



**Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 27 May 2020 via Lifesize Video Conference**

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

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

194	/20	<p>Apologies for absence: RESOLVED that there were no apologies for absence as all members were present.</p>	
195	/20	<p>Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED that Cllr Dalton declared an interest as a member of a vulnerable category of resident.</p>	
196	/20	<p>Car Park and Toilets: The minutes of the Car Park Committee meeting on Monday 18 May had been circulated to all councillors and it was noted that the committee had recommended to keep the Car Park and Toilets closed, to be reviewed at the Full Council meeting on Monday 01 June. Due to the witnessing of a number of visitors using the car park with some urinating in the recycling area, the Chair had called this Extraordinary Meeting in order to discuss the re-opening of the facilities again. The Chair asked for the views of the councillors present. It was noted that it had not been possible to enforce the recommendation of the committee due to the requirement to maintain an access for United Utilities and Recycling collections. It was argued that the recommendation of the Car Park Committee should be adhered to, the YDNPA had opened their car parks but had been reluctant to do so. They had effectively been forced to do so by DEFRA. It was argued that there was no evidence of visitors coming to Dent and that on the whole, the message that the car park was closed had been adhered to. The financial implication were argued to be insignificant and that the residents should come first. Infection rates in Cumbria are high. It was noted that improved signage was required if the car park were to remain closed. It was agreed that the financial aspect of re-opening was the least important and that YDNPA had confirmed that they will honour the rent holiday already given, even if the car park were to re-open. A large amount of work has been done on developing a Risk Assessment tailored specifically for the Car Park and Toilets and</p>	

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	<p>Coronavirus. This would minimise the risks associated with re-opening.</p> <p>It was noted that there was to be another government review on 28 May and it was suggested that we wait to hear what is said before making a decision. However, it was also suggested that this announcement may bring further visitors who would all find alternative parking in the dale which may be dangerous.</p> <p>It was also suggested that since the car park is in the open, the risks were minimal as long as the social distancing rules were followed.</p> <p>A proposal was received from Cllr Mitchell, seconded by Cllr Seekins to re-open the car park ASAP but to leave the toilets closed until social distancing measures could be ensured.</p> <p>Cllr Dalton proposed an amendment to this that any decision be postponed until 01 June 2020. This amendment was not seconded and was therefore dismissed.</p> <p>A vote was taken on the original proposal to re-open the car park ASAP but to leave the toilets closed until all measures could be ensured, the votes were:</p> <p>For – 5 Against – 1 Abstained – 1</p> <p>Therefore RESOLVED to re-open the Car Park as early as possible and the Risk Assessment will be sent to all councillors.</p> <p>It was further RESOLVED that this decision will be recorded on the noticeboards locally but will not be advertised more widely at this time.</p>	
197	/20 Meeting closed at 20.11	

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