



Clerk's Report

01 June 2020

No	ITEM	INFORMATION	ACTION
1	YDNPA Dark Skies	I have received communication from YDNPA regarding their application for Dark Skies Reserve Status. This was circulated to all councillors for comment. I have asked YDNPA for more information on the scheme before the Parish Council can write a letter in support.	For Info
2	Highways	Weekly meetings with Karl Melville of Cumbria Highways have not happened for two weeks. This is disappointing especially since Karl has not sent any further updates either. I have chased Karl for these updates. Peter Hosking has promised that work will be done to improve the passing places over Barbon Fell. This is after I spent the morning photographing them all to send to him.	For Info
3	Millthrop Bridge	The latest information we have is that Metcalfes have been appointed as the contractor with work to start on 08 June. If the planning permission comes through sooner then this may be brought forward to 01 June. The work is scheduled to take 8 weeks but it is hoped that this will be quicker as there is a commitment to 7 day working and longer days. The official diversion will be over Barbon Fell and a one way system will be employed at the end of Hospital Lane in Millthrop.	For Info
4	Beech Hill	The new signs for the Beech Hill parking area have now been made and are awaiting collection.	For Info
5	Car Park and Toilets	The Car Park Committee met on 18 May and voted to recommend that the Car Park and toilets remain closed until 01 June at the earliest. However, visitors have been coming to Dent and using the car park despite this, with some people observed urinating around the recycling bins which poses it's own health hazards. An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council is to take place on 27 May.	For Info



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6	Car Park improvement Project	I have been in further contact with Andrew Vickers at SLDC regarding the surface of the car park and the problems faced by Cumbria Waste. Grant applications are in but have been put on hold due to COVID-19. I have not been able to lay the temporary plastic surface due to self-isolating and the council needs to consider whether it will pay someone to do this.	For Info
7	Internal Audit	I met (virtually) with the Internal Auditor, Jean Airey, on 29 April and am now in possession of her report. This is to be discussed and approved at thi meeting.	Agenda Item
8	School Boiler	As reported at the last meeting, the School Governors now have the go ahead from the government and diocese for the boiler replacement. I have received nothing further from Kate Cairns however.	For Info
9	Verge Maintenance	I have provided required details to Karl Melville for the reimbursement of the cost of maintenance in 2019. Payment has not yet been received. I am also in conversation with Victoria Percival at CCC regarding a "Working Together" agreement for the continuation of the work being done by our own contractor.	For Info
10	Insurance	I contacted our current insurers to advise that we would not be renewing our cover for 2020/21. They advised that they would look at price matching and I asked them to let me have any further quotes by 28 May. If this information is not forthcoming I will arrange cover with Came and Company.	For Info
11	Repairs to Cowgill Noticeboard	I was contacted by Tony Playfoot regarding the condition of the noticeboard in Cowgill. Tony offered to repair the board at a cost of £100 and I asked him to do so.	For Info
12	Sepia Barn	I sent further invoices to the owner of Sepia Barn in relation to the car parking spaces and scaffolding land. I have heard nothing in reply and no payment has been received. I have chased this up and await a reply.	For Info