



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 04 May 2020 via video conference

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

County Councillor: Nick Cotton

District Councillor: Kevin Lancaster

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 01 June 2020

179	/20	<p>Election of Chair: RESOLVED that Juliet Hoggar was nominated by Ian Mitchell and was unanimously elected. The Declaration of Acceptance will be signed when it is safe to do so. Cllr. Hoggar then took the Chair.</p>	
180	/20	<p>Election of Vice-Chair: RESOLVED that Ian Mitchell was nominated by Emma Richardson and was unanimously elected.</p>	
181	/20	<p>Apologies for absence: RESOLVED that there were no apologies for absence, Cllr. Smith had resigned his seat on the council with effect from 01 May 2020 and he was thanked for his service to the council and community.</p>	
182	/20	<p>Declarations of interest: RESOLVED that there were no interests to declare.</p>	
183	/20	<p>Minutes of the meeting on Monday 06 April 2020: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 06 April 2020 were a correct record and a copy will be signed by the Chair when it is safe to do so.</p>	
184	/20	<p>Clerk's Report: RESOLVED to accept the Clerk's Report.</p>	
185	/20	<p>Chair and Member Announcements: It was noted that more information was to be provided in order to obtain the insurance related to the emergency plan and that this was in hand. It was noted that that the works on Millthrop Bridge would be best undertaken during lockdown but that this may not be possible. The estimated schedule for the completion of the works is 8-12 weeks. It was suggested that extra time would possibly be needed but this could not be confirmed. It was suggested that the council should tackle YDNPA directly on why the bridge needed to be repaired and could not be left as is, and to point out the difficulties this would cause. In particular that another period of long access problems to the dale, following the Covid 19 shutdown, would be very detrimental to businesses dependent on visitors However, it was noted that both parapets are not in good condition with the base that they are built on in bad repair. County Cllr. Cotton noted that he had been speaking to the bridge engineer who was trying to push for the work to be done this summer. It was noted that there was work to be done on the diversion routes. It was suggested that we ask Cumbria County Council to pay to the parish council the money it receives from Council Tax for verge maintenance. The Parish Council contractor does a better job. It was noted that this will be put to Karl Melville in the weekly video call. The recent communication from SLDC regarding waste collections was noted as difficult to read and confusing. Cllr. Mitchell will chase this up at SLDC.</p>	

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186	/20	<p>County and District Councillor Announcements: The incident with the second home owner was noted and had now been dealt with. It was noted that a potential food bank would be opened in Sedbergh and that this would be the closest place for residents of Dent should it be required.</p>	
187	/20	<p>Public Forum: It was noted that the written response received from the Meditation Centre had been circulated to all councillors and would be discussed at the next Amenities and Environment Committee. Also noted that the burial ground at the centre remains open to local residents to visit. No visitors from outside the dale are permitted to use the centre or grounds currently. The chair of school governors advised the council that the government and diocese had awarded the funding for the replacement of the boiler. This meant that the governors were now required to fund 10% of the overall cost and they would be looking to the Parish Council for the funding requested in 2019. A grant had been applied for from YDNPA and others. £5500 was required upfront to start the work with a further £5500 required on completion. It was suggested that the governors send update on current status to the council and that the parties meet to discuss further.</p>	
188	/20	<p>Policy and Resources Committee: RESOLVED that this committee is not scheduled to meet again until 19 October 2020.</p>	
189	/20	<p>Amenities and Environment Committee: The minutes of the meeting on Monday 20 April were circulated to all councillors. It was RESOLVED to approve all recommended actions.</p>	
190	/20	<p>Car Park Committee: RESOLVED that this committee does not meet again until 18 May 2020.</p>	
191	/20	<p>Playing Field Committee: RESOLVED that this committee does not meet again until 22 June 2020.</p>	
192	/20	<p>Planning: There had been only one application in the month and that was for repairs to Gawthrop Bridge. S/O1/327/LB at Gawthrop Bridge, Gawthrop - listed building consent for repair works to the arch barrel, soffit and abutments and to introduce drainage measures to shed water away from the parapets. It was noted that the diversion route was planned over the Occupational Road which is no more than a footpath. RESOLVED to reply to this application to advise that an alternative diversion was required.</p>	
193	/20	<p>Internal Auditor: RESOLVED to appoint Jean Airey as the council's internal auditor for 2019/2020,</p>	
194	/20	<p>Annual Governance: RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2019/2020. The restructure of the council to committees at the beginning of the year was discussed. It was noted that the number of committee meetings in 2019/20 had been excessive and that they had been reduced for the coming year. It was unanimously RESOLVED to continue with this structure.</p>	

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195	/20	<p>Finance: RESOLVED to note the bank balances as</p> <p>Current Account £2491.72 Deposit Account £35382.99 The clerk noted that the precept had now been received since the agenda was published.</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the payments made since the last meeting as:</p> <p>Peter Hunt (Website Administration) - £250.00</p> <p>RESOLVED to authorise the following payments:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="371 920 1275 1061"> <tr> <td>DR & JE Ellison Groundworks (Concrete plinth at Laning)</td> <td>£336.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waterplus (Car Park Water and Wastewater)</td> <td>£81.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerk's Expenses April 2020)</td> <td>£18.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tony Playfoot (Restoration of Cowgill Noticeboard)</td> <td>£100.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED to approve the Annual Accounting Statement for 2019/2020. The clerk will circulate the Budget Monitoring report for Q4 to all councillors.</p>	DR & JE Ellison Groundworks (Concrete plinth at Laning)	£336.00	Waterplus (Car Park Water and Wastewater)	£81.08	Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerk's Expenses April 2020)	£18.25	Tony Playfoot (Restoration of Cowgill Noticeboard)	£100.00	
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192	/20	<p>Exceptional Items: The advance payment from the owner of Sepia Barn for rent of the land was queried and it was advised that this expired on 31/05/20. The clerk would ensure a further invoice was sent. The council's insurance was discussed with regard to the new quote that had been received. It was RESOLVED to accept the new quote and the 3 year deal that had been offered once the documents had been circulated to all councillors.</p>									
193	/20	<p>Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 01 June 2020, possibly via Microsoft Teams video conferencing, to commence at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Meeting closed at</p>									

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