

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council
held in the Parish Rooms, Crosthwaite on Tuesday 05 September 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 Jim Bland	-	County Council Representative
Cllr John Holmes	-	District Council Representative

AGENDA

1. Apologies

PCSO Jayne Park

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Dispensations

None

4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 August 2017

The minutes had been circulated prior to this meeting and it was **proposed** to accept them as a true and accurate record.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes which were then signed by the Chairman

5. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman invited Cllr Bruce Worsley to update the Council on the drainage issue in Starthwaite Lane. Cllr Worsley asked that the Clerk write to Tim Bescopy to ask when the work is to be done.

6. Open Session

- Debs Lund asked the Council for assistance in supporting her suitability under the 'Local Occupancy Clause' of LDNPA. She moved to Crosthwaite from Cheshire in November 2016 and really enjoys the community, joining in with several events. She rents in Crosthwaite at the moment with the lease ending in 2 years 6 months time wishes to continue living in Crosthwaite. She works locally but as Kendal is not considered by the LDNPA local Occupancy Clause as local she is not eligible to purchase one of the Locality Houses being built in Crosthwaite. She has made enquires and has been told she doesn't qualify.

7. Reports

- a. County Councillor
He has been on holiday recently so nothing to report. Cllr Mary Harkness and Cllr Jim Bownass asked Cty Cllr Jim Bland to take up the matter of poor quality verge cutting this year.
- b. District Councillor
Written report circulated to councillors and attached to minutes
- c. Clerk
Written report circulated to councillors prior to the meeting
- d. Police, PCSO
Email received stating no offences but that the Police had given assistance on four occasions.

8. Planning

- a. 7/2017/5538
Location : Land to the west of St Marys Green, Crosthwaite
Proposal : to mend plans 7/2016/5496 to incorporate : additional footpath ; omission of previously approved bund from drainage strategy ; adjust the siting to garage plot 1

It was **proposed** that the Council has no objection to this application

The Council **RESOLVED** that there was no objection to this application and that that the Clerk should contact the Planning department accordingly.

9. Finance

- a. Bank balance to date £9000.37 as at 25 Aug 2017
 £470.50 in Business Savings Acct
- b. Martin French (Wages £212.28 (32 hours)
- c. Post Office Counters (HMR&C) £ 53.00 (PAYE for Clerk)
- d. John Seal £ 71.94 (web hosting)
- e. It is **proposed** that above payments are made, and receipts recorded

The Council **RESOLVED** that these payments should be made.

10. To update the Council on the Annual Audit

- a. The Clerk to report on questions and answers to the Auditor.
The Clerk outlined requests from the external auditor, BDO, regarding the sale of land at Tarnside, and that all documents requested had been sent. The Clerk is awaiting the outcome of the audit and recommends the Council should that no further action on the sale of the remaining land at Tarnside until receipt of the outcome of the Audit.

11. Off Road walkway

a. Update from Cllr Roger Smith

On 09/08/17 Cllr Roger Smith met Peter Hoskin from Network Highways (South) in Crosthwaite to discuss the proposed footpath. Peter Hoskin concluded that it should be possible to have a footpath from the School to Starnthwaite Lane. The next part of the process is to write a Conceptual Plan, and arrange for a Safety Audit from CCC Highways. Peter Hoskin said that the Plan and Audit path should cost in the region of £1500 to £1700. Cllr Smith outlined the planned route of the path stating that this was a starting point, that land ownership needed to be identified, and that at this time, there is no plan to continue past the school, but that this may be considered in the future.

It was **proposed** (prop JB sec MD) that Cllr Smith is reinstated as coordinator of the Footpath, and that the Clerk contacts the Land Registry to ascertain the ownership of various grass verges.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal and were pleased to confirm that Cllr Smith takes back the role of coordinator

12. LDNPA Local Occupancy Clause

a. Proposal to be made by Cllr Mary Harkness -

Cllr Harkness proposed that the current LDNPA Local Occupancy is deterring people who wish to make homes locally. MH highlighted several cases where people, some of whom born and bred in the parish, and others who had moved here for work in Kendal and the local area, were prevented by the restrictive wording from buying a Local Occupancy home here.

In light of this it was **agreed** by all councillors on the Council to request Cllr Mary Harkness to contact LDNPA with a view to reviewing the Local Occupancy Clause to ensure it allows enough flexibility to truly enable our local communities to remain vibrant and local.

It was **proposed** (propMH sec BW) that Cllr Harkness is authorised to speak to LDNPA with a view to seeking an amendment to the Local Occupancy Clause, and that the Clerk should contact the LDNPA accordingly.

13. LDNPA Management Plan

The consultation e-mail from LDNPA asks for any comments/thoughts or ideas about any ways to demonstrate how well the NP is doing at bringing forward 'Vibrant Communities'

No firm proposal was made but it was felt that in light of the minutes for Item 12 the NP could become more pragmatic with regard to the Local Occupancy Clause.

14. Forestry Consultation

- a. To confirm response to the consultation

The Clerk confirmed the response to this consultation that in principle only native tree species should be planted in Crosthwaite, which was the position confirmed by councillors who responded by e-mail to the Clerk.

15. Grass cutting

- a. Receipt of e-mail from John Holmes regarding grass cutting

No further action to be taken at this time

16. Hedges through Underbarrow

- a. Receipt of e-mail from Jim Bownass

Cllr Jim Bownass was complimentary to the work done in Underbarrow with regard to verge and hedge cutting and asked if Crosthwaite could have a similar process.

The Clerk was asked to contact Underbarrow to find out the cost and specification for cutting.

17. Traffic at Pool Bank

- a. Receipt of e-mail from Pool Bank Farm Management Ltd regarding HGVs at Pool Bank

The Clerk was asked to contact CCC Highways to notify them of the situation.

18. Land at Tarnside

- a. Confirmation from Pearson and Pearson regarding sale to Mr and Mrs Johnson

The Clerk confirmed that an e-mail had been received from Pearson and Pearson confirming the Land Registry part of the sale has been completed.

- b. To consider the sale of the remaining parcel of land at Tarnside to Mr Labbe
Referring to minutes for 10a it was **proposed** that no further action is taken on this matter until the Council receives the audit report.

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

19. Communications

- a. Westmorland Gazette
- b. Parish News

Copy for the above publications should include :-

Discussions took place regarding the cutting of grass verges and as a result the Council's dissatisfaction has been passed on to CCC. There was also consideration given to the LDNPA Local Occupancy Clause and the Council agreed to take the matter further.

20.Parish Council surgery at the Exchange

Cllr Dobson, Cllr Bownass, and Cllr Brooke were at the Exchange and all agreed that there were comments regarding the cutting of roadside verges. Cllr Bownass, and Cllr Brookes will be at the Exchange next week.

21.Date of Next Meeting

- a. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 03 October 2017 in Parish Rooms start 7:30pm

..... Cllr Robert Sykes (Chairman) Dated:- 03 October 2017

(*) bank signatories

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