



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 07 December 2020 via Zoom Video Conference**

Present: Councillors Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong, Ian Mitchell, Michael Akrigg, Emma Richardson, Gary Seekins, Geoff Woof, Les Howes

*To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 01 February 2021*

298	/20	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept apologies and record the reason from District Cllr. Kevin Lancaster.	
299	/20	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> There were no Declarations of Interest.	
300	/20	<b>Minutes of the meeting on Monday 02 November 2020:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 02 November 2020 were a correct record and a copy will be signed by the Chair when safe to do so.	
301	/20	<b>Clerk's Report:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the Clerk's Report. It was questioned whether further action needed to be taken regarding the unpaid Sepia Barn invoices. The next stage will be a claim in the Small Claims Court. It was suggested that this be left until an invoice for the replacement of the footway light had been presented to Mr French.	
302	/20	<b>Chair and Member Announcements:</b> There were no announcements.	
303	/20	<b>Public Forum:</b> No members of the public were present.	
304	/20	<b>Items from Amenities and Environment Committee requiring decision:</b> a) Footway Light at Sepia barn – <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the recommendation from the committee to install a new light on a pole next to Sepia barn. b) Stonehouse Bridge Signs – <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the recommendation from the committee to proceed with the signs on the condition that they can be amended or added to at a later date if not effective.	
305	/20	<b>Items from Policy and Resources Committee requiring decision:</b> a) Public Participation – <b>RESOLVED</b> to allow 15 minutes of Public Participation at all meetings (including committees) with a maximum of 3 minutes per speaker. Members of the public will be asked to send questions in writing in advance of the meeting (by 5pm on the Wednesday before the meeting). b) Parking Tariffs – <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the recommendation from the committee to change parking tariffs as follows as soon as practicable: Up to 1 hour = £1.50 1-2 hours = £2.50 2-3 hours = £3.30 3-4 hours = £4.00 4-24 hours = £5.00 Free overnight parking will remain as will free permits for residents.	

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		<p>Motorhome Permits – <b>RESOLVED</b> to increase from £125 to £150 from 01 January 2021. The committee will review the classification of all vehicles before 31 December 2021.</p> <p>Second Home/Holiday Let Permits – <b>RESOLVED</b> to increase price of each permit by £5 per annum from 01 January 2021. The committee will review the difference between second homes and holiday lets before 31 December 2021.</p> <p>c) Grants 2020-2021 – It was noted that the council had been able to be generous this year mainly due to the receipt of a grant from SLDC. <b>RESOLVED</b> to make the following awards:  Dent Pre-School Ltd - £500  Dent CE Primary School - £2700  St Johns, Cowgill - £632  Great North Air Ambulance - £318  Dent Memorial Hall - £350  Dent CE Primary School Governors – It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to convert £1500 of the loan towards the costs of a new boiler into a grant. This left the governors with £2000 to repay. <b>RESOLVED</b> to allow 6 months for this repayment, interest free.  <b>Cllr Woof left the meeting at this point.</b></p> <p>d) Budget 2021-2022 – <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the recommendation from the committee and to increase the precept to £18820. This represents an increase of 8 pence per week for a band D property. It was noted that Verge Maintenance had not been included in the budget as it was recognised that the council should be seeking reimbursement from Cumbria County Council for this work.</p> <p>e) Clerk’s Pay Review – Following on from the Clerk’s Performance Review and the recent achievement of CiLCA qualification it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the committees recommendation to increase the Clerk’s salary to SCP25 on the NJC scales.</p>											
306	/20	<p><b>Payments for authorisation:</b>  <b>Cllr. Howes declared an interest in this item</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to authorise the following payments:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerk’s Expenses).</td> <td align="right">£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dent Stores (Consumables for toilets).</td> <td align="right">£133.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON (Car Park Electricity November 2020)</td> <td align="right">£39.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burton Turf Care (Car Park Grass Cutting).</td> <td align="right">£1041.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burton Turf Care (Playing Field Grass Cutting).</td> <td align="right">£758.40</td> </tr> </table>	Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerk’s Expenses).	£50.00	Dent Stores (Consumables for toilets).	£133.79	EON (Car Park Electricity November 2020)	£39.89	Burton Turf Care (Car Park Grass Cutting).	£1041.60	Burton Turf Care (Playing Field Grass Cutting).	£758.40	
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307	/20	<p><b>Purchase of a gift for Nicky Edwards:</b>  It was noted that Nicky had worked hard to preserve the school during difficult circumstances and it would be a nice gesture from the council to present her with a gift. <b>RESOLVED</b> to give Nicky a £50 voucher for her favourite shop. Cllr Mitchell to find out which shop.</p>											
308	/20	<p><b>Account Balances:</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to note the account balances as:  Current Account £12,823.98  Deposit Account £30,548.11</p>											

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312	/20	<p><b>Planning Committee:</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to note the minutes of the meeting on 26 November 2020 which had been previously circulated.</p>											
313	/20	<p><b>SLDC Greening Campaign:</b>  Cllr. Mitchell confirmed he had asked the cabinet member at SLDC to send further information. However, they had noted that this fund was now empty but will hopefully be replenished in 2021.  It was questioned why the council had not received any information regarding this fund sooner and it was suggested that all councillors think about what projects this fund could be used for.</p>											
314	/20	<p><b>Exceptional Items:</b>  Signs at Lea Yeat – It had been noted by a member of the public that one of the signs at the bottom of Lea Yeat was in very bad repair and that the other which was opened in bad weather to advise of the closure of the Coal Road needed a new volunteer to operate it. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Roy Holmes to find out if he is still willing to phone someone to advise that the road needs to be closed and also contact Cumbria Highways regarding the sign that needs replacing.  Extreme Pothole at Deeside House – It was noted that the pothole outside Deeside House had worsened recently and it was now dangerous. Cllr Richardson to photograph and the Clerk will include in meeting with Karl Melville.</p>											
315	/20	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b>  The next meeting will be held on Monday 01 February 2021 at 7.30pm likely via Zoom. Video Conference.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20.27</p>											

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