



**Minutes of the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting held on
Monday 16 August 2021 at Dent Memorial Hall**

Present: Emma Richardson (Chair), Ian Mitchell, Gary Seekins, Geoff Woof

To be presented at the Amenities and Environment Committee meeting on Monday 08 November 2021

AE63	/21	Apologies for absence: No apologies had been received as all members were present.	
AE64	/21	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Richardson declared an interest in item 5b. No other interests were declared.	
AE65	/21	Minutes of the last meeting: RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the meeting on Monday 19 April 2021 as a correct record and a copy was signed by the Chair.	
AE66	/21	Public Forum: One member of the public was present and had attended to support the item regarding a dog exercising area (5a). It was suggested that an area to train dogs to be off the lead safely was important as it would mean that dogs were safer around livestock. It was also suggested that information regarding lambing etc. could be provided in this area as well as allowing dog training classes. One suggestion was that the unused portion of the Playing Field could be used for this purpose but that it would need to be fenced off. This could then cause issues for the football team retrieving balls on match days as well as issues with grass cutting and the associated rise in costs. It was RESOLVED to consider this request further and to make enquiries of the Playing Field Committee as to whether they considered the Playing Field viable for this activity.	
AE67	/21	Dangerous Driving: The Clerk reported that he had received a complaint regarding dangerous driving by a resident of the dale. The Clerk advised that this was not a Parish Council matter and that he had asked the person reporting the issue to contact the police. This item had been put on the agenda for information only.	
AE68	/21	Footway Lighting: The Clerk presented a further option for replacing all of the footway lights in the village. The committee RESOLVED to recommend to full council that the light that had recently been put up next to the public toilets did an excellent job and that this should be replicated for all of the other footway lights, with the exception of those in certain areas, such as the churchyard, where more traditional lights would be used. A list would be drawn up of those areas.	
AE69	/21	Verge Maintenance: The Clerk reminded the meeting that this item had not been included in the budget for 2021-2022 as the Policy and Resources Committee felt it was inappropriate to include it when Cumbria County Council are responsible. It was noted that the County Council's contractor is	

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		likely to do a less than adequate job. It was RESOLVED to write to Cumbria County Council to advise that the Parish Council would like a full and proper job doing by their contractor in advance of work commencing.	
AE70	/21	Greening Campaign: It was noted that the latest phase of the Greening Campaign was now accepting funding requests. However, the committee agreed that the current criteria do not meet with plans in the dale.	
AE71	/21	Dodderham Moss: The committee considered the information presented regarding the management of Turbary Rights at Dodderham Moss. Whilst the committee sympathises with the land owners, it is not something the council can become involved with. It was RESOLVED to write to the land owners to encourage one of them to take over the management administration.	
AE72	/21	Wild Camping: It was noted that there had been very few instances of this since the last meeting of this committee. RESOLVED to continue to be vigilant but that no further action should be taken at this time.	
AE73	/21	Highways and Bridges: It was noted that communications and meetings with Karl Melville seem to have broken down once again and that Karl passes the requests down the line to Martin Hardman/Peter Hosking anyway and so perhaps we should go back to communicating with them to see if we can get a better response. Work on Lea Yeat, Oliver and Barth bridges is imminent and Planning applications should be submitted soon.	
AE74	/21	Postbox at Deepdale: The Clerk advised that Royal Mail had dismissed the idea of replacing the current postbox or providing a new one. It was RESOLVED that there was little more the council could do here and that no further action should be taken.	
AE75	/21	Footpaths: Cllr. Mitchell noted that work had been done to resurface the footpath between Church Bridge and Hippins and that all footpaths had been trimmed. RESOLVED that Cllr. Mitchell will chase up with Alan Hulme regarding the footpath at Millwood.	
AE76	/21	Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be on Monday 15 November 2021 at Dent Memorial Hall. Meeting closed at 20.30.	

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