



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 07 October 2019 in the Sedgwick Room, Dent

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

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 04 November 2019

101	/19	<p>Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to accept apologies and record the reason from District Councillor Kevin Lancaster. The Chair noted that County Councillor Nick Cotton and District Councillor Suzie Pye had not attended for several months and asked the Clerk to make enquiries of both.</p>	
102	/19	<p>Declarations of interest: RESOLVED that there were no interests to declare</p>	
103	/19	<p>Minutes of the meeting on Monday 02 September 2019: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 02 September 2019 were agreed as a correct record and a copy was duly signed by the Chair</p>	
104	/19	<p>Clerk's Report: RESOLVED to accept the Clerk's Report and the clerk offered some further information regarding the proposed play area fence. The Chair then invited members of the public to speak about the proposed fence around the play area and the following observations were made: The space allowed for the opening of car doors (400mm) is insufficient. Whilst you can open the door it is very difficult to get in and out and those with limited mobility will struggle more. It was noted that SLDC had advised that 400mm is the default clearance used for car parks. In reply to this it was noted that this was not a car park and that children would be exiting cars on the passenger side. It was argued that those people coming by car with children to play on the green should be parking in the car park and that it was possible to drop off passengers before parking up, much the same as those parking on the opposite side of the green have to do because of the wall. Access to properties at the lower end of Dragon Croft was also mentioned. Access was already difficult and if people choose to park their cars further away to give room to get out access will become even worse. It was noted that Emergency Service Vehicles had been known to go across the green in the past but that this was not now possible due to the height difference between the green and the pathway. One resident has to reverse his van up this road everyday as it is not possible to turn around. It was then noted that some time ago a boy had ended up in hospital as a direct result of dog fouling and this fence was necessary to stop this. The Chair then asked members if they had heard anything this evening that suggested they should revisit their original decision to proceed with the fence and it was unanimously agreed that the original decision should stand. RESOLVED to proceed with the fence as soon as possible.</p>	
105	/19	<p>Chair and Member announcements: Councillor Mitchell asked about the bridleway in Cowgill and the recent work carried out by YDNPA. It was reported that further work had been carried out with pleasing results and that more was to be done in Spring. The workmen reported that there should be a lengthsman checking and clearing the drains monthly and it was noted that this was not happening. A new footpath sign is on order and will be erected shortly. It was noted that the recent visit of the Tour of Britain had been a huge success, bringing lots of visitors to the area. It was agreed to write to the organisers to thank them for a well organised event and to welcome them back to this area any time. It was noted that repair works on the parapet of Barth Bridge had been completed and the question was asked when the wall repairs will happen. The Clerk will chase this up but it is expected to happen shortly. It was reported that the Dent Grammar School organisation did not have enough Parish Council representatives currently. The Clerk advised that he had written to the committee advising that the PC could only provide one representative in the future as it struggles to fill</p>	

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		council seats and its own committees. However, it was noted that the constitution of the Grammar School is difficult to change as it is governed by the Charities Commission and may incur financial penalties. This is to be added to the agenda for the Policy and Resource Committee meeting on 31 October.	
106	/19	County and District Councillor Announcements: RESOLVED that other than Councillor Mitchell, no other councillors were present. Councillor Mitchell advised that while he had nothing to report he was available if any parishioner had any questions.	
107	/19	Public Forum: A request was made to add the planning items back on to the agenda. The Clerk advised that these now formed part of the planning report which was circulated with the agenda. The new owners of the Meadowside Café introduced themselves to the council and members of the public. They were wished well in their new endeavour. Thanks were offered on behalf of the Memorial Hall Committee for the new noticeboard that had been ordered. It was noted that the Memorial Hall Committee were willing to fund the cost of their new board.	
108	/19	Policy and Resource Committee: RESOLVED that this committee hadn't met since the last council meeting and so there was nothing to report. The next meeting of this committee will be on 31 October 2019.	
109	/19	Amenities and Environment Committee: The minutes of the meeting on 19 September had been circulated and there were no questions from members. Two funding requests were presented: Hedge Cutting – To authorise spending of £1000 to Robert Hodgson for the tidying up of the hedge cutting done by CCC contractor. RESOLVED to authorise this expenditure. Waste Bin at Beech Hill – To authorise spending of up to £285 for the purchase and installation of a new waste bin at Beech Hill to replace the current metal one which was a Health and Safety hazard. RESOLVED to authorise this expenditure.	
110	/19	Car Park Committee: The minutes of the meeting on 10 September had been circulated and there were no questions from members. Two authorisation requests were presented: Car Park Lease – The Chair of the committee presented the request to authorise the signing of a new lease agreement on the condition that all of the required amendments were made. Unfortunately the lease was not available at the meeting but it was RESOLVED to authorise the signing on the condition that all requirements had been met. Toilet Refurbishment – The recommendation of the committee was presented and it was RESOLVED to appoint the recommended contractor once the new lease had been signed.	
111	/19	Playing Field Committee: The minutes of the meeting on 11 September had been circulated. It was questioned whether there had been any further communication from the family wishing to plant a memorial tree and the clerk advised that there had been none.	
112	/19	Planning Committee: The following applications had been considered and approved by the committee: S/01/25B at West Clint, Dent, LA10 5RQ - full planning permission for erection of agricultural building and extension to existing agricultural building (retrospective) It was noted that there was an extensive amount of walling, but that this would not be close to the road. However it would be very close to the Dales Way footpath. S/01/51A - Millbeck, Dent - Discharge of Conditions The committee felt that the applicant had provided all of the required information to have these conditions discharged. The following decision had been noted:	

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		S/01/288C & S/01/288D/LB at Moser Hill Farm, Dentfoot, Sedbergh - Full planning permission for change of use and conversion of shippens and haylofts into habitable spaces ancillary to the main dwelling and installation of rooflights (Approved Conditionally)																					
113	/19	<p>Finance:</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the account balances at</p> <p>Current Account £21537.31 Deposit Account £42446.90</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the payments made since the last meeting</p> <p>(Power wash of The Straits) - £95.00 Peter Hunt (Renewal of SSL Certificate for Dentdale.com) - £59.99</p> <p>RESOLVED to agree the budget monitoring report as presented by the Clerk</p> <p>RESOLVED to authorise the following payments:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Scott Thornley (Admin & Clerk's Expenses)</td><td>£56.59</td></tr> <tr><td>EON (Car Park Electricity July, August and September 2019)</td><td>£118.38</td></tr> <tr><td>EON (Street Lighting Electricity Q2 2019/20)</td><td>£44.76</td></tr> <tr><td>WaterPlus (Car Park Water and Wastewater)</td><td>£60.51</td></tr> <tr><td>Kevin Milburn (Demolition of Pavilion)</td><td>£780.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Lambert Smith Hampton (Pavilion Survey)</td><td>£216.00</td></tr> <tr><td>TDP Ltd (New bench at High Laning Entrance)</td><td>£492.12</td></tr> <tr><td>Gritbins.net (New grit bin for Stonehouse Lane)</td><td>£83.99</td></tr> <tr><td>Ken McClurg (New spools for strimmer)</td><td>£13.08</td></tr> <tr><td>HMRC (PAYE Q2 2019/20)</td><td>£153.60</td></tr> </table>	Scott Thornley (Admin & Clerk's Expenses)	£56.59	EON (Car Park Electricity July, August and September 2019)	£118.38	EON (Street Lighting Electricity Q2 2019/20)	£44.76	WaterPlus (Car Park Water and Wastewater)	£60.51	Kevin Milburn (Demolition of Pavilion)	£780.00	Lambert Smith Hampton (Pavilion Survey)	£216.00	TDP Ltd (New bench at High Laning Entrance)	£492.12	Gritbins.net (New grit bin for Stonehouse Lane)	£83.99	Ken McClurg (New spools for strimmer)	£13.08	HMRC (PAYE Q2 2019/20)	£153.60	
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114	/19	<p>Exceptional Items:</p> <p>A request had been received from the contractor working on the barn next to the public toilets to have a temporary supply of electricity and water from the toilets. RESOLVED to decline this request because of our own refurbishment works which are due to commence.</p>																					
115	/19	<p>Date of the next meeting:</p> <p>RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 04 November 2019 in the Sedgwick Room, Dent to commence at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.37pm</p>																					

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