

Minutes of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council Meeting
held in the Parish Rooms, Crosthwaite on Tuesday 03 July 2018 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Robert Sykes (Chairman) Cllr Bruce Worsley (Vice Chairman) (*)
Cllr Evelyn Brookes Cllr Matthew Dobson (*) Cllr Martin Douglas OBE
Cllr Mary Harkness (*)

Invited & Present:

Cllr Jim Bland - County Council Representative
Cllr John Holmes - District Council Representative

MINUTES

1. Apologies

Cllr Roger Smith

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Dispensations

None

4. Minutes of the previous meetings held on 05 June 2018

It was **proposed** (RSy) and **agreed** by all councillors that Item 16c should read ‘plus 24 houses’, and that with this amendment the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

With this amendment the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes which were signed by the Chairman.

5. Chairman’s Announcements

- A gift voucher has been purchased for Jim Bownass and card signed by all councillors
- There is nothing to report on the Village Walkway.
- LDNPA will not be sending any paper copies of planning applications to the Council

6. Open Session

- Simon Johnson – referring to Item 14 on the agenda he felt that the actions of LDNPA were shocking in their treatment of the Parish. A Neighbourhood Plan would provide the community with the means to control planning within the Parish and there is enough energy and enthusiasm among parishioners to make the Plan. There is a need to take this current situation to get control.
- Graham Payne – agreed with Simon Johnson’s views and especially in respect of maximising this opportunity to take control. There are many people that would support this. He was interested to know the location of future planning applications. Referring to Item 11 on the agenda he highlighted an increase in speeding through the village and would support the Parish Council taking action on this matter. A combination of measures need to be taken in both traffic calming and speed limits.
- Mrs Dunlop – there is an inordinate amount of heavy construction lorries coming through the village, along with a number of agricultural vehicles. Not everyone is speeding but action needs to be taken to reduce speed through the village.

- David Stott – The main point he raised was to say that he ‘is disgusted with the LDNPA Local Plan Review allocation of land in Crosthwaite; a ridiculous proposal’. He also raised the matter of Local Occupancy, saying that ‘there are genuine youngsters in the village looking for homes and can’t get one’.
- Charlotte Robinson – It is unfair that Crosthwaite should be singled out by the LDNPA to have 51 houses, the highest density of new homes in the district.

7. Reports

- a. County Councillor Jim Bland
The tar melting in the hot weather is being addressed as soon as possible.
- b. District Councillor John Holmes
Circulated a report to councillors
- c. Clerk
His normal duties have been carried out, and in particular completing the audit, the details of which are on notice boards and the web site.
- d. Police, PCSO
An e-mail has been circulated to councillors

8. Planning

- a. None as at 26.06.18

9. Finance

- a. Bank balance to date

£12,027.35	Current account
£ 471.04	Savings Account
- b. Martin French (Wages)

£ 165.80	(20 hours)
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- c. NPower

£ 20.00	
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- d. It is **proposed** that above payments are made, and receipts recorded

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

10. Monitoring of grass verge cutting don by CCC

There are no issues at the moment

11. Traffic calming measure in the village

It was **proposed** (RSy prop MH sec) that the Parish Council will consult with Highways regarding the extension of the 30mph limit to the Smithy, and for the 20mph limit to include the new, housing development, and consider other measures to reduce speed in the village.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

12. Jubilee Wood – Management discussion

It was **proposed** (MH prop RSy sec) that the Council should look at measures to manage the Jubilee Wood.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal and for Cllr Robert Sykes to speak with Douglas Blair regarding woodland management.

13. Representative on the Village Hall Committee

It was **proposed** that Cllr Mary Harkness will be the Council’s representative on the Village Hall Committee.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and Cllr Mary Harkness agreed.

14. Neighbourhood Plan

Following the public meeting on June 18th and discussions with residents over the last fortnight, Cllr Mary Harkness believes now is the time for the community to assert its own vision of the future for new development in the Parish by agreeing a Neighbourhood Plan and highlighted that it has been demonstrated there was an appetite among many parishioners to complete a new Plan. The Parish Plan of 2007 is now out of date and Cllr Harkness fed back to the PC her discussions with Paula Allen, Strategic Planner at LDNPA whose job it is to support and assist the PC in the process.

The PC unanimously agreed to commence the formal process to make a neighbourhood plan with immediate effect and to contact Paula Allen at LDNPA to notify her to this effect .

It was agreed to hold a public meeting and invite Paula Allen and Ann Hall MBE from Coniston PC (who have completed a NPlan) to speak and to canvas the views of our residents and explain the process we have embarked on.

Following on from this Parish Council Meeting the Open Parish Meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 05 September at 7:30pm in the village hall.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and asked District Councillor Holmes for assistance in promoting the meeting.

15. Helsington Community Land Trust

It was **proposed** that Cllr Martin Douglas attends the HCLT AGM on 10 July.

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

16. To review comments regarding the LDNPA Local Plan Review

Cllr Robert Sykes confirmed that two letters had been handed in to the LDNPA (receipt received) regarding the Local Plan Review, one specifically relating to the Land Allocation and the other relating to Local Occupancy clause. It was **agreed** that both should be available on the community web site.

17. Communications

- a. Westmorland Gazette
Referring to Items 14 and 11.
- b. Parish News
Referring to Item 16
Cllr Martin Douglas to write a polite reminder regarding speeding through the village.

18. Date of Next Meeting

- a. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 04 September 2018 in Parish Rooms start 7:30pm

..... Cllr Robert Sykes (Chairman) Dated:- 04 September 2018
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