

Minutes of 12th Meeting of Crosthwaite & Lyth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 23rd May 2019 at 2pm

Present: Simon Johnson (Chair), Alan Gerrard, Robert Sykes

1. **Apologies for absence** – Dorothy Grace
2. **Minutes of the last meeting 1st May** – approved. All Matters arising are in this agenda.
3. **SG Membership**
Steve Rowlinson informed the SG ahead of this meeting that he would be stepping down from the SG effective 21st May 2019.

This leaves the SG significantly under resourced.

4. **Vision Document**

The number of feedback forms received equates to approximately 33% of those distributed which is a little disappointing. The SG believes that, due to the size of the Parish, The PC and the SG may be failing to engage Parishioners in some of the outlying areas. We must endeavour to engage not only the village of Crosthwaite but also the hamlets (Foulshaw, Starnthwaite, Hubbersty Head, Bowland Bridge, Row, Howe and Pool Bank) as well as Businesses, Farmers and Agriculture.

Much of the meeting focussed on the group evaluating the Vision Feedback documents where additional comments had been made. The additional issues raised by these comments are summarised below;

- Infrastructure – Broadband speed, Roads
- Need to probe what is meant by 'Local'
- Traffic calming
- Public Transport – regular bus service and car share
- Employment – type and place
- Tourism
- Housing – to include self-build, sheltered housing, downsizing opportunities, affordable small housing, eco housing
- Relationship with the National Park/Planning
- Habitat, environment and nature
- Stanford Principle
- Mobile shop
- Green energy
- Second homes/holiday homes
- School

Action: Alan to circulate updated summary of feedback

Action: Simon to arrange meeting between SG & Paula Alan (LDNP) to discuss feedback

The consolidated feedback on the Vision Document is now summarised in the graphs in Appendix 1.

5. **Next Step - Questionnaire**

The Steering Group agreed the next step was to develop a questionnaire based on this feedback. Matteredale and Coniston questionnaires will be evaluated to see what can be gleaned from these.

Action: Simon/Alan will prepare review Matteredale and Coniston questionnaires

SG may need to engage some specialist advise on market research.

Action: Simon/Alan will evaluate if there are any local providers we could engage

6. **Grant Application for Preparation of NP**

Before The SG can proceed much further grant funding will be required.

Action: Simon to contact Martin French re process/progress on Grant Application.

7. **Communication**

A wide ranging discussion took place on how SG could more effectively communicate with and engage Parishioners as current methods seem to be somewhat ineffective.

It was raised whether the PC could more effectively engage the parishioners by using email rather than relying on village notice boards. Clearly this would be subject to parishioners consenting and the PC becoming GDPR compliant. Question was raised as to what is best practice and what do other Parish Councils do.

Action: Simon to contact CALC to enquire if they can advise on best practice.

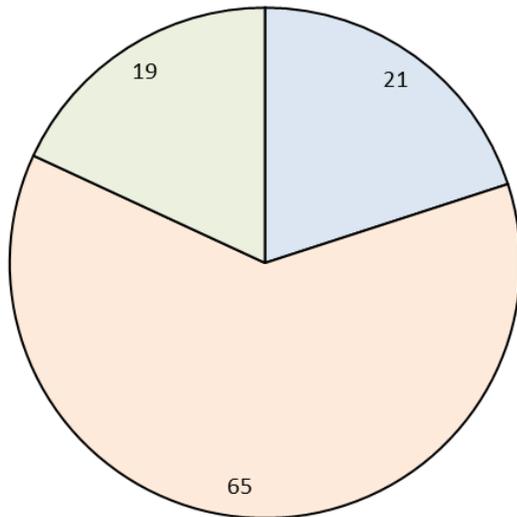
8. **New/Additional SG Members**

Action : Simon to talk to Debs Lund again and see if/when her availability will improve

9. **Date of next meeting** – 18th June 2019: 2pm at location to be confirmed

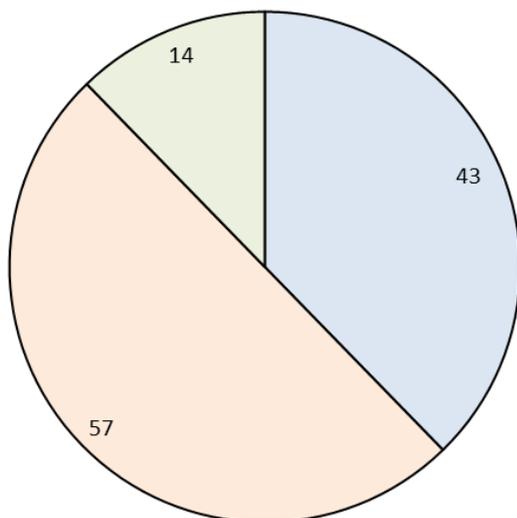
Appendix 1 – Vision Document Feedback (Note - all numbers relate to %)

What age profile do we believe is right for the Parish?



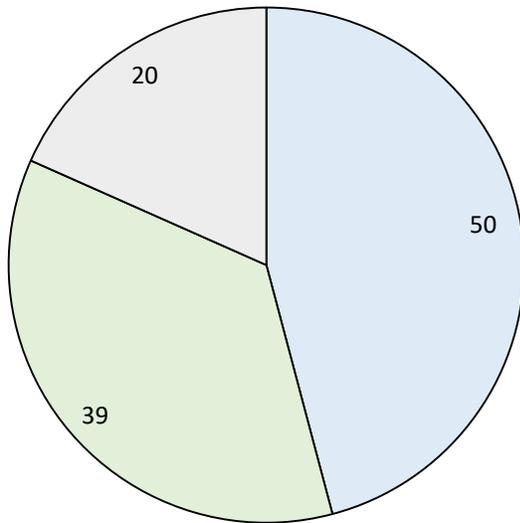
- 1 The average age in the Parish will continue to rise. There is little we can do to change this.
- 2 Positive action should be taken to allow younger people to stay or move into the Parish
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How much and what type of housing should there be?



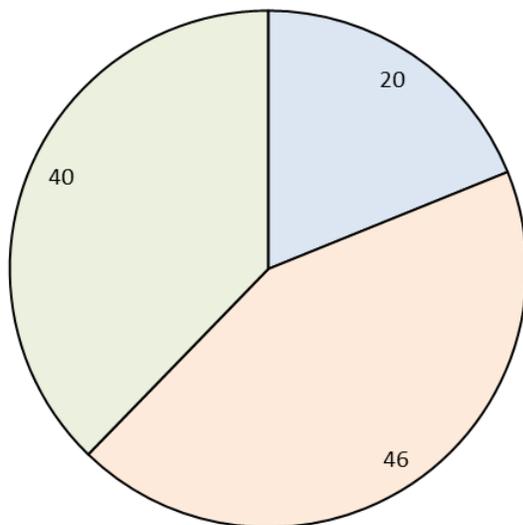
- 1 The Community will continue to challenge new developments which they consider excessive/inappropriate
- 2 Priority should be given to affordable housing for local people to encourage them to remain or move back into the Parish.
- 3 We should actively support local developers and housing providers to build more affordable housing.

Where should housing be developed?



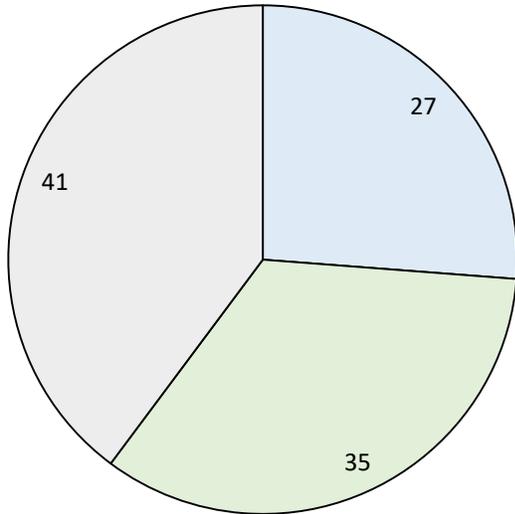
- 1 Development should be confined to existing brownfield sites and repurposing of existing buildings to preserve existing green spaces.
- 2 We should support small scale development in the Parish on windfall sites and any allocated land identified in the forthcoming LDP.
- 3 The community should actively identify development site opportunities to facilitate the building of affordable housing.

Should there be more employment opportunities?



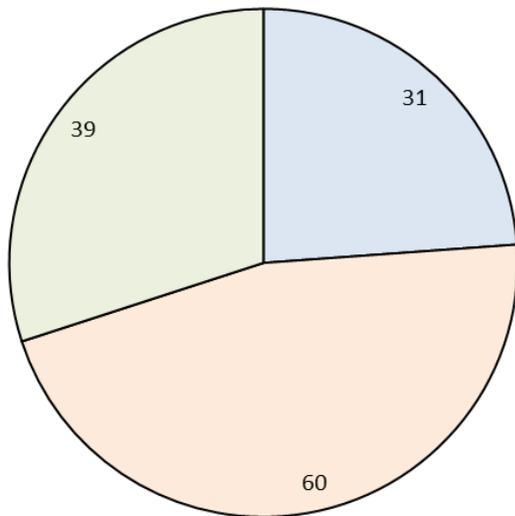
- 1 There is no need for additional employment opportunities within the Parish.
- 2 Expansion and improvements to existing businesses should be supported by the Parish.
- 3 New businesses in existing or purpose built premises should be encouraged.

What kind of local services do we need?



- 1 There is no need for additional services in the Parish. Milk, newspapers and other items are
- 2 Consideration should be given to opening a new shop run by community volunteers or similar enterprises.
- 3 The Parish should consider enhancing the village hall to provide off road parking, community shop and other enterprises

Recreational and green spaces in the Parish



- 1 There is sufficient green space within the Parish.
- 2 The Parish should encourage walking to the existing recreation area by providing a safe pathway.
- 3 The Parish should consider introducing traffic calming measures and an extended 20 mph limit.