



**Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on
Thursday 16 December 2021 at Dent Memorial Hall**

Present: Gary Seekins (Chair), Ian Mitchell, Les Howes, Michael Akrigg

To be presented at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on Tuesday 18 January 2022

PR133	/21	Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to accept apologies and record the reason from Cllr. Manners-Armstrong.	
PR134	/21	Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED to accept the declaration of interest from Cllr. Howes in relation to item 6 on the agenda.	
PR135	/21	Minutes of the last meeting: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 18 October 2021 were a correct record and a copy was signed by the Chair.	
PR136	/21	Local Government Act 1972 – Excluded Items: RESOLVED that the items in Part 2 of the agenda should be discussed with the public and press excluded.	
PR137	/21	Public Forum: There were 5 members of the public present. The chair advised that they would each have 3 minutes to speak in accordance with the agenda. The chair invited members of the public to speak. The members of the public present had attended to speak to the council regarding the proposal to remove car parking permits for second home and holiday let owners and raised the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal was damaging to the village in several ways • It was insulting to the owners of these properties, some of who give generously to the village and its causes • Owners are very upset about it • Repeated requests to stop this proposal have been turned down with no reason given • The council is turning away advance income • Some of the owners of these properties also provide accommodation for locals • There is likely to be parking in other areas of the village • The car park needs to be proactively managed to maximise space • One owner noted that she had allowed B4RN access through her garden, contributed to the church on a regular basis and had donated her entry fee when the Dentedale Run had been cancelled in 2020. The Chair advised members of the public that their points had been noted. Cllr. Mitchell noted that the Parish Council was up for re-election in May 2022 and anyone living in the dale could put themselves up for election.	
PR138	/21	Second Home/Holiday let Permits: It was noted that some holiday cottage owners do not contribute any taxes locally due to a loophole where they can register as a business (thus avoiding Council tax) and then claim Small Business	

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		<p>Rate Relief so they do not pay Business Rates. This loophole needs to be closed as it has been in Wales.</p> <p>Noted that one holiday cottage was charging £700 for 3 nights in August 2020 but was only contributing 36 pence per day in car parking due to the purchase of a permit at £130 per annum.</p> <p>Noted that all of the profits from the car park are donated to local good causes such as the school and pre-school.</p> <p>It was recognised that the owners of these properties had been given very little notification of these changes.</p> <p>It was proposed that the permit for 2022 should be extended to cover the whole year at a cost of £250 per permit (no discounts for second or third permits) and that the whole permit scheme should be completely reviewed in January with a view to giving the owners of these properties notice in March 2022 of what the arrangements for 2023 would be. The proposal was seconded and all members were in favour. RESOLVED that this would be the recommendation to full council.</p>	
PR139	/21	<p>Car Park Improvement Project:</p> <p>The committee considered the draft criteria prepared by the Clerk and RESOLVED to use the criteria as drafted.</p> <p>16 tenders were considered against the criteria and it was RESOLVED to recommend the proposal from Pilot Group to full council as the preferred option.</p>	
PR140	/21	<p>Budget 2022-2023:</p> <p>EV Chargers – The income and expenditure on the new EV Chargers was somewhat unknown and so the committee had to make an estimate based on 2 hours of charging at 22kWh per day per charger.</p> <p>Since the last meeting the Clerk had received representation from Dentedale.com regarding the decision to remove funding. This representation included figures showing that the average monthly visits to the site at 1250. The committee considered that this was evidence that the site is well used and provides a valuable service to the community and agreed to keep the funding for the site in the budget. A budget was agreed which required a precept of £20,080 representing an increase of 9.16% or £4.85 per annum for a band D property. This was only achievable by making contingencies of £2,018 available from the councils reserves. RESOLVED to make this recommendation to full council.</p>	
PR141	/21	<p>Grants 2021-2022:</p> <p>Six applications had been received by the deadline, however one had been withdrawn by the applicant.</p> <p>The applicable amount under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 was calculated as £4,659.14.</p> <p>3 applications fell under Section 137 and it was proposed that the full amount of £4,659.14 be spent in this section. RESOLVED to recommend the following awards:</p> <p>Dent CE Primary School - £3,600 Dent Pre-School Ltd - £700</p>	

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		<p>Great North Air Ambulance - £359.14 One application was made under Section 145 of the LGA 1972 and it was RESOLVED to recommend the following award: Dentdale Choir - £700 The final application was made under Section 26 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 and it was RESOLVED to recommend the following award: Western Dales Bus Service - £1640.86 This brought the total awards to £7,000.00.</p>	
PR142	/21	<p>Meeting Calendar 2022-2023: The clerk presented a draft meeting calendar for 2022-2023 and it was RESOLVED to adopt this calendar.</p>	
PR143	/21	<p>Committee Membership: RESOLVED to recommend that substitutes be allowed on all committees if required to make a quorum. Apologies must be given in writing in advance to allow time for a substitute to be appointed. Any councillor not already a member of the committee may be appointed as substitute.</p>	
PR144	/21	<p>Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 7.30pm in The Sedgwick Room, Dent. Meeting closed to public and press at 21.25</p>	
PR145	/21	<p>Part 2 RESOLVED to defer items in Part 2 of the agenda to the next meeting on Tuesday 18 January 2022.</p>	

Action List

Ensure all recommendations are presented to Full Council in January	ST
Inform EV Charging companies once full council has agreed	ST
Inform Grant Applicants once full council has agreed	ST
Letter to all Second Home/Holiday Let Owners once full council has agreed	ST
Send precept request once agreed by full council	ST
Change Terms of Reference for all committees once agreed by full council	ST

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