

**22 May 2017**

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

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**Notes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council held on the 22th May 2017 in Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall at 7:30pm**

**Cllr D Hewitt (Chairman), Cllr D Graham, Cllr J Raine, Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr A Beatham, Cllr A Robinson, Cllr M Archer, Cllr C Barnes (Clerk); Cllr Neil Hughes CCC and Cllr Valerie Kendall EDC and 6 members of the community were present.**

**The meeting received a Chairman’s report and a presentation from Steve Hastie, Area Manager, Western Dales Ranger Team, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority on Footpaths**

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**David Hewitt, Chairman’s Report 22 May 2017**

### **Meetings**

The Parish Council held 13 meetings in 2016/17 all of which were scheduled in advance. This compares with a 13 meetings in the previous year, only 6 of which were scheduled in advance, with the others being called on an ad-hoc basis to respond to planning applications. This has made the council’s business easier to manage. It is known that the council meets on the first Monday of the month, every month and the council’s meetings have been attended across the whole year by 38 members of the public.

### **Planning Applications**

In the previous year 2015/16 there were 21 planning applications in the Parish and this year there were 18. We suspect that there was a peak in applications in the lead up to the area’s inclusion in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. 7 applications were from Eden District Council and 11 from the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications in the Parish.

Of these applications two were refused and one withdrawn – all of these were under the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. Permitted development rights have been curtailed in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and planning permissions (especially in the conservation areas) are, we think, much harder to achieve.

We have welcomed Councillor Valerie Kendall to our meetings Eden District Council’s representative on the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

### **Finances**

The Council had £14,964.32 of income against a budget of £14,825.57. We were able to achieve some savings which meant that the deficit budget we set last year (-£1,728) was at the out-turn £72 in surplus.

### **Issues**

Issues we have had to deal with during the year have been:

The extension of the Yorkshire Dales National Park to include some of the Parish and the impact that has had on Neighbourhood planning.

Responding to the flooding during Storm Desmond in which the council has been active. Councillor Archer has made proposals for ways of regulating flood flows which we think could be further developed. We have dredged some build-up of material in the bed of the beck as we did in 2005 and 2009 where we felt it would make a positive difference to parishioners.

This has led us to spend a higher than usual proportion of our section 137 money's (discretionary spending). We ended the year on a bit of high with a celebration of the footbridge being re-opened by parishioner and campaigner Simon Asquith.

Thanks are due to so many people in this. Simon, David Clare of Cumbria County Council and Brampton Woodworks the contractors, Maulds Meaburn Village Institute to name but a few...

To celebrate the opening we asked pupils at Crosby Ravensworth to make drawings based on the bridge which we hope with their permission to present, framed to the Maulds Meaburn Village Institute. The winners were: Iona 5, Taylor 11, and Imogen 9. All the entries were of a really high standard.

### **Thanks**

We also owe thanks to Cumbria County council who have made a real and continuing effort to maintain and upgrade our roads many of which were badly damaged in Storm Desmond.

Thanks too to Andrew Woodward and Mark & Alison Fallon who have adopted parish seats and will be maintaining them for us in Crosby Ravensworth and Maulds Meaburn.

We are in the process of establishing an emergency phone to replace the decommissioned telephone box at Maulds Meaburn Village Institute.

### **Website**

[www.crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk](http://www.crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk) is in use for the first time following the receipt of grants from the transparency fund £1,181.72 for a web presence and IT equipment which hopefully will make the council's activities much more accessible to parishioners.

We also received £206 pounds from the council tax reduction scheme.

I am standing down as Chairman at the last of tonight's meetings. I'd like to thank the Councillor's and our Clerk for all their support during the year and look forward to continuing to serve as an ordinary Parish Councillor.

## **Welcome**

Welcome to Steve Hastie Area Manager, Western Dales Ranger Team with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. Responsibility for footpaths now falls to the National Park as Cumbria County Council hands this responsibility over having made good as much as possible of the damage done during Storm Desmond.

**Steve Hastie's presentation is available in full as a download on the council's website.**

## **Public Participation**

A member of the public raised an issue over the condition of the handrail at the new bridge in Maulds Meaburn.

A member of the public asked after the progress of the reinstatement of the stepping stones damaged in Storm Desmond. It was confirmed that when permission was available the Stones would be reinstated and Maud Syke cleared.

A member of the public called for the new signage in same style as the signage at Howtown and for information boards in the Parish.

A member of the public raised a complaint about dogs being permitted to wander off the lead on Maulds Meaburn Village Green. Dog owners were reminded that no dog should be off the lead at any time on Maulds Meaburn Village green or any other public place. Ultimately this would be a matter for Eden District Council whose wardens could be asked to enforce the rule if abuses continued.

<The meeting closed at 9.20>