

3 April 2017

CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

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Minutes of the Meeting of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council held on the 3 April 2017 in Crosby Ravensworth Parish Archive

Present Councillors: Mr D Hewitt (Chairman), Mr D Graham, Cllr. J Raine, Mrs V Holroyd, Mr A Beatham, Mrs A Robinson, Mr C Barnes (Clerk). Mr M Archer. Mrs S Helmsley (Communities Officer ACT) and Mrs H Aitken (Development Officer ACT)
1 member of the public was present.

Apols/DPI **Apologies.** Cllr V Kendal
Declaration of Pecuniary Interest. Mr M Archer 142/16, 146/16. Mr A Beatham 142/16

139/16 **Minutes** The chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th March as a true record.

140/16 **Community Emergency Planning.** Sally Helmsley (Communities Officer ACT) and Hellen Aitken (Development Officer ACT) gave a presentation on Community Emergency Planning with handouts. The practical common sense approach based on enabling self-resilience was welcomed. Although the presentation was occasioned by the flooding incurred during Storm Desmond other contingencies were considered such as being cut off by snow, power cuts etc. It was **resolved** that councillors would read the material they had received and that emergency planning and the training grant on offer be discussed and a way forward decided on at the June meeting.

141/16 **Village Greens.** It was resolved to accept an offer of £420 per annum for a five year term from School Hill Farm for Maulds Meaburn Village Green. Mr Strong had said that the five year agreement would allow him to include the land in his agricultural holding and that he would make a donation based on the single farm payment to the Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust for the benefit of the green. Clerk to action with an agreement that allowed either party to give a year's notice of termination.
An offer of £20 per annum for a five year term from Mr David Hall for Reagill Green was accepted. Clerk to action with an agreement that allowed either party to give a year's notice of termination.

142/16 **Treeworks.** Works had been carried out on the tree adjacent to the Village Institute. Clerk to speak with G Bowness/Steven Hodgeson regarding the limbs stored on site and the length of the limbs left remaining. On the tree.
(Mr Archer and Mr Beatham left the room for the discussion of this

item having declared an interest.) A quotation of £650 for the Tree works proposed at the Weir in front of Lyvennet House was accepted over a counter offer from Mr Archer and the clerk authorised to instruct Steven Hodgeson to carry out the work. A local resident had expressed interest in the wood.

Sealed Bids were received for the chestnut from Mr Beatham and Mr Winder. The bids were opened in the meeting. Mr Winder's bid of £20 was accepted.

Mr Beatham had offered to plant a tree to replace the felled chestnut in memory of his father instead of making a bid to buy the tree.

Because this was not an offer for the tree Councillors asked that the Clerk follow this up with Mr Beatham.

- 143/16 **Asset and Risk Registers.** These had been circulated with previously approved changes and were formally adopted.
- 144/16 **17/03/2017E/03/13** Low Row Farm, Crosby Ravensworth
Full planning permission for siting of slurry lagoon with protective fence surround. It was resolved to support the application.
- 145/16 **17/03/2017EIA/0148** Low Row Farm, Crosby Ravensworth EIA screening opinion for siting of slurry lagoon (2664m²), and protective fencing. No documents have been received by the council or published online in connection with this application.
- 146/16 **Planning Matters** refusal of E/03/9 West View Barn, Maulds Meaburn
Full planning permission for erection of glazed porch. (Mr. Archer left the meeting for the discussion of this item). The application had been due for determination on the 27th March and was decided under delegated powers on the 10th. The council had asked for an extension to discuss it at its meeting on the on the 6th March. The draft minutes had been written up on the 11th and had not been considered by the planning authority. As the council's opinion (support) was at odds with the National Park Planning Officers who recommended refusal this application should have gone to committee. It was accepted that there was some ambiguity over timings in the correspondence exchanged between the clerk and the planning office and that a planning extension until the day of the meeting had been granted. It was resolved to ask Cllr Kendal to raise this issue with the planners. Specifically the need for the National Park to allow sufficient time for consultation with the Parish Council as a statutory consultee. The statutory three weeks consultation period meant that on occasion an extension would be required to get an application to a scheduled meeting. Cllr Kendal was invited to ask the Planners to make a point of obliging the council by allowing sufficient time to do so when there was no need to have made an early determination.
- 147/16 **Banking.** An apology had been received from the Nat West together with an offer of compensation which the clerk was instructed to accept. It was noted that the response to the complaint misstated the complaint itself and there was concern that the bank had not

responded appropriately.

- 148/16 **Highways Works** were scheduled for Brackenslack on the 18th June. Potholes, Poor condition of verges at Haberwain were noted also a pothole at Devils Bridge/Woodfoot and a further Pothole at Oddendale Cattlegrid. No action had been taken on the protruding telephone installation at Haberwain. **Clerk to report to the Highways Hotline.**
- 149/16 **Maulds Meaburn Footbridge Opening.** 8th April. MMVI would be open from 10:00 serving coffee with displays from the National Park Ranger Service, Crosby Ravensworth School and a selection of photographs of the bridge itself in Storm Desmond. Simon Asquith would officially open the bridge at 10:30. Parishioners had been invited to make a cake on a bridge theme!
- 150/16 **Clerk's Report & Correspondence.** The website was nearing completion. A member of the public who mows the verges in Crosby Ravensworth using a private mower had had to have the mower repaired. It was agreed that should the mower break down the Council would buy a mower for the purpose and make it available to use. Alison Robinson would read and report back on Cumbria County Council's Minerals and Waste policy update. No services were proposed for Eden DC scrutiny. Correspondence from Minehan McCalister regarding the Ghyll Cottage Bridleway Dispute would be circulated to councillors in confidence. Hearing dates for the inspectors report on Eden's local plan were set for the 2nd to 5th May with the formal consultation to review documentation closing on the 10th April. Correspondence from the Pensions Regulator regarding staging dates was received. Clerk to respond. The External Auditor's notice of Audit letter had now been received. MMVI would allow the engineer access to firm up the quote for the external emergency phone.
- 151/16 **Public Participation.** A member of the public proposed a litter pick on the 22 April and arrangements to publicise the pick were put in hand. It was agreed that the council would cover the costs of a bacon sandwich for participants hopefully at the Butchers Arms at up to £100.00 The member of the public had picked litter from the verges of Haberwain as far as Castle Howe Scar retrieving no fewer than 250 empty bottles of Stella Artois which had been thrown from a car window! It was thought possible to build a profile of the litterer! The member of the public was thanked. A resident raised the issue of mesh feed wrappers which had been found to pollute the beck up the Dale. The material involved was a farming product; Rather than report the matter to the Environment Agency the Clerk was instructed to write to the three farmers that worked this area to ask that the practice of discarding this material was stopped.
- 152/16 **Date of next meetings.** 22 May 2017: Annual Parish Meeting, Annual

2017, March 6th, Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting of the Parish Council, Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
starting at 7:30 in Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall.