

5 December 2016

CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

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Minutes of the Meeting of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council held on the 5th December 2016 in Crosby Ravensworth Parish Archive

Present Councillors: Mr M Archer, Mrs Virginia Holroyd, Mrs J Raine, Mr A Beatham, Mr D Hewitt (Chairman), Mr C Barnes (Clerk).
2 members of the public were present.

Apols. **Apologies**
Cllr. Valerie Kendal, Mr D Graham, Cllr Neil Hughes, Mrs A Robinson.

081/16 **Minutes**
The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th November as a true record. Subject to the inclusion of further detail regarding litter picking tools being available to borrow from Cllr Raine.

082/16 **Public Participation**
A parishioner whose home had been flooded in 2016 was present. The house was currently still unoccupied and government grant funds of £5k were available until March to improve perimeter defences against flooding. At the last meeting of the Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust there had been discussion of a bund to protect this property following a proposal from the grants administrator. However the council had taken the view that the bund proposal had not had any engineering input and that there were potentially risks associated with the water building up behind the bund and flooding the property it was supposed to protect. The council had reviewed what it could do in relation to this property and the following measures had been identified as having potential benefit. 1. To replace the damaged foot bridge immediately downstream with a single span bridge at a higher level allowing water to get away. 2. To enquire with the Environment Agency (EA) as to whether the cast iron pipe that crossed the bedrock of the stream immediately upstream of the house could be removed. 3. To clear Maud Syke. The first of these measures was in hand through Cumbria County Council who had liaised well with local residents. The clerk would make enquiries of the EA regarding the second and the third had been the subject of a site visit by councillors after the last meeting where it had been agreed that works could be undertaken and funded by the Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust subject to any required permissions. The house holder was advised that their grant funds should be spent on the defence of the property's perimeter adjacent to their cattle grid. It was further agreed that the clerk would renew his enquiries as to the removal of a tree from Lowther owned

land adjacent to the cattle grid at Meaburn Hall. The council was thanked for the efforts made to date.

083/16 **Public Participation**

An enquiry was made regarding leaf sweeping. (Since carried out).

084/16 **Public Participation**

The owner of Meaburn Hill was present. Following a site meeting with Cllrs Hewitt and Graham it had been agreed that the surface water would be drained to the road and that from there the water could travel in a perforated pipe across the road to be installed by United Utilities to carry the water supply across the road. It had been agreed that they would prepare an agreement for the Chairman's signature regarding an easement and the fee of £100 payable to the Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust was agreed.

085/16 **Highways**

A scheme had been prepared for Brackenslack. It was agreed by CCC that the cattle grid at Oddendale would be redone. The Culvert at between the Sun Hotel and the Village Hall had been found not to have been broken. The Clerk would take a photograph of the puddle that formed in that location on the road side. It was agreed that the road and verge could be made up in height to drain across the road rather than drain into the culvert.

086/16 **Planning**

[Yorkshire Dales National Park] 03/11/2016E/03/6 1 Hopper Hill, Crosby Ravensworth.

Email
9/12/2016

Full planning permission for creation of vehicle access and off-road parking area. Supported noted that the benefit would be that cars were taken off the road at a risky location.

087/16 **Planning**

[Eden District Council] 16/0965, Gow Thorn, Reagill. CA10 3ER Two storey rear extension. There were no objections to the proposal and it was agreed that it would be an improvement.

Email
9/12/2016

088/16 **Phone Box/defibrillator**

DG had seen the MP but had not fed back to the council owing to absence. Whatever anyone says there is no mobile signal and ofcom's conditions for decommissioning that "adequate provision of public call boxes to meet the reasonable needs of end users" are not being met. Correspondence is being ignored. Clerk to investigate the costs of installing an emergency phone at Maulds Meaburn Village Institute. BT were pressing to decommission half of the phone boxes in the National Park including the one at Crosby Ravensworth which the council had opposed in its response to the consultation.

<https://www.shop.bt.com/products/international-9826nk-7RSH.html?q=emergency%20phone>

089/16 The Chairman updated the council with progress on the footbridge at Maulds Meaburn. A fish survey had revealed that immediate operations would disturb spawning fish and the installation of the

bridge had been postponed. It was possible that the installation might take place before Christmas. A concern was raised about the condition of the abutment which the contractor proposed to reuse. It was felt that this might not be a sufficiently robust solution and that the abutment needed to be properly rebuilt. The clerk would liaise with County/Simon Asquith over the matter.

090/16 The purchase of contour data for flood mapping use by the council at £60 was approved. Mike Archer to action and claim reimbursement of expenses.

091/16 **Causeway 1 Stepping Stones.** The EA would not withdraw the stipulation that a causeway be constructed. MA tabled an agreement indemnifying the council proposed by his solicitor. Agreed that the clerk would speak to Sam McCalister as to the suitability of what was proposed specifically that the council had no liability issues arising from the proposal and feedback to the January meeting.

092/16 **Dredging update** DG had given apologies and the matter was deferred. It was agreed to include discussion of the Maud Syke issue in the next meeting.

093/16 **Budget,** The Clerk and Cllr Raine had gone through the budget for 2017 on the basis of historical costs and anticipated expenditure. A draft was tabled for discussion with a view to a final draft being approved at the January meeting and supporting a precept request. Amendments were discussed and the amended draft is included as Appendix 1. The clerk thanked Councillor Raine for her help.

The following amendments were made in draft: Expenditure: Section 137 £500 (line 17), Green Spaces (delete Parish Seats and add contingency to general maintenance line 35), £500 was approved to the maintenance of the Police House painting and decorative order (line 30), £1500 to flood resilience planning activity subject being funded by grants (Line 33), Delete Line 37 Land Registry as registration was complete.

Income. The Precept was proposed at £8,850 up by 10% from £8,000. Clerk to brief the next meeting on the per-household cost increase.

094/16 **Correspondence**
Noted Eden District Council regarding timing of precept submission. OK. National Park Parish Forum Proposal, The council resolved to support a Parish Forum for the Western Dales Extension. National Park Signage would include the words 'Maulds Meaburn' as requested. Thefts of Sheep were noted in the Reagill area PCSO.

095/16 **Clerk's report**
Banking. Nat West had requested that Mrs Holroyd attend the branch to confirm her signature.

- 095/16 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**
It was resolved unanimously that the press and public would be excluded for the discussion of the next item on the grounds that 'publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business in respect of the following item'
- 096/16 **Ghyll Cottage** Confidential minute.
- 097/16 **Date and time of next meeting** 9th January 2017

Appendix 1.

| Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council Draft Budget 2017/18 | | | Budget 2016/17 | Budget 2017/18 |
|---|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| EXPENDITURE | | | | |
| 1 | Administration | Hire of Village Halls | £50.00 | £60.00 |
| 2 | | CALC Subscription | £170.00 | £160.00 |
| 3 | | External Audit Fee | £400.00 | £100.00 |
| 4 | | Internal Audit Fee | £150.00 | £150.00 |
| 5 | | Clerk Salary NI & PAYE | £4,669.00 | £4,787.00 |
| 6 | | Travel & Expenses | £200.00 | £300.00 |
| 7 | | Lyvennet Link | £500.00 | £500.00 |
| 8 | | Training | £200.00 | £200.00 |
| 9 | | Accountancy RE PAYE/Pensions Regulator | £70.00 | £130.00 |
| 10 | | Election Costs | | |
| 11 | | Transparency | £1,000.00 | £250.00 |
| 12 | | Blank | | |
| Admin Total | | | £7,409.00 | £6,637.00 |
| 13 | Insurance | Insurance (PL) | £1,000.00 | £500.00 |
| 14 | | Blank | | |
| Insurance Total | | | £1,000.00 | £500.00 |
| 15 | Grants & | | | |
| 16 | Donations | Grants/Donations | £400.00 | £400.00 |
| 17 | | Sect 137 | £300.00 | £500.00 |
| 18 | | British Legion | £20.00 | £20.00 |
| 19 | | Blank | | |
| Grnts & Donats Total | | | £720.00 | £920.00 |
| 20 | Green Spaces | MM Village Green | £0.00 | |
| 21 | | CR Play Area | £50.00 | £50.00 |
| 22 | | Reagill Green | £220.00 | £220.00 |
| 23 | | Crosby Ravensworth Swings | | |
| 24 | | | | |
| Green Spaces Total | | | £270.00 | £270.00 |
| 25 | Archive | Insurance | £400.00 | £400.00 |
| 26 | | Electricity | £900.00 | £700.00 |
| 27 | | Water | £200.00 | £150.00 |
| 28 | | Rent | £260.00 | £260.00 |
| Archive Total | | | £1,760.00 | £1,510.00 |
| 29 | Police House | Insurance | £450.00 | £450.00 |
| 30 | | Maintenance | | £500.00 |
| 31 | | Contr. to Earmarked Reserve | £1,500.00 | £1,500.00 |
| Police House Total | | | £1,950.00 | £2,450.00 |
| 32 | Special | | | |
| 33 | Projects | Flood Resilience planning | | £1,500.00 |
| 34 | | | | |
| Special Projects Total | | | £0.00 | £1,500.00 |
| 35 | Misc | General repairs | £50.00 | £200.00 |
| 36 | | Tfr to General reserve | £1,500.00 | £1,500.00 |

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| 37 | Land Registry/Legal? | £250.00 | |
| | Misc Total | £1,800.00 | £1,700.00 |
| | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | £14,909.00 | £15,487.00 |

Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council (Draft Budget 20116/17)

| INCOME | | Budget 2016/17 | Budget 2017/18 |
|--------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Precept | £8,000.00 | £8,850.00 |
| | Precept Total | £8,000.00 | £8,850.00 |
| 2 | Rents & | | |
| 3 | Charges | | |
| 4 | Police Hse (£410 pcm) | £4,920.00 | £4,920.00 |
| 5 | Reagill Green | £20.00 | £20.00 |
| 6 | MM Village Green | | |
| 7 | Ghyll Cottage | £25.10 | |
| 8 | Bay Horse Farm | £1.50 | |
| 9 | Tilery Cottage | £10.00 | £10.00 |
| 10 | Old Chapel MM | £10.00 | |
| 11 | Ghyll Cottage | £15.00 | |
| 12 | Sale of Firewood | | |
| 13 | Meaburn Lodge (Licence) | | |
| 14 | Blank | | |
| | Blank | | |
| | Blank | | |
| | Rents & Charges Total | £5,001.60 | £4,950.00 |
| 15 | Wayleaves | | |
| 16 | British Telecom | £115.80 | £115.80 |
| 17 | United Utilities (Water) | | |
| 18 | United Utilities (Electricity) | £100.00 | £100.00 |
| 19 | Blank | | |
| 20 | Blank | | |
| | Wayleaves Total | £215.80 | £215.80 |
| 21 | Grants | | |
| 22 | Transparency Fund | £1,000.00 | |
| 23 | Council Tax Reduction Scheme | | |
| 24 | Flood Resilience | | £1,500.00 |
| | Blank | | |
| | Grants Total | £1,000.00 | £1,500.00 |
| 25 | Misc | | |
| 26 | Bank Interest | | |
| 27 | Vat recovery | | |
| 28 | Blank | | |
| 29 | Blank | | |
| 30 | Blank | | |
| | Total Misc | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| | TOTAL INCOME | £14,217.40 | £15,515.80 |
| | SUPLUS/DEFICIT | -£691.60 | £28.80 |

096/16 **Ghyll Cottage** Confidential minute.

No reply from the occupier had been received by the deadline 30 November. It was agreed that the intention of the council was to register the land. Clerk authorised to instruct Sam McAlister to act for us along the lines previously discussed.

Clerk to contact the footpath's officer at YDNP regarding fingerpost indicating the bridleway. For the time being the gates would remain in place.

Proposed DH, 2nd MA. 4 in favour/I against.