

To members of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council - You are summoned to the following meeting  
**of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council**  
**to be held in the Parish Rooms, Crosthwaite on Tuesday 06 November 2018 at 7.30pm**

MEMBERS

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

**Invited :**

Cllr Jim Bland                      -              County Council Representative  
Cllr John Holmes                  -              District Council Representative  
PCSO Jayne Park                  -              Cumbria Police

Members of the public are also invited to attend and have the opportunity to speak in item 6 only.

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. Declaration of interest
3. Dispensations
4. Minutes of the previous meetings held on 09 October 2018  
**For consideration and if agreed as true and accurate record to be signed by the Chairman**
5. Chairman's Announcements
6. Open Session
7. Reports
8. To consider co-opting a new councillor
  - a. Interest received from
    - i. Tracy Johnson
    - ii. Simon Johnson
9. Planning
  - a. None
10. Finance
  - a. Bank balance to date                      £ Business account
  - b. Martin French (Wages)                      £ business Premium Account
  - c. LIP Invoice                                      £ 165.80 (20 hours)
  - d. J Sceal (for LCN web site host)              £1250.00 sent (17 Oct), rec'd 29 Oct
  - e. J Sceal (for LCN web site host)              £19.14 (2 years web hosting)
  - f. To transfer £8000 to the Premium Account
  - f. It is **proposed** that above payments are made, and receipts recorded
11. Village Footway project
12. Village Water Supply
13. Tree survey (as per e-mail received)
14. To consider a draft budget for 2019/20
15. Steering Group for the Neighbourhood
  - a. Information and papers from the Steering Group
  - b. To consider notes from the Open Meeting held on 05 September 2018 as requested by the Steering Group.
16. Monitoring of grass verge cutting
17. The Millennium Wood update
18. Communications
19. Date of Next Meeting
  - a. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 04 December 2018 in Parish Rooms start 7:30pm

.....*Martin J French*....

Martin J French (Clerk)

Dated:- 31 October 2018

## Response from Castles and Coasts (October Minutes Item 13)

Dear Mr French,

Forgive me for replying to your letter of 12 October by e-mail for speed. I note the Parish Council's concerns about the parking covenant at Oak Fold. I am pleased to inform you that this has now been modified to allow as many cars to be parked as there is room for within the curtilage of the property. In other words if there is a garage and space for two cars then three cars could be parked. There are also areas on the estate roads where vehicles could be parked.

I hope that this information allays the Parish Council's concerns.

Regards,

Greg

**Greg Denwood**

Property Services Manager ( Development)

## Item 13 – Tree Survey (email from LCAS – Zurich Insurance)

Dear LCAS Members,

We're providing this update on a couple of topics that have seen some developments in recent months.

### Tree Liabilities

The recent Court of Appeal decision in the case of *Cavanagh v Witley Parish Council* serves as a reminder that any landowner has to have a risk based, planned and managed approach to the risks that trees on its land bring.

In this case the Judge in the lower courts found that the parish council's approach to inspection of trees on a blanket three yearly cycle was inadequate and failed to take into account trees in higher risk locations, asserting that a more frequent and rigorous inspection on the particular tree in question would have identified the decay that subsequently led to the tree falling into the path of a bus. The parish council appealed, but the appeal was rejected and the original finding upheld by the Court of Appeal.

What does this mean for you?

As we have previously outlined to the LCAS membership, a tree management strategy and framework needs to be established and implemented. The approach cannot be a blanket, in terms of timetables, and inspection frequencies will need to be flexed to reflect risk. Councils should seek the advice and support of suitably qualified arboricultural experts. Your local unitary authority, county or city council may also be a useful point of reference in how they risk manage their tree stock.