

5 March 2018

CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

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Ordinary Meeting

Present Councillors: Cllr D Graham (Chairman) Cllr D Hewitt, Cllr M Archer, Cllr J Raine, Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr A Beatham, Mr C Barnes (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr N Hughes (CCC), V Kendall (EDC/YDNP), Cllr A Robinson (Work Commitments).

Attending PC Erich Theole

1 member of the public was present.

122/17

Minutes

The Chairman was authorised to sign the **minutes** of the ordinary meeting held on the 5th February 2018 as a true record subject to a number of agreed corrections.

A matter had arisen in connection with Eden District Council's handling of a planning application at Reagill. The applicant had been in touch with the District Councillor and the Clerk and had advised that Eden District Council had determined (refused) the application under delegated powers. The Parish Council had objected on the grounds of the 'vagueness' of the application and the fact that it could have created an outline consent for open market housing (four dwellings of unspecified size on a large plot) and not in terms of the principle of development. (Planning (EDC) 17/1075 – Land between Fern Bank and East View, Reagill - Outline application for residential development with all matters reserved. Minute 107/17 5 February 2018.) It was understood that because the officer recommendation and the council's position were aligned that the application had been determined under delegated powers and refused.

123/17

Public Participation

A member of the public asked for the map previously displayed in the Maulds Meaburn Village Shelter to be replaced. The matter was in hand.

A Wall was down on private land at the boundary of Maulds Meaburn Village Green and along Back Lane. MA would investigate and liaise with the owners as to reinstatement.

124/17

Police Response Concerns regarding reporting of Crime in Progress at Flass

PC Theole attended to address concerns raised by a parishioner at the February meeting. The property was an ongoing concern and he

was able to report that a number of arrests and successful prosecutions had been made in connection with offences of trespass and theft. The property formed a part of their regular patrol plan and the owner had received a great deal of advice from the police on security matters. PC Theole asked for the identity of the member of the public who had raised these concerns and it was agreed that the clerk would forward the police' contact details to the individual concerned so that the police could identify and listen to the 999-call recording made by the parishioner and address matters which, as they were described to the meeting, were agreed to be unsatisfactory.

The clerk was able to confirm that the property was not under the control of the Bank of Scotland and that they had no charge on it or interest in it. It had been ascertained that the property continued in private ownership and was under offer.

PC Theole undertook to report back to the council with his findings regarding the handling of the original 999 call.

124/17

Emergency planning.

AR/DG & JR had met to discuss the emergency plan. It was proposed to continue the Lyvennet Link centre pages on a bi-monthly basis highlighting seasonal risk/emergency issues eg Hot Weather, May; Flooding, September; Fire, October; Snow Ice, November. These would focus on household resilience. It was resolved that emergency planning would also be featured at the Annual Parish Meeting. This work would be underpinned by the Parish Emergency Plan which was currently being drafted by the group.

There was discussion of the recent snow and the particular issue of road drifts. The role of local farmers in establishing a route in an out of the village was praised. It was agreed that the county could co-ordinate with farmers to deliver road clearing services and vice versa. Farmers were advised to contact the Highways department in advance of any road clearing as they may be able to receive payment from the County Council. Their support would allow release of highway resources for use elsewhere.

125/17

Internal Audit

The Internal Auditor's Interim review was received and approved. The recommendation regarding Disclosable Pecuniary Interests was noted especially as it referred to spousal/partners interests. EDC had reconfigured their website and the link from Crosby Parish's website to the dpi's had now been re-established on the members contact page of the website. The Clerk had obtained new forms which would be emailed out to members. Members were reminded to update their forms within 28 days of any change of circumstances. Members should look at their existing declarations and submit new current forms with updated details for collection by the clerk at the next meeting or earlier if any change was needed.

- 126/17 **Asset Register**
The amended asset register (Schedule 1) was approved.
- 127/17 **Bank Reconciliation**
The 3rd Quarter Bank Reconciliation was approved. The reconciliation had been signed off by JR subject to two queries regarding the underlying paperwork regarding a payment of £50 to RG Todd and £37.88 to Heaton's Office. The clerk was instructed to clarify the position to JR's satisfaction.
- 128/17 **Items for a Future Agenda**
Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Meeting 14th May.
Annual Litter pick planning
Devolution of Services from Eden District Council (Playground/Lighting)
Movement of soils across the highway from fields at Haberwain planted for winter barley
- 129/17 **Clerk's Report**
The clerk had examined and did not feel competent to complete the appeal process at the Land Registry regarding council land registered in error by the Dent Estate at the entrance to Flass Drive on Maulds Meaburn VG which formed part of the registered village green. He had asked for a quotation for the work from Minehan McCalister in order to advise the Dent estate of the costs. Approved.
The clerk had met with Mark Fallon and Andrew Woodward over the maintenance of the council's benches which they had agreed to take on. They had proposed cleaning the play equipment in Crosby Ravensworth. This was not approved on the grounds that it was currently the responsibility of Eden District Council and that action of this type might prejudice the negotiations over devolution of services and equipment condition at point of transfer.
The website had again been hacked. The matter had been resolved by Rocket sites at no cost.
Emails previously circulated to councillors regarding council tax increases on second homes by the YDNP were no longer relevant as the matter had been rejected by Richmondshire Council.
- 130/17 **Exclusion of the Press and Public.**
It was resolved to exclude the press and public by a resolution of the council on the grounds that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business in respect of the following agenda item.
- 131/17 **Employment Costs. (Confidential Minute)**

<meeting ends 21:15>