p> | |
| 178 | /18 | <p>Car Park Relief Cover Pay:</p> <p>RESOLVED to refer this to the Car Park committee for recommendation.</p> | |
| 179 | /18 | <p>Council Laptop:</p> <p>RESOLVED that the clerk should arrange the purchase of a new laptop up to a cost of £400.</p> | |
| 180 | /18 | <p>Car Park Lease:</p> <p>It was noted that we had failed to obtain ownership of the Car Park and that the current lease expires in 2020. The council would like to negotiate the details of any new lease before spending any further sums of money including on the refurbishment of the toilet block. It was RESOLVED to request a meeting on site with Alan Hulme from YDNPA in the first instance.</p> | |
| 181 | /18 | <p>Ongoing Issues Update:</p> <p>The council were updated on the status of ongoing issues which included potholes and bridges. The clerk has photographed the repairs made to Laning and Millwood Straight and has asked for comments from Peter Hosking. Councillor Cotton advised that he has photographed many of the bridges and has sent them to Peter Hosking also.</p> <p>The playing field work is still outstanding and Councillor Smith agreed to arrange a meeting of the Playing Field Committee.</p> <p>It was confirmed that no grants were available to the adjacent landowner with respect to the repair of the walls on the car park.</p> | |
| 182 | /18 | <p>Dentdale Companion Smartphone App:</p> <p>RESOLVED to postpone this item until April meeting as the app was not available. Clerk to ask Paul Johnson to present the app at the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> | |
| 183 | /18 | <p>Planning policy for second homes and holiday lets:</p> <p>There was some discussion regarding whether the policy was strong enough as it was presented. There is evidence that erosion of the village has already happened and will continue to happen. Census figures show a continual decrease in the resident population.</p> | |

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| | | It was RESOLVED to change the policy to say that there is evidence that this has already happened and will continue to happen and that the policy will be signed off on this basis. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 184 | /18 | <p>Play Area Fence: The proposal for a fence to prevent dogs getting on the green was heard and the discussion turned to alternative measures. The green is already subject to a Dog Prohibition Order but the signage is poor. RESOLVED that the clerk will make contact with John Barwise at SLDC to discuss improvements to the signage. The situation could then be monitored before any further action was discussed.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 185 | /18 | <p>Annual Parish Meeting: RESOLVED to include the following reports Chair's report – Cllr Dalton Playing Field Committee – Cllr Smith Planning Committee – Cllr Evans Grammar School Foundation – Cllr Woof Music and Beer Committee – Cllr Cowton Dent Combined Charities – Cllr Dalton Dent Library Link – Clerk to ask Rita Corpe for a report. Memorial Hall Committee – Cllr Dalton Clerk to ask for reports form school, Upper Dales Health Watch and Sedbergh Patients Forum.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 186 | /18 | <p>Finance: RESOLVED to note the account balances at Current Account £16005.87 Deposit Account £32297.62 RESOLVED to authorise the following payments</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>CALE (Machine Rolls)</td> <td align="right">£85.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Philip Middleton (Street Lighting Maintenance 2018)</td> <td align="right">£41.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerks Expenses)</td> <td align="right">£5.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gary Sedgwick (New Toilet Seat)</td> <td align="right">£52.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WaterPlus (Car Park Water and Wastewater February 2019)</td> <td align="right">£39.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cumbria County Council (Parking Signs on Dragon Croft)</td> <td align="right">£1187.10</td> </tr> </table> | CALE (Machine Rolls) | £85.94 | Philip Middleton (Street Lighting Maintenance 2018) | £41.50 | Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerks Expenses) | £5.00 | Gary Sedgwick (New Toilet Seat) | £52.03 | WaterPlus (Car Park Water and Wastewater February 2019) | £39.33 | Cumbria County Council (Parking Signs on Dragon Croft) | £1187.10 | |
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| 187 | /18 | <p>Planning: RESOLVED to support the following planning applications S/01/314 & S/01/314A/LB at Mire House, Dent, LA10 5SX - full planning permission for construction of garden room and insertion of window in rear wall of existing house S/01/315 at 2 Dragon Croft, Dent, LA10 5QP - full planning permission for demolition of outhouses and construction of single storey east extension and two storey south extension RESOLVED to reiterate the objection to the minor land sale at 1 Dragon Croft due to not wanting to set a precedent for other home owners.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 188 | /18 | Date of the next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 01 April 2019 to commence at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall, Dent Meeting closed at 8.48pm | |
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