

## 7 August 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 M Archer, Cllr A Robinson, Cllr J Raine, Cllr A Beatham, Mr C Barnes (Clerk).
- Cllr V Kendal (YDNP/EDC).
- Apols. Cllr N Hughes (CCC), Cllr V Holroyd (Holiday).
- 024/17 **Minutes.**  
The Chairman was authorised to sign the **minutes** of the ordinary meeting held on the 3 July as a true record.
- 025/17 **Public Participation.**  
Cllr Raine asked that the minutes reflect that her absence at the meeting on the 12 June had been as a consequence of not receiving the agenda because the security settings on her Eden; District Council email account had prevented the use of the new system. The problem had now been rectified.  
Cllr Raine asked that in future permission to park on Maulds Meaburn Village Green for special occasions be granted by the whole council and if time were insufficient that the Chairman/Clerk email councillors to notify them.
- 026/17 **Planning.**  
E/03/17 Branthwaite House, Crosby Ravensworth. Full planning permission for erection of two storey side extension to replace existing single storey lean-to.  
The council objects to the application on the ground that the drawings and design and access statement supplied with it contain insufficient detail to determine the exact nature of the proposal.  
Submitted drawings depicting elevations did not identify the viewpoints depicted; did not depict the whole property; were insufficiently labelled; did not give sufficient detail as to the materials to be used (Slates/Windows etc etc.) The building sits within the conservation area. Three councillors who had lived in the village all their lives were unable to identify the building as built/proposed and councillors were unable to distinguish one elevation from another. As the council had been granted an extension to consider the application the clerk was instructed to call Andrew Bishop to make the position clear. Cllr Archer questioned whether the application had been correctly validated by YDNP on the basis that the information contained

within it was so sparse. The council requests that the application be placed in front of the planning committee together with its objection.

027/17

**Devolution of Services.**

Cllr Raine briefed the council on devolution of services. Devolution of Services was concerned with 'Non-Statutory Services' such as Graveyards, Toilets, Playgrounds and of most immediate impact to Crosby Ravensworth, Footway Lighting. Eden District Council intended to cease funding these and offered to pass the costs to the Parish Council.

Each light would cost a parish council £75 per annum for electricity + servicing to run.

The parish council area had 10 lights across Maulds Meaburn and Crosby Ravensworth in all an annual electricity cost of £750 per annum. Eden District Council has a limited fund to provide tapered subsidy for electricity costs to Parish Councils willing to adopt lights of 100% in the first year descending by increments to 0% in the 5<sup>th</sup> year. No lights situated on private buildings would be maintained.

The council had prepared a footway lighting survey in 2013 in which it had determined that four lights be maintained as follows;

Light No	<u>Maulds Meaburn</u>	
1	Heron View	Retain
2	Mason House	Remove
	<u>Crosby Ravensworth</u>	
1	Midtown Farm	Retain
2	Annawell	Remove
3	The Fernery, Silver Street	Remove
4	Junction, Silver Street	Retain
5	Pinfold Cottage	Remove
6	Butchers Arms	Remove
7	CR Village Hall	Retain
8	Holly Cottage	Remove

If the lights were not adopted by the Parish Council they would not be renewed on failure. If they were adopted renewal would become the council's responsibility.

It was **resolved** that there was no cost benefit to the council in early adoption of the footway lights. Adoption would necessitate an 8 to 10% increase in the precept in year 5. The electricity costs in year 1 were revenue neutral meaning that even in year one there was no benefit to the council in participating. The Parish Council had no duty to provide lighting and adoption would place a constraint on its discretionary spending. If added to the cost of adopting Playgrounds, Graveyards etc.

the cost burden being off-loaded by the district onto the parish would be significant and onerous.

It was agreed by the Eden District Councillors present that the committee papers produced by EDC were confusing.

Jane Langston Assistant Director of Technical Services would be invited to a future meeting to explain/discuss the issues. Cllr Adrian Todd portfolio holder for resources would also be invited.

028/17

**Maulds Meaburn Green and Stepping Stones.**

Cumbria County Council had approved the dredging of Maud Syke and that would be progressed shortly. Environment Agency licence charges of £170 were approved from the Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust Fund for the repair of storm damaged stepping stones in Maulds Meaburn. DG would first check whether the stepping stones formed part of the footway in which case their repair would be progressed through the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

The council was frustrated that precept payer's money was being used to fund these charges given that it was a parish council being charged by a government department for the repair of damage incurred in Storm Desmond working with a local farmer who was charging expenses only for his work.

029/17

**Bridleways.**

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has assumed responsibility for footpaths and bridleways throughout the parish. They are currently working with the parish council on footpath matters. The matter of the Bridleway adjacent to Ghyll Cottage which has been the subject of dispute with the owner of Ghyll Cottage had been clarified. The council has been informed that the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Rangers would remove the ivy obstructing the finger post. They will also inform the occupier of Ghyll Cottage in due course either in person, by letter or both, that they are unable to authorise the unlawful gates on the bridleway – one from the road and another further down the path towards the river. They will inform him that the bridleway should be kept clear. It was agreed to ask Cllr Holroyd to add inspections of the bridleways in the parish to the work already underway in prioritising repair and maintenance works.

030/17

**Jennywell Ford.**

Repairs to recent damage to the ford was being rectified by a local resident.

It was agreed that DG would inspect the area adjacent to the ford with a view to considering whether more material should be removed.

031/17

**Yorkshre Dales National Park Authority Parish Forum.**

It was agreed to ask if Cllr Holroyd would attend Parish forum on the 11 September on her return from holiday.

- 032/17 **Finance.**  
The first quarter budget monitor was approved. Expenditure on items acquired through the transparency fund (Line 11 expenditure) had distorted the admin figure dramatically. An increment was due on the clerk's salary in April which had not been paid and provision for employer's contribution to NI/PAYE had not been budgeted. (Line 5 expenditure). A rise in the Police House rent (Line 2 income) was due from the 1<sup>st</sup> June. It was agreed to relabel this income appropriately. The budget for the precept was overstated (Line 1 income) because the remainder of the income benefitted from the application of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme shown at (Line 22 income). The budget monitor did not show any other unexplained anomalies. Following the recommendation of the internal/external auditor the interest on the deposit accounts had been included in the budget monitor.
- 033/17 **Finance.**  
The bank reconciliation had been scrutinised by Cllr Raine Prior to the meeting and was approved. At the end of the first quarter the council had funds of £29,160.20. in hand.
- 034/17 **Finance. Asset Register.**  
It was resolved not to add the computer and associated equipment to the register because in the event of a claim the excess would absorb the value and premiums would increase. It was agreed to approve the asset register to go forward subject to the property insured being linked to the building prices index. Clerk to action.
- 035/17 **Audit**  
The Clerk was able to clarify that CALC had advised that new advice regarding external audit would be published after the current audit was complete. Because of the uncertainty the Internal Auditor had not been reappointed at the Annual Meeting and an audit plan had not been prepared or approved. It was agreed to re-appoint Caroline Dodgeon as Internal Auditor and to request an updated audit plan in due course.
- 034/17 **Clerk's report**  
The rubbish bin at Silver Street had now been emptied and would be emptied weekly. Overgrowth in the area had been cleared; A question had been raised by a member of the public concerning a flood barrier (ramp) on a footpath in Silver Street. The ramp was not considered to be a problem; A report of the cattle grid bypass gate being unhinged at Dalebanks would be reported as a highways matter; Correspondence had been received from Daphne Baird regarding an electrical supply required for a development in the area of Bay Hose Maulds Meaburn. Clerk to respond. Noting that NW Electricity would need to obtain the council's consent and establish a wayleave prior to work taking place; Eden 'Local Heroes', the Chairman of Eden District Council had reinstated this scheme and was seeking nominations. Clerk to forward information to all councillors.

<meeting ends at 9.25>