



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 06 September 2021 at Dent Memorial Hall

Present: Councillors Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong (Chair) Ian Mitchell, Michael Akrigg, Geoff Woof

District Councillor Kevin Lancaster

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

398	/21	Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to accept apologies and record the reason from Cllrs. Seekins, Richardson and Howes.	
399	/21	Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED to accept the declaration from Cllr. Mitchell with regard to the Car Park and Toilet Contract.	
400	/21	Minutes of the meeting on Monday 02 August 2021: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 02 August 2021 were a correct record and a copy was signed by the Chair.	
401	/21	Co-option of new councillors: Mrs Laura Thornley was nominated for co-option by Cllr. Mitchell and, having confirmed her eligibility was duly co-opted. Cllr. Thornley confirmed that she had no interests to declare regarding items on the agenda.	
402	/21	Clerk's Report: RESOLVED to approve the Clerk's Report. It was noted that the B4RN connection in the car park was now live and that the new ticket machine was now live. It was also advised that YDNPA will be holding a Virtual Parish Forum on Wednesday 13 October. The Clerk and Chair will attend.	
403	/21	Chair and Member Announcements: There were no announcements from the Chair or Members.	
404	/21	Public Forum: No questions had been received from members of the public and Cllr. Lancaster had matters to raise.	
405	/21	Footway Lighting: The proposal from the committee to upgrade current lighting with a similar model to the new light next to Sepia Barn was considered. New information regarding the acceptable colour temperature for compliance with Dark Skies Regulations had been received since the committee meeting and so it was RESOLVED to refer this item back to the committee for further consideration.	
406	/21	Verge Maintenance: It was noted that the council had resolved to exclude the Verge Maintenance from the budget for 2021-2022. However, it was noted that the contractor employed by Cumbria County Council did not do an adequate job of the maintenance. The committee had recommended writing a letter to Cumbria County Council asking that they ensure that the work is completed to a high standard. It was suggested that the letter suggests that the contractor the Parish Council wishes to use is qualified and that the Parish Council will indemnify the County Council. RESOLVED that the clerk will draft such a letter and copy in Keith Little, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport. The letter will be sent to the Chair before sending.	

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		It was further suggested that the Parish Council could obtain an independent Highways Survey to prove that delaying cutting to October is a safety issue. It was suggested that this issue must be raised as part of the ongoing discussions on the Local Government Reform.													
407	/21	Dodderham Moss: The committee had considered the request for assistance with the management and administration of the Turbary Rights on the moss. However, it had suggested that this was not within the council's remit and that a letter should be sent to all of the respective landowners urging one of them to take on this task. RESOLVED that the clerk will send a letter.													
408	/21	Payments for authorisation: RESOLVED to authorise the following payments: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerk's Expenses)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ian Mitchell (Car Park and Toilets Contract)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£725.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PKF Littlejohn (External Audit 2020-2021)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£360.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Odana Electrical (Supply for B4RN and Ticket Machine)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£804.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dent Stores (Car Park Consumables)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£224.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PHS Group (Duty of Care Certificate)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£12.00</td> </tr> </table>	Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerk's Expenses)	£5.00	Ian Mitchell (Car Park and Toilets Contract)	£725.00	PKF Littlejohn (External Audit 2020-2021)	£360.00	Odana Electrical (Supply for B4RN and Ticket Machine)	£804.95	Dent Stores (Car Park Consumables)	£224.05	PHS Group (Duty of Care Certificate)	£12.00	
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409	/21	Account Balances: RESOLVED to note the account balances as: Current Account £29,873.09 Deposit Account £30,550.39 RESOLVED to note the following payments made since the last meeting: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">National CLT Network (Subscription)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£56.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waterplus (Car Park Water and Wastewater)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£16.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC (VAT Q1 2021-2022)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£771.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON (Car Park Electricity)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£39.89</td> </tr> </table>	National CLT Network (Subscription)	£56.25	Waterplus (Car Park Water and Wastewater)	£16.26	HMRC (VAT Q1 2021-2022)	£771.50	EON (Car Park Electricity)	£39.89					
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410	/21	Audit 2020-2021: The external auditor had completed it's work on the 2020-2021 audit and had confirmed that there were no matters arising. The Certificate of Audit and Notice of conclusion of Audit were presented and accepted.													
411	/21	Amenities and Environment Committee: RESOLVED to note the minutes of the meeting on Monday 16 August 2021 which had been previously circulated. It was noted that Sedbergh and District Community Charity were happy to receive an application for grant funding for a new defibrillator at Deepdale.													
412	/21	Planning Committee: RESOLVED to note the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 24 August 2021 which had been previously circulated. It was noted that proper representations need to be made at the YDNPA Planning Committee meeting that considers the plans for Barth Bridge as the plans were not considered adequate to prevent further collapses of the wall.													
413	/21	Exceptional Items: An invoice will be sent to the owner of Sepia Barn in respect of the new light and a statement will be sent for the other outstanding invoices at the same time. 14 days will be given for payment before a Letter before Action is sent. It was noted that Sedbergh and District Community Charity are very interested in the Community Housing Project and would welcome an application for funding to support the initial setup costs.													

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		It was noted that NatWest had refused to open an account for the project and it was suggested that the clerk speak to someone else or try another bank.	
414	/21	Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday 01 November 2021 at 7.30pm, in The Sportsmans Inn, Cowgill. Meeting closed at 20.18	

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