

**3 July 2017**

**CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY**

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**Ordinary Meeting**

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Present Councillors: Cllr D Graham (Chairman), Cllr D Hewitt, Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr M Archer, Mr C Barnes (Clerk).  
No members of the public were present.

Apols. Cllr J Raine (Holiday), Cllr A Robinson (Work), Cllr A Beatham (Work)  
Cllr V Kendal (YDNP), Cllr N Hughes (CCC).

017/17 **Minutes.**

Three councillors are required to be present for the meeting to be quorate. The Chairman was authorised to sign the **minutes** of the ordinary meeting held on the 12 June as a true record.

018/17 **Public Participation**

**Footpaths.** It was **resolved** that VH would lead two small groups drawn from knowledgeable residents in researching footpath and interpretive signage in Crosby Ravensworth and Maulds Meaburn. It was agreed that this would lead to an application to the YDNP Sustainable Development Fund for which the Council would be prepared to act as 'accountable body' with a view to completing the project in spring 2018.

**Westmorland Dales** park boundary signs had been observed to be in place. Poor quality stonework/lashings of cement were noted.

**Backenslack resurfacing.** Resolved that DG would raise the issue of an apparently missed drain with John Banks (at circa 730 chainage).

019/17 **Crosby Ravensworth Primary School**

Noted that the council's response to the YDNP consultation on its plans (see following minute) sought prioritisation of Affordable Housing, Employment & School.

It was noted that Charity no 700876 – Crosby Ravensworth United Schools Foundation (CRUSF) held funds of £136,000 on deposit, was in addition well-endowed with property and that its primary objective was to support the school. It was noted to have regular income from rentals of £9,000. In view of this it was not considered appropriate for the council to make a financial contribution to the school as its financial position should be secure. The immediate risks it faced were from falling numbers.

It was noted that the school had a new governor from the Kings Meaburn area and that a housing development of family accommodation there identified Morland School as the closest in its

promotional literature, although, it falls within the Crosby Ravensworth Catchment Area. The school was advised to contact local sellers/estate agents and advise them of the schools excellent reputation and ensure that they were aware of the availability of free transport within the catchment, wrap around care etc. It was felt that agents could easily be persuaded to include this information in their electronic marketing materials.

Of the three people on the waiting list for accommodation at Stoneworks Garth none had children. It was noted that the CRUSF had let its own property to a family whose children did not attend the school and had plans to develop holiday accommodation adjoining it with a view to raising income.

It was **resolved** that the council would seek an invitation for its Chairman to attend a joint meeting of the Governors, Crosby Ravensworth United Schools Foundation and PCC to examine the concerns raised by the headmaster at the last meeting and look at ways the schools interests could be advanced. It was resolved that the council would maintain an 'open door' to the school and would consider the position of the school and community in its consultation responses and any policy development. It was felt that the school with support from governors could do more to market itself.

020/17

**YDNP Consultation.**

Prior to the meeting a response had been circulated and agreed. Appendix 1. This had now been submitted. The consultation on the 13<sup>th</sup> had been attended by DG and DH. It was agreed that MA would research YDNP website for references to housing development plan policies linking schools and affordable housing in respect of restriction clauses.

021/17

**Banking.**

Clerk to set up the meeting for signatories at Barclays bank with online scheduling.

022/17

**Clerk's Report.**

A resident of Elizabeth Cottages had complained about the cost of their tank emptying. Pollution on MMVG/Mill race was noted. It was resolved to monitor the position and discuss at the next meeting. A request for a grass bin for the common areas being mown in Crosby Ravensworth by Jill Winder was approved. Clerk to purchase a bin for her use.

023/17

**Date of Next meeting** 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

<ends 8:45pm>

Appendix 1

Text of a Letter to the Yorkshire Dales National Park responding to their consultation

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1 July 2017

Yorkshire Dales National Park

Email – peter.stockton@yorkshiredales.org.uk

National Park Management Plan 2018 - 2023 Consultation

Crosby Ravensworth Parish Councillors have asked me as the Chair of the Parish Council to formally provide the key objectives which we feel will positively influence our community and ensure the area becomes fully integrated into the wider National Park.

We feel it is important that the Westmorland Dales and in particular the most northerly element; Crosby Ravensworth Parish, benefits from similar standards as the remainder of the Park.

Our key objectives encompass community resilience; affordable housing, the primary school support and small business enterprise along with development of access to the landscape and environment.

1. Affordable housing continues to be a major challenge in the Parish. This is a key priority to ensure a balanced healthy age mix in the community and through young families support Crosby Ravensworth Primary school. Over the last few years we have seen the school roll fall from the mid-thirties to twenty six for the coming year. Without affordable properties for young owner occupiers or renters, we will become a retirement community.
2. The development of small starter business units in the Lyvennet Valley potentially linked to increased tourism. Since the incorporation of the area into the YDNP we have seen a steady increase in visitors by car, foot and bicycle.
3. Given the visitor increase and the desire to ensure visitors can have a positive visit to the area there is a need to improve road signage. The current signage is a mixture of styles and is mostly in poor repair.
4. Footpaths signage. Albeit we have a good network of footpaths and bridle ways most of the signage is in need or replacement or repair.
5. Accessibility is also an issue. There are a number of ladder type stiles which make access for visitors with mobility issues problematic. We would also like

to see the development of a full access footpath across the fields following the current right of way between Low Row Farm and Flass at Maulds Meaburn. This is already a well-used footpath but inaccessible to wheelchairs and prams / buggies.

6. We would also like to work with the YDNP to develop footpath route maps and signage boards to be placed in Crosby Ravensworth and Maulds Meaburn. The provision of guided walking information would enable visitors to gain maximum benefit from the environment and everything it has to offer.

We hope these suggestions are of interest and would be happy to discuss and work with Park Officers on taking them forward.

David Graham

Chair Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council