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CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

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Minutes of the Meeting of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council held on the 6th February 2017 in Crosby Ravensworth Parish Archive

- Present Councillors: Mr D Graham, Mr M Archer, Cllr. Joan Raine, Mrs Virginia Holroyd, Mrs J Raine, Mr A Beatham, Mr D Hewitt (Chairman), Mr C Barnes (Clerk).
2 members of the public were present.
Cllr V Kendall Eden YDNP\Eden DC
- Apols. **Apologies** Cllr. Robinson (unwell), Cllr N Hughes Cumbria County Council.
- 112/16 **Minutes**
The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2017 as a true record.
- 113/16 **Public Participation**
Cllr Kendal spoke to answer queries raised following the refusal of planning permission for a property in Silver Street (*E/03/2, The Fernery, Silver Street, Crosby Ravensworth. Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for erection of 1 No. single storey dwelling*) at the previous meeting and circulated extracts from the Eden District Core Strategy to which YDNP were for the time being working (Section 6. Living Communities) and a YDNP planning department statement 26 Jan. (from <http://www.planningni.gov.uk>)
- ‘An application for outline planning permission establishes the principle of development and as such detailed plans will not normally be required although this is largely dependent on the nature of the application. Once outline permission has been granted, you will need to apply for approval of the details (reserved matters) before work can start. Outline planning applications can only be made when the proposal involves the erection of buildings. Please note outline applications cannot be accepted for change of use developments.’*
- After much discussion Cllr Kendal was specifically asked to clarify with the YDNP if planning permission had to be sought in full within a conservation area as had been required by the authority in this case. The question was asked as to whether the YDNP had been right to proceed in the manner that they had in seeking so much information in making this determination. The planning authority had sought a conservation area appraisal, a traffic impact analysis, a bat survey and a flood risk survey. Should these not have been dealt with as reserved matters? Were households seeking to develop within a conservation

area and within the YDNP to be advised to apply for full planning permission? DG pointed out the important link for applicants between outline consent and finance. Outline consent allowed those wishing to develop to establish approval 'in principle' and use this in negotiating finance. Full consent required a significantly higher level of financial commitment/risk which would exclude some applicants from the development process. He cited the example of the Stoneworks Garth development where the scheme could not have been realised without this mechanism.

114/16 **Public Participation**

A local resident had offered to clean the play area on a voluntary basis and was thanked. (JR to thank and accept on the council's behalf)

115/16 **Public Participation**

Lyvennet Link: comments published in the link about the lack of material for the link from the council were discussed. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the editor to clarify the council's position and to ask if the editor could help by summarising the full minutes on the council's behalf if they were unable to be published in full.

The council has maintained its budget provision to continue to pay for the link in 2017/18. It is agreed that the link is closely read and makes information available to those not online.

The clerk had found it difficult to get our proceedings into the link in a timely manner when we met bi-monthly following the decision of the council not to publish draft minutes. This would mean that we would meet in say January approve the minutes in March and see them published in April or May. Following Gavin Wilkinson's resignation as Chairman the reconvened council decided that it would meet monthly. This has added significantly to workload in servicing the meetings and producing minutes and it was agreed by the council that it would not require the production of a second set of 'summary minutes' for publication.

The council operates under the transparency code for local authorities and is obliged to publish certain material online. We have just received funding to do so and a newly commissioned website will soon be established. Our minutes and other public documents will be published there in full. However it was agreed that if the editor was willing to publish the council's proceedings and summarise them if necessary this should be done for the convenience of the community. (1st DH 2nd JR all in favour).

116/16 **Highways**

It was reported that Eddie Brewer had agreed to make up the bank alongside the road between the Village Hall and the Sun Hotel where puddling would occur and was thanked on behalf of the council. MA felt that the handrail at the path leading to the Maulds Meaburn Footbridge should be reinstated and works undertaken to consolidate

the bank which, to thanks, he proposed to do. A new pothole had been reported at Oddendale and the Maulds Meaburn Cattle grid reinstated at the right level. Brackenslack lane had finally been allocated a work number! (17/18 NPRN, Surface overlay and drainage repairs.)

117/16 **Footpaths**

Steve Hastie Area Ranger, Yorkshire Dales National Park had agreed to come and speak at the Annual Meeting on the 22nd May on the subject of footpaths. He was interested to meet residents, landowners and groups such as the walking group and was aware of the issues recently raised at the Parish Council over the condition of footpaths in the area. Although the National Park was taking over responsibility for footpaths in the area the delegation from Cumbria County Council had not yet occurred as the County Council held funds left over for reinstatement of Storm Desmond damage. i.e. the repair of the bridge in Maulds Meaburn. In practice the working relationship with County was good and he would be seeking to develop and maintain existing links. He felt this was a great opportunity to put names to faces in the Parish and look at ways in which the Rangers could work in the community to maintain and improve access.

118/16 **Sandbags**

It was resolved to ask Eden District Council to supply gritbins filled with sandbags to be located behind the village shelters in Maulds Meaburn and Crosby Ravensworth. This would involve no charges. Cllr Raine to action with EDC. The district council was thanked.

119/16 **Maulds Meaburn Footbridge**

In respect of the footbridge it was resolved to hold a celebration when the bridge was reopened hopefully at the Maulds Meaburn Village Hall. It was proposed by the Chairman that Simon Asquith be invited to open the bridge in recognition of the commitment of time and care he had made in advocating for and advising on its reinstatement (All agreed). It was suggested that late March/April would be the best time after the bridge had been reinstated.

120/16 **Trees on Maulds Meaburn Village Green.**

A meeting had been arranged with Daniel Atkinson (acting for Phil Hibbs) arborealist at the YDNP to look at the council's trees on the 14th February at 1:30 outside MMVI. Gordon Bowness would attend and Councillors were welcome to attend. The list of works in Steve Hodgeson's quote would be discussed.

121/16 **Emergency Phone Maulds Meaburn**

MMVI had approved the principle of an emergency phone installation but had asked the council to make a clear proposal of how it would work and indemnify them from all costs. Clerk had contacted Lakeland Aerials regarding the installation and was awaiting a quotation.

122/16 **Clerk's report**

The draft budget monitor and bank reconciliation presented to the last

meeting were formally approved.

Legal costs had been incurred in respect of the proposed causeway at 1 Stepping Stones of £250 and £150 (to date) in respect of the Ghyll Cottage Bridleway dispute.

123/16

Green Tenders

It was resolved to let the greens for Maulds Meaburn and Reagill for a five year term rather than a one year term.

124/16

Asset Register

A draft Asset Register was presented:

It was resolved to delete 'Woodyard lane' as this had been adopted by the County Council.

It was resolved to add detail to line 18 (Old road near Reagill Grange).

It was resolved that it was not necessary to seek a revision of the proxy valuation used for Audit purposes because in the councillors view the existing capital insurance values of £374,800 were adequately indexed.

A final draft would be presented at the next meeting for approval.

125/16

Risk Register

A draft risk register was presented and the suggested improvements reviewed and approved the clerk was asked to try and secure a reciprocal arrangement for emergency cover with a neighbouring parish (Orton/Bolton).

DG suggested a tick sheet approach to annual inspections which was approved.

A final draft would be presented at the next meeting for approval.

The risk assessment for the Lyvennet beck through MMVG would also be presented in advance of the next meeting.

126/16

Annual Meetings

It was resolved to confirm a date for the Annual Meetings of the 22 May 2017.

127/16

Date of Next Meeting 6 March 2017

<ends 9:30>