



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 06 July 2020
via Lifesize Video Conference**

Present: Councillors Juliet Hoggar, Ian Mitchell, Emma Richardson, Gary Seekins, Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong, Michael Akrigg

District Councillors: Kevin Lancaster, Suzie Pye

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 03 August 2020

222	/20	Co-optation of New Councillor: Councillors had received information from Les Howes and it was RESOLVED to co-opt Les to the council.	
223	/20	Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to accept apologies and record the reason from from Cllr Woof.	
224	/20	Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED that there were no Declarations of Interest.	
225	/20	Minutes of the meeting on Monday 01 June 2020: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 01 June 2020 were agreed as a correct record and a copy will be signed by the Chair when it is safe to do so.	
226	/20	Clerk's Report: RESOLVED to accept the Clerks Report and it was noted that a method of distributing sand bags locally needs to be worked out. Also noted that there was a lot of litter at the bottom of the car park field.	
227	/20	Chair and Member Announcements: Cllr Seekins advised that he had recently had a conference call with the Chief Officer at ACT regarding the Emergency Plan. Cllr Seekins is working on a new Emergency Action Plan which will focus on the first steps in the event of an emergency. A draft document will be circulated to all councillors shortly. It was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Chris Evans for his service to the council and to Dent Stores for their services during the COVID pandemic. The Chair announced that she had accepted an offer on her house and would be moving out of the area. She intended to offer her resignation the following day.	
228	/20	County and District Councillor Announcements: Suzie Pye – Nice to be here again. Is the Portfolio holder for Health & Wellbeing and Financial Resilience. Community Resilience Group are holding multi-agency meetings. Food parcels to shielding residents will stop from 01 August but a Feeding Families initiative was now set up to ensure that no children go hungry.	

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		<p>Cllr Pye wanted to find out how things are in Dentedale as she was aware that a lot of people were helping each other. Cllrs advised that as a community we were pretty self-contained and there were no known issues.</p> <p>Kevin Lancaster – Advised that public halls were entitled to grants form SLDC.</p> <p>There have recently been more thefts from farms again and advice to lock up and be vigilant.</p> <p>Cllr Howes advised that letters sent out to the blind regarding shielding etc. were only received last week from Cumbria County Council.</p> <p>Ian Mitchell – Offered thanks to Cllr Hoggar for her service and leadership in the last 15 months.</p> <p>Millthrop Bridge is re-opening and offered thanks to County Councillor Nick Cotton for his efforts in pushing this through so quickly.</p>	
229	/20	<p>Public Forum:</p> <p>It was noted that some people were having some trouble downloading Agendas etc. from Dentedale.com. The Clerk will speak to the website administrator regarding this.</p>	
230	/20	<p>Policy and Resources Committee:</p> <p>No meeting had been held in the previous month, however the following items were considered:</p> <p>School Boiler Funding – The Chair of the School Governors gave an update on the current situation. The Government and Diocese had agreed to the funding of 90% of the overall costs with 10% needing to come from the community as the school is Voluntary Aided.</p> <p>Work has started on stripping out the old boiler and pipework with a view to doing the major work during the school summer holidays.</p> <p>The governors are asking the Parish Council for £5500 towards the costs, which is half of the 10% required. The governors have been informed that they meet the criteria for the Sustainable Development Fund at YDNPA and have applied for £5500 from there.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council give a loan to the governors of £5500 until November/December, when the council will consider grant applications. In the meantime, the only repayments will be from any other grant funding the governors receive.</p>	

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		Committee Structure – RESOLVED to postpone this item until August when a new chair will be elected.	
231	/20	Amenities and Environment Committee: This committee will meet again on 20 July but the following item was to be resolved before that date: YDNPA Application for Dark Skies Reserve Status – The Parish Council had been asked to send a letter of support for this application and it was RESOLVED to send a letter.	
232	/20	Car Park Committee: The committee had not met in the previous month but the Ticket Machine maintenance contract was due for renewal. It was RESOLVED that in light of the proposed developments to the car park that we ask for a shorter agreement which can be cancelled if required when a new ticket machine was installed. The Clerk to contact Flowbird.	
233	/20	Playing Field Committee: The committee met on 22 June and had discussed a number of items. The minutes of this meeting had been circulated to all councillors. A recommendation had been put before the council for repairs to the East wall, funded from the money received from the Dentdale Show Committee. The total cost was to be a maximum of £900 and it was RESOLVED to authorise this work. It was noted that there was a large amount of litter behind the dugouts and that the football club should be responsible for clearing this. The Clerk will write to the football club.	
234	/20	Planning Committee: Changes to the way the planning committee works had been suggested and a Terms of Reference document had been written by the clerk and circulated to all councillors. It was noted that councillors should be very clear that under the terms of reference, the council was delegating its powers to the Planning Committee and that the committee would therefore make decision on behalf of the council. It was RESOLVED to agree the Terms of Reference and the committee will, in future, meet via Zoom Video Conference once per month.	
235	/20	Finance: RESOLVED to note the account balances as Current Account £21,618.31 Deposit Account £32,602.30	

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		<p>RESOLVED to note the following payments made since the last meeting The Sign Man (Signs for Beech Hill) £90.00 Ian Mitchell (Items for toilet re-opening) £152.03</p> <p>RESOLVED to authorise the following payments</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>EON (Car Park Electricity May and June 2020)</td> <td>£117.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON (Street Lighting Q1 2020/2021)</td> <td>£46.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerk's Expenses)</td> <td>£18.25</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact Waterplus regarding the latest invoices as the usage seemed high considering the toilets had been closed for two months.</p> <p>RESOLVED to agree the Budget Monitoring report as presented. It was questioned whether now was the right time to be considering big changes to the car park. It was noted that this expenditure would hopefully be grant funded.</p>	EON (Car Park Electricity May and June 2020)	£117.09	EON (Street Lighting Q1 2020/2021)	£46.80	Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerk's Expenses)	£18.25	
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236	/20	<p>Exceptional items: A noticeboard for installation at Gawthrop was queried and this will be on the agenda for the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting on 20 July.</p>							
237	/20	<p>Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 03 August 2020 via Zoom Video Conference.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20.47</p>							

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