



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 04 November 2019 in the Sedgwick Room, Dent

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

District Councillors: Kevin Lancaster

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 02 December 2019

116	/19	Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to accept apologies from Councillor Danny Smith and County Councillor Nick Cotton	
117	/19	Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED that there were no interests to declare	
118	/19	Minutes of the meeting on Monday 07 October 2019: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 07 October 2019 were a correct record and a copy was duly signed by the Chair.	
119	/19	It was resolved to allow Inspector Paul Latham of Cumbria Police to speak about and answer questions related to the recent spate of thefts and rural crime. Inspector Latham gave a brief overview of his team and the activities they undertake. He advised that members of his team were currently being deployed more in this area to try to tackle the recent crimes. However, he would encourage people to take basic security steps in order to help combat these types of thefts. The Inspector acknowledged some of the problems with the 101 service and encouraged the use of the email 101 emails@cumbria.police.uk if the telephone line was busy. All suspicious activity should be reported to the police. Much of this crime is being carried out by Organised Criminal Gangs and it is not advisable to tackle these people. Cumbria Police are working hard to ensure they use "cross-border" policing and are in contact with Lancashire, Yorkshire and Northumbria forces, sharing information etc. The Inspector noted that the Sedbergh Farmwatch group was very successful in sharing information and advised that if groups are vetted then the police can share certain information with them. The police and community working together is the most effective way of tackling these crimes and any information should be passed to the police as well as posted to facebook etc. With regard to CCTV, the Inspector commented that there is always a value to CCTV but the constraints of cost and GDPR must be taken into consideration. The Inspector has asked his PCSO's to try to visit every farmer in the Dale to offer reassurance and advice. The Parish Council has put in a bid for funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner for a CCTV camera linked to the police control centre. If this is unsuccessful the Council will continue to discuss the use of CCTV. Members of the public were reminded to be mindful of their own safety at all times. Inspector Latham left the meeting at 8.30pm	
120	/19	Clerk's Report: RESOLVED to accept the Clerk's Report. Item 4 - It was questioned what constitutes a light vehicle when talking about Millthrop Bridge. The Clerk will find out what vehicles will be permitted once the bridge re-opens. Item 10 – It was noted that the toilets in the school were not permitted to be used by members of the public.	
121	/19	Chair and Member Announcements: The Chair noted that at a recent meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner, it was noted that we will be unlikely to get the funding for a CCTV camera. It was noted that at the last meeting, while discussing work on the bridleway in Cowgill, annual inspection of the gulleys was mentioned. This has not been happening of late and it was questioned whether this could happen again. The Clerk informed that this work had previously been paid for by money from the LAP and that this body no longer existed. Councillor Lancaster advised that there was still money available from the LAP and the Clerk will pursue	

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		<p>this. The Clerk will also make contact with Cumbria County Council to see when the gulleys were last checked.</p> <p>It was noted that the road at Stone Rigg Outrake was still no better despite recent work done for the Tour of Britain. The Clerk will chase up an onsite meeting with Highways to discuss this and other issues.</p>													
122	/19	<p>County and District Councillor Announcements: RESOLVED that there were no announcements.</p>													
123	/19	<p>Public Forum: It was noted that the polling station for the general election on 12 December 2019 will not be in the Memorial Hall. It will be moved to the Methodist Chapel School Room. It was noted that it was very dark in the Laning and questioned whether further street lights could be erected. This will be on the agenda at the next Amenities and Environment Committee.</p>													
124	/19	<p>Policy and Resources Committee: Risk Assessments – It was noted that the committee was happy with the risk assessments but that a review of procedures should be done by the Clerk. The budget setting had not been completed at this session and the committee will meet again on 28th November.</p>													
125	/19	<p>Amenities and Environment Committee: This committee does not meet again until 19 December.</p>													
126	/19	<p>Car Park Committee: The new lease had been expected but had not yet arrived. Work on the toilets cannot commence until the new lease is signed.</p>													
127	/19	<p>Playing Field Committee: This committee does not meet again until the New Year.</p>													
128	/19	<p>Planning: RESOLVED to fully support the following application as it was essential to keep young families in the dale: S/01/205B at West Banks Cottage, Dent, LA10 5QT – householder planning permission for erection of two storey extension to south elevation</p>													
129	/19	<p>Finance: RESOLVED to note the bank balances as</p> <p>Current Account £9622.15 Deposit Account £42446,90</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the payments made since the last meeting as:</p> <p>Burton Turf Care (Grass maintenance at Car Park) £1041.60 Burton Turf Care (Grass maintenance at Playing Field) £2558.40 South Lakeland District Council (Play Area Fence) £6750.00</p> <p>RESOLVED to authorise the following payments:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerk's Expenses October 2019)</td> <td align="right">£5.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hall-Fast Products Ltd (New bin for Beech Hill)</td> <td align="right">£287.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dent Memorial Hall (Room Hire Q2 2019/20)</td> <td align="right">£10.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Hunt (Domain Name Renewal for 5 years)</td> <td align="right">£71.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Greenbarnes Ltd (New noticeboards for Memorial Hall)</td> <td align="right">£1254.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WaterPlus (Car Park Water and Wastewater October 2019)</td> <td align="right">£60.00</td> </tr> </table>	Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerk's Expenses October 2019)	£5.00	Hall-Fast Products Ltd (New bin for Beech Hill)	£287.05	Dent Memorial Hall (Room Hire Q2 2019/20)	£10.50	Peter Hunt (Domain Name Renewal for 5 years)	£71.94	Greenbarnes Ltd (New noticeboards for Memorial Hall)	£1254.59	WaterPlus (Car Park Water and Wastewater October 2019)	£60.00	
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130	/19	<p>Exceptional Items: RESOLVED that there were no exceptional items to discuss.</p>	
131	/19	<p>The Public were asked to leave the meeting at this point as was the Clerk Scott Thornley. There was some discussion regarding the performance of the Clerk over the last 12 months and concern was expressed regarding his latest appointment to Ravenstonedale Parish Council. The Clerk had supplied information regarding his current pay as well as the latest pay scales and National Agreement from NALC. RESOLVED to increase the Clerk's pay to New SCP 23 on the scale. <i>Post Meeting Note – It was discovered that the Clerk had provided incorrect information regarding his current pay scale. He was already at point 23 on the scale and this meant that no increase was due. The Clerk will draft a new procedure for Performance and Pay Review which will be presented to the Policy and Resource Committee on 28th November.</i></p>	
132	/19	<p>Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 02 December 2019, in The Sedgwick Room, Dent to commence at 7.30pm. Meeting closed at 9.20pm</p>	

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