

# Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Present: Mark Harkness (Chair) Bruce Worsley, Matthew Dobson, Jim Bownass, Robert Sykes, Roger Smith, Eve Brookes

In attendance: Joanne Taylor (clerk) Cllr John Holmes, Cllr Jim Bland, Barbara Barton, Pamela Dunlop, Simon Johnson, Belinda Randall, Graham Paine, Matthew Jessop

**1 Apologies for Absence**

None

**2 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record.

**3 Requests for Dispensations**

None

**4 Declarations of Interest**

None

**5 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chair welcomed all our visitors and thanked the clerk for all her service to the Parish Council and said how much she would be missed

**6 Open Session**

Graham Paine & Simon Johnson spoke about the planning application of Hardriggs Barn in great detail, they supported the need for Hardriggs Barn to be renovated, but all feel that it should be renovated sensitively and empathically, preserving the barn and not destroying it. The feeling that there were too many apertures and certain additional extras would enable neighbours to be looked over, invading their privacy. There were various pictures of what Hardriggs looks like now and what the changes will make if the application was successful. Barbara reiterated that she thought the barn needed to be development but the development needed to be sympathetic.

**7 County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Bland informed the PC that the work the pc requested had been carried out around Mary Rockcliffes home. The Chair thanked him for the councils quick response but asked if the other side could also be maintained too. Foulshaw Lane is going to be reinforced but couldn't say when the work would be undertaken.

**8 District Councillor's Report**

1. Performance Report Quarter 2 2016/17

- a. Economy – On target for 1000 new jobs by 2025  
Business Units risen from 6850(2013) to 7185(2016)  
Number of empty shops lowest for 15 mths.  
Full time wage earnings have risen.
- b. Environment – “Roll out” of plastic and cardboard collections across district almost complete. Crosthwaite now complete.
- c. Housing - Target of at least 1000 affordable rented homes by 2025 being achieved – 267 to date.

However market sale houses (target 7000) not yet being achieved.  
This could slow down delivery of affordable homes for rent.

- 2. Refugees - Cumbria has agreed to take 95 per year for 3 years (267) commencing April 2017.  
Of these South Lakeland to take 10 per year for 3 years. (30 in total)
- 3. “Tour of Britain” Estimated to have been worth at least 1.3m boost to South Lakeland  
Economy – could be greater over period of time.
- 4. Housing: - Housing Dept. has been awarded a “Bronze Award” by the National Practitioners Support  
Group for its provisions for the Homeless.
- 5. Grange Lido - Consultants have been appointed to propose options for the  
Development of Grange Lido. Funded by a £50,000.00 grant from  
The Coastal Revival Fund.
- 6. Windermere - The bathing areas at Lakeside YMCA, Millerground Landing, Rayrigg  
Meadow & Fell Foot have been rated as excellent by the EA.
- 7. Free Sunday Car Parking – Sundays 27/11/16 – 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> /12/16.

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## 9 Clerk's Report

The parish council received the Nov 16 report – No questions

## 10 PCSO report

No Police report, John Holmes commented about the car on its side in Crosthwaite on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> evening. **Clerk to contact PCSO and ask about this incident.**

## 11 Planning

### 11.1 New Applications

7/2016/5747 Removal of condition 13 (local occupancy clause) Bell Rake Barn, Pool Bank – **Objection – The PC requests that all new dwellings within the parish have local occupancy clauses to them and cannot set a precedent in removal of any.**

7/2016/5819 Hardriggs Barn, Crosthwaite – Conversion of redundant building to dwelling with associated sewage disposal plant and car parking – **Approved with reservations .**

**This planning application was studied carefully, listened to representations and the PC wish to make it clear that they approve of the barn being renovated but hoped that the barn would be sympathetically renovated maintaining the building and without unduly harming its character. Councillors voiced concern specifically about the large glazed roof area on the northerly elevation, the Juliette balconies and the number of fully glazed apertures on the easterly elevation. The PC hoped that LDNPA and the applicant can make some changes to this application to convert the barn sensitively and empathatically.**

7/2016/5820 Hardriggs Barn – Garage – **Objection – The proposal is very intrusive in the landscape and not in keeping with the rural location.**

7/2016/5784 Barn adjacent to Barrow Tenement – conversion of existing barn to form single dwelling- **Approved**

### 11.2 Planning application decisions of LDNPA

## 12 Finance

### 12.1 Income & Expenditure 2016/17

The Parish Council approved the latest income and expenditure .

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
JT Wages Nov	185.98	
NSIB Interest		4.93
Scale Hill Quarry rent Aidan Baron Mr Matthews (arrears)		19.70

### 12.2 Budget Information for Precept 2017/2018 prepared

The clerk gave the PC information on the 2017/2018 Budget that she had prepared to enable the PC to make a decision on next years precept.

## 13 LAP Meeting Update

No meeting held during the month of November 16

## 14 Parish Council Surgery

Roger Smith will attend Januarys surgery and Eve Brookes the February meeting.

## 15 Precept 2017/2018

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The PC discussed the budget raised for 17/18 and decided to keep the precept at the same amount as 16/17 which was £4692.00 **Clerk to inform SLDC and complete forms on behalf of the council.**

- 16 Land at Tarnside**  
Clerk provided the PC with the information received back from Land registry, where it was felt that it did not give us any more information. Mary Harkness and Robert Sykes to go to the land to see if Mr Sykes can give a better insight into the latest information. Clerk to send the email received from the land registry to Mr & Mrs Johnson
- 17 Battles Over- A Nations tribute – 100 years of remembrance**  
PC discussed this and will not be registering their interest.
- 18 Footpaths in Crosthwaite**  
The children at Crosthwaite Primary school have put a plan forward to try and merge footpaths or gain land to put footpaths on to enable the children to be able to walk/bike to school safely without having to walk on the side of the road which is becoming more dangerous. Roger Smith to walk the paths – contact SLDC rangers. Roger and Mary Harkness are taking the suggestion of a footpath forward with the school. Clerk to bring this item back to the agenda in February
- 19 Neighbourhood Watch**  
It was noted that Neighbourhood Watch in the are had seemed to have stopped, some councillors mentioned that cumbria community messaging service possibly had taken over. To find information about this <https://www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk/>
- 20 Footpaths Officer**  
Discussed in Agenda item 19, but if residents when out walking/running find anything that needs repairing, rebuilding, signs that have fallen down to report it and we will try to maintain our paths. Roger Smith has been appointed - The PC thanked Roger for this extra support service.
- 21 Correspondence received**  
**St Marys Green footpath response from CCC-**  
**Gullies and Drains –** Residents are contacting PC to inform places  
**Gritting for Winter 2016 –** Email from Cllr John Holmes  
**Trees on A5074- response from CCC- Will cut back the trees**  
**Traffic Issues – response from CCC- Have put these issues on file and start work as soon as money available.**  
**HMRC- PAYE repayment claim- response from HMRC-HMRC to pay back overpayment of PAYE**
- 22 Recruitment of new Parish Clerk**  
PC to advertise for a new Parish Clerk in The Two Valleys News, Westmorland Gazette, CALC and the website.
- 23 Communications from this meeting**
  - **The council to agree topics to be communicated via: Website- Westmorland Gazette-Parish Magazine Parish Clerk Vacancy. Precept to stay the same as 16/17. £4692.00 Roger Smith has been appointed as footpaths officer for the Parish**
- 24 Parish Council Meetings**  
The date of the next parish council meeting is in the parish room at 7.30pm  
On the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Joanne Taylor  
Clerk 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016

