



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 02 July 2018 in the Sedgwick Room, Dent

Present: Councillors Graham Dalton, Rita Corpe, Chris Evans, Danny Smith, Geoff Woof, Ian Mitchell, Martyn Knapton, Andy Cowton, Juliet Hoggar

District Councillors: Sheila Capstick

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 06 August 2018

55	/18	<p>Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to accept apologies and note reason for absence from District Councillor Kevin Lancaster.</p>	
56	/18	<p>Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED that there were no declarations of interest in matters on the agenda.</p>	
57	/18	<p>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 04 June 2018: RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the meeting on Monday 04 June 2018 as a correct record and a copy was duly signed by the Chair. The issue of noise pollution was raised at this point and it seems this is still ongoing despite the Environmental Health Officer visiting twice. It has been happening now for over 8 weeks from dawn until dusk, with residents being woken at 4am. The resident reporting this has now raised this with the YDNPA and the RSPB, with the latter seeming to take it more seriously. Hopefully this issue will now be resolved by the joint efforts of the YDNPA, SLDC and RSPB. The clerk was asked to re-send the letter he had sent to the resident.</p>	ST
58	/18	<p>Clerk's Report: RESOLVED to accept the clerk's report and there was some discussion around Item 17 – An offer to maintain the grass areas around the parish benches. It was agreed that the clerk should look into the purchase of a strimmer with a maximum budget of £200.</p>	ST
59	/18	<p>Chair and Member Announcements: The chair had attended the recent meeting regarding the costs of street lighting. A number of parish councils were represented at the meeting all with very different arrangements with regard to street lighting. Other councils have a mix of their own street lights and those provided by Cumbria County Council, who charge the parish council an annual fee, which is ever increasing. It transpired that some councils were paying as much as £100 per light per year, compared with the £10 per light per year we currently pay. It would seem that all of the good work done by the previous clerk was still having a good effect. With respect to street lighting it was reported that the light at Flintergill Close is still not working. A question was asked regarding the placing of notices at Cowgill now that we have no councillor residing in Cowgill. It was advised that a resident had been placing these notices for some time. All 3 councillors sitting on Cowgill ward offered to take these notices themselves to place on the board in future.</p>	

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61	/18	<p>Public Forum:</p> <p>It was noted that nothing further had developed regarding the car park wall after work had stopped due to objections from the adjacent landowner. It was felt that we were within our rights to place posts on both sides of the wall without objection to protect the wall.</p> <p>A large amount of rubbish is once again being dumped at the recycling facilities on the car park. It would appear that holiday cottage owners are giving different information to their guests regarding the recycling available and therefore flytipping was becoming a problem. It was agreed that the clerk should write new guidance for all holiday cottage owners to ensure all guests get the same information. It was also agreed that enquiries should be made of SLDC as to whether we could have plastic recycling facilities added to the existing facilities at the site.</p>	<p align="center">ST ST</p>
62	/18	<p>Playing Field Committee:</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept the minutes from the Playing Field Committee meeting on Thursday 07 June 2018.</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve all work as recommended by the committee within the constraints of the money available from the Dentdale Show Committee.</p>	
63	/18	<p>Verge Maintenance:</p> <p>Information from Cumbria County Council, including the list of required qualifications/training required, and the information that the amount paid by Cumbria County Council last year was a one off payment which will not be repeated was submitted to the council. Also, information from Longsleddale Parish Council, regarding their decision to hand the work back to Cumbria County Council because of the restrictions placed on contractors.</p> <p>RESOLVED to allow Cumbria County Council to carry out this work.</p> <p>RESOLVED to seek a new quote from Robert Hodgson for follow up work once the County Council have completed their work.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the clerk will write to County Councillor Nick Cotton expressing the Parish Council's disappointment with regard to this situation.</p>	<p align="center">ST ST</p>
64	/18	<p>Parish Plan:</p> <p>It was suggested by some Councillors that a new Parish Plan would now be a good idea, particularly while we have a full compliment of councillors.</p> <p>It was suggested that a Neighbourhood Plan would carry more legal weight than a Parish Plan and this should be considered if it was felt appropriate.</p> <p>It was felt that a questionnaire to all residents would be a good first step.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a small committee be formed in the first instance with the taks of going over the previous parish plan to see what had succeeded and what hadn't. The committee will be made up of Councillors Mitchell, Knapton, Cowton and Hoggar and it was felt appropriate to invite Heather Fraser (leader of the previous plan) to this meeting.</p>	

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65	/18	<p>Website Hosting Costs: Communication had been received from the previous website administrator regarding the outstanding refund of £45 for website hosting costs. RESOLVED that enough time had been spent trying to recover this amount and that the amount should be written off.</p>																	
66	/18	<p>Bench at Flintergill: Correspondence had been received from the son of former Parish Council member Geoff Sharples, regarding the condition of the bench placed on Flintergill Close in memory of his father. RESOLVED to move the memorial plaque to a bench on the village green where it would be more prominent, provided permission could be gained from SLDC.</p>	ST																
67	/18	<p>Meditation Centre: The same correspondence as in item 66/18 above also expressed concern at the lack of groundskeeping at the meditation centre. This was felt to be disrespectful to those buried there. As the meditation centre is now privately owned it is the responsibility of its owners to keep the grounds. The council understands that a new gardener has been employed and this situation is expected to be resolved shortly.</p>																	
68	/18	<p>Finance and Budget Monitoring: RESOLVED to approve the budget monitoring document and the reasons for overspend under certain budget headers, circulated by the Clerk, showing a surplus of £8000+ currently against budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept the account balances at: Current Account £15080.80 Deposit Account £32176.21</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve the following payments:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="371 1442 1283 1704"> <tr> <td>Flowbird (Car Park Ticket Machine maintenance contract 2018/19)</td> <td align="right">£800.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Plus (Car Park Water and Wastewater to 11 June 2018)</td> <td align="right">£9.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON (Car Park Electricity May 2018)</td> <td align="right">£32.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC PAYE (Income tax payment for Q1 2018/19)</td> <td align="right">£579.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerks Expenses)</td> <td align="right">£14.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dent Stores (Car Park Consumables)</td> <td align="right">£53.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hyde (Weedkiller and locks)</td> <td align="right">£20.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GS Milburn (Weedkilling in Picnic Area)</td> <td align="right">£114.00</td> </tr> </table>	Flowbird (Car Park Ticket Machine maintenance contract 2018/19)	£800.29	Water Plus (Car Park Water and Wastewater to 11 June 2018)	£9.29	EON (Car Park Electricity May 2018)	£32.31	HMRC PAYE (Income tax payment for Q1 2018/19)	£579.00	Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerks Expenses)	£14.00	Dent Stores (Car Park Consumables)	£53.58	John Hyde (Weedkiller and locks)	£20.19	GS Milburn (Weedkilling in Picnic Area)	£114.00	
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69	/18	<p>Planning: There were reservations regarding the renovation of another building for use as a holiday let as this was considered detrimental to the village. However it was recognised that the barn is in a state of serious disrepair and will benefit from renovation. RESOLVED to approve the two applications presented as follows:</p>																	

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		<p>S/01/201A and S/01/201LB at Congregational Manse, Flintergill, Dent – Full planning and listed building permission for demolition of existing conservatory and construction of garden room; alteration of rear wall within garden room to create opening to living room.</p> <p>S/01/287 and S/01/287LB at Barn (next to Stone Close, Main Street, Dent – Full planning and listed building permission for internal and external works to create a 3 bedroom holiday let.</p>	
70	/18	<p>Date of Next Meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 06 August 2018 in the Sedgwick Room, Dent.</p> <p>Meeting closed to public and press at 9.10pm</p>	

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