Minutes of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council Meeting
held in the Parish Rooms, Crosthwaite on Tuesday 05 December 2017 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Cllr Robert Sykes (Chairman) Cllr Bruce Worsley (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Jim Bownass (*) Cllr Evelyn Brookes Cllr Matthew Dobson (*)
Cllr Mary Harkness Cllr Roger Smith

Invited :
Cllr John Holmes - District Council Representative

MINUTES

1. **Apologies**
   County Councillor Jim Bland

2. **Declaration of interest**
   None

3. **Dispensations**
   None

4. **Minutes of the previous meetings held on 07 November 2017**
   These minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was **proposed** by the Chairman that they are accepted as a true and accurate record.

   The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and the minutes were signed.

   a. Update on clapper bridge vegetation
      Cllr Robert Sykes went to the area of concern, which he felt had already been attended to, but trimmed some of the vegetation.
   b. Update on Mearson's quarry overhanging branches
      Cllr Mary Harkness had spoken to the tenant who removed the tree that was of concern.

5. **Chairman's Announcements**
   None

6. **Open Session**
   - Cllr Mary Harkness raised the matter of potholes on the road from Flodder Hall to Rus Mickle, as the matter had been raised by Mr Sharp.
   - Dst Cllr John Holmes raised the matter of water running on the road to Dobson's Farm and the matter of regular gritting in bad weather. He said that it would be impractical to regularly grit as the cost would be prohibitive.
   - Dst Cllr John Holmes also raised the matter of over use of outside lights through the night and in his opinion would prefer them to have PIR sensors.

7. **Reports**
    a. County Councillor
    b. District Councillor John Holmes
       A written report was issued to councillors
    c. Clerk
       The clerk confirmed that he had carried out his duties during the month.
    d. Police, PCSO

8. **Planning**
    a. 7/2017/5675Location : Sanderson Fold, Crosthwaite, LA8 8BWProposal : Wood clad hobby workshop and woodstore extension to existing garage/barn building

       It was **proposed** that the Council has no objection to these plans.

       The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal.

9. **Finance**

a. Bank balance to date	£8630.40	Business act
	£ 470.50	Business Savings Acct
b. Martin French (Wages	£ 92.85	
c. HMR&C	£ 23.21	(PAYE)

    d. It is **proposed** that above payments are made, and receipts recorded

       The Council **RESOLVED** that the above payments are made.

10. **Precept Demand**
    a. To agree the budget for 2018/19
       It was **proposed** that the attached budget for year 2018/19 is adopted showing an expenditure of £6354

       The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the budget.

    b. To agree the Precept for 2018/19
       Following the adoption of the budget for 2018/19 it was **proposed** that the precept demand is £5079.70 (assuming the Council Tax Rebate remains at £112.30). This is an increase of £500 to cover the resolution 10a in minutes for November 2017.

       The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and that the Clerk is authorised to amend the demand should the Council Tax Refund amount be changed.

11.Land Registry Documents

a. Crosthwaite Green
   Title Plans for all three properties have been purchased and were put before the Council.

   It was **proposed** that a meeting is arranged to ascertain the exact boundary of the land known as Crosthwaite Green which is owned by the Council, and that Cllr Robert Sykes will organise this.

   The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal.

12. Update on Starnthwiate flood issue

The Council wished to register their disappointment with CCC Highways, and wished to highlight the issue of a local resident who damaged his car in the recent flood water.

To this effect it was **proposed** that the Clerk write to Highways immediately; if no satisfactory reply received then a follow up letter one week later, with a further letter a week after that stating that any resulting incidents is CCC responsibility.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal.

13. Update on the Village Walkway

Cllr Roger Smith is continuing to work on the project. He is awaiting a quote from Cty Cllr Jim Bland on behalf of CCC Highways, for the engineering study. Cllr Smith has one quote of £5000. He will be looking at grant funding, but until he has a number of quotes cannot proceed to the next stage. The LIP scheme requires applications by January 2018.

It was **proposed** that Cllr Smith use the quote of £5000 to make the application to LIP or any other funder, whilst at the same time continuing to ask for quotes.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal.

14. Update on the letters to LDNPA regarding Local Occupancy

The Clerk had e-mailed LDNPA but with no reply.

It was **proposed** that Cllr Sykes and Cllr Harkness arrange a meeting with LDNPA Solicitor, and invite Debbie Lund to join with them at the meeting to put her case regarding Local Occupancy.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal.

15. LDNP Partnership Chairman

The Council had no comments.

16. Street and other lighting in the village

Concern has been raised regarding what over use of all night lighting, and lighting that can be blinding to road users. This matter is not the responsibility of the Council but councillors wished to draw this to the attention of parishioners.

17. E-mail from Mr and Mrs Gregg at Skelcies Cottage

a. Reinstatement of grass verges to be done in spring, after other contractors have finished.
   The clerk was asked to respond to Mr and Mrs Gregg confirming their agreement that the work should be done in the spring.

18. Bank Signatories

It was **proposed** that the Clerk should become a signatory to the account enabling him to speak to the bank, along with Cllr Harkness and Cllr Worsley.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal and the clerk gave mandate forms to Cllr Harkness and Cllr Worsley.

19.Communications

a. Westmorland Gazette
   None
b. Parish News
   Matters to be included in the Parish News to include the increase in precept demand coupled with the desire to assist the Recreation Field Trust, and the efforts that have been made to rectify the flooding in Starnethwaite Lane.

20.Date of Next Meeting

a. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 06 February 2018 in Parish Rooms start 7:30pm

……. Cllr Robert Sykes (Chairman) Dated:- 06 February 2018

(*) bank signatories

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