

14 January 2019 – Ordinary Meeting

CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

At Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall, 7:30pm.

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- Present Councillors: Cllr D Graham (Chairman), Cllr J Raine (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Hewitt, Cllr A Robinson, Cllr A Beatham, Cllr M Archer, Mr C Barnes (Clerk).
- Cllr N Hughes (CCC)
2 members of the public were present.
- Apols. Cllr V. Holroyd.
- 118/18 The **minutes** of the meeting held on the 3 December 2018 were approved as a true record.
A matter had arisen in connection with Sandbags/Sand. It was agreed to go forward as agreed with a delivery to the Village Hall. JR.
- 119/18 **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.** All (Dispensation Granted 21 May 2018) Cllr Hewitt (126/18 Commons/Grazing) 05/018
DH
- 120/18 **Public Participation.**
A member of the public spoke in connection with the idea of tree planting. He requested that the parish council think in terms of thousands rather than hundreds of trees and he offered to put himself forward as a member coordinator for a parish wide project coordinating private and public landowners external fundraising agencies and others including the Woodland Trust the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. He attached particular importance to the planting of replacement stands of trees on open land. The proposal was well received and it was resolved to make this issue the focus of the next Electors' meeting. Clerk
- It was noted that a former chairman of the parish council had single-handedly planted over 120 trees in the parish.
- Cllr. Hughes mentioned the initiative to identify road signs of value for refurbishment (historic cast iron road signs) It was agreed that Cllr Hughes would circulate a list on which these signs could be identified. Cllrs were asked to respond to him directly.
- Cllr Hughes was seeking feedback on the Universal Service Obligation in respect of high-speed broadband Cllrs were asked to respond to him directly.

121/18

Old Police Station Update

The position over the council's ability to sell the Old Police Station was clarified by the clerk.

It had been confirmed that there was no impediment to the council selling the Old Police Station arising from the conditions of its acquisition or from any covenant on it. However, the Council was constrained in respect of its duties and powers, it had a power to receive gifts and assets and it had a power to maintain them so any expenditure it made on the upkeep of the Old Police Station could be lawfully expended in line with financial regulations. The council had not declared 'a general power of competence' which would allow it to sell the Old Police Station. The Council was not in a position to declare a general power of competence because it did not have a 'Cilca' qualified clerk.

The Chairman circulated a budget paper focusing on the affordable refurbishment and reletting of the Old Police Station. He asked for Cllrs agreement to support this approach. His proposal was to refurbish the interior in the current year and then complete external works in the following year, Cllrs APPROVED £13,620 worth of expenditure ahead of reletting. Currently the parish council is down £500 a month on income due to loss of rent.

Specific Cllrs accepted responsibility as follows:

1. Chimney sweeping JR
2. Log burner DH
3. CO2 and fire alarms/external light DG
4. Repainting of exterior three quotes were required est £4,700 DG
5. New bathroom sink and toilet/shower room plumbing, kitchen sink and plumbing repair DG
6. Plaster repairs DG
7. General slating check including a quotation for the outbuilding MA
8. Carpet and Kitchen lino renewal (Capsticks Appleby) DG
9. Kitchen DG

The Chairman had met with YDNPA planners and there were no planning restrictions on roof light replacement, exterior painting or pointing. MA had suggested investing heavily in changing floor plan and adding two bedrooms/en suites but it was agreed that this was an unnecessary expense. There were limited funds with a maximum of £25k including cash in hand available.

122/18

Budget and Precept

The clerks' analysis of budget requirements was reviewed and accepted. It was noted that to set a balanced budget the council would need to precept a minimum of £8,857.

After discussion of the requirements of the Old Police Station

refurbishment and the likely later expenditure on roofing as assessed by MA/DH., it was agreed to set a precept at £12,440 accounting for CTRS of £60 to create some surplus which could be carried forward to the funding of external works on the premises in due course. (1st JR/2nd MA unanimous)

It was agreed to submit a brief paragraph to the Lyvennet Link and for posting in the news and announcements sections of the council's website explaining to parishioners why the precept had been increased.

With a precept requirement of £12,500 reduced by Council Tax Reduction scheme of £60 to £12,440 against a council tax base of 230.19 a Band D precept in 2019/20 would be £54.30 against £40.71 in 2018/19 over the course of the whole year. This amounted to weekly increase of 26 pence and an annual increase of £13.59 over the previous year.

123/18

Old Police Station Open Day 20 January 2019

It was agreed that Cllrs Archer and Robinson would leaflet houses in Maulds Meaburn and that the Clerk would supply fliers for the purpose and post it on the parish notice boards and elsewhere including online as required. Cllr. Raine would laminate a few and post them in prominent places. It was agreed that Cllrs would be present at the Old Police Station during the open day as follows:

Joan Raine 11.00 to 12.30
David Hewitt 12.30 to 14.00
Alison Robinson 14.00 to 15.00
David Graham 15.00 to 16:00

Gordon Bowness has prepared a brief history of the Police Station for display and would install this the day before.

Cllr. Beatham agreed to deliver some logs to the Old Police Station and light the wood burners the previous day so that it was warmed up for visitors.

124/18

Planning (YDNP)

E/03/31. The Sun Hotel, Crosby Ravensworth
Full planning permission to render and paint south west elevation of property. The proposal to render and paint the south west facing gable wall of the Sun Hotel was discussed at length. It was agreed that it would have a significant effect on the appearance of the village and the character of the built environment. However, it was noted that the residents had taken many steps to try to cure the problem of inward penetrating damp. It was noted that all this work has been carried out to the very highest standard and it was understood that this proposal was something of a last resort. It was agreed that it was not appropriate in the current day and age to require people to live in damp housing for the sake of townscape appearance and it was noted that south west facing gable walls throughout the village were

rendered, painted and maintained and that water ingress from driving rain carried with the prevailing wind was a circumstance which needed to be addressed. The application was supported 4:2 (1st MA, 2nd AR).

125/18 **Trees**

The clerk had been unable to confirm the appointment of North West Arb to inspect trees, a number of calls had been made and a reply was expected.

There was discussion of the proposals made at a previous PC meeting to plant trees on land owned by the Parish. The proposal made during public participation to raise the level of ambition in terms of the volume of trees planted had been very well received and it was agreed that the May electors' meeting would be an ideal opportunity to bring this forward for debate in the village and action.

It was known that the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority had received substantial HLF funding and that they were sympathetic through the ranger of service to the work being carried out currently by The Woodland Trust with which a local resident was already closely involved. It was AGREED in principle to try and embrace a larger Project in partnership with local landowners and external funders in addition to that under discussion on Parish Land.

126/18 **Commons/Graziers**

It being 9:30 Cllrs agreed to extend the meeting to complete the agenda.

Cllr Hewitt left the room for discussion of this item having declared a pecuniary interest. The Chairman of the Commoners/Graziers was present.

The situation regarding the commoners and graziers was explained as follows: The existing agreement had expired in September 2018. The Chairman had signed an extension to this agreement until September 2019 to allow a new scheme to be brought forward by the graziers. Cllrs had been circulated with this correspondence.

For 2020 a new agreement would need to be negotiated and approved by Natural England/Secretary of State. Graziers have to make proposals which will then be moderated by these authorities

The landowners concerned were Lowther and Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council whose ownership involves Bank Moor only (344 acres). Lowther had had involvement with the last scheme regarding a pheasant shoot but had pulled out for unknown reasons. It was stated they received no income from the scheme.

It was said that there was no signed agreement in place for the current scheme regarding the landowners' consent. The chairman noted that he had been unaware of this when he had signed the extension

agreement and had he been aware would not have done so.

The chairman felt that it would be appropriate to discuss the scheme with the other landowners and to look at whether or not the parish council could receive any funding in respect of its ownership of the land in view of the substantial sums remitted to the graziers on the basis of its consent.

It was agreed that the chairman should have full involvement and knowledge of the scheme to be implemented from 2020 onwards and that final approval for the utilisation of parish land should be agreed by the PC.

127/18

Finance

The 3rd Quarter, Budget Monitor, Bank Reconciliation (with a closing balance of £25,886.02), Schedule of Payments and Receipts were approved.

It was noted that the former tenant of the Old Police Station had not cancelled her standing order and had over paid rent which had been reimbursed (72)

Barclays Bank had not responded to an instruction (letter dated 15 December 2018) to close the bank account and it was agreed that two signatories would attend the bank to follow this up.

Transfers, Payments and Receipts were approved as follows:

INTERNAL TRANSFERS

51, 12/11/2018, 15/10/2018, Transfer to Cumberland, 100052, Barclays, £10, 000.00

58, 13/11/2018, 13/11/2018, Transfer from Barclays, CR, Cumberland, £10, 000.00,

TRANSACTIONS

46, 01/10/2018, 01/10/2018, Old Police Station Month 7, CR, Barclays, £420.66,

47, 19/10/2018, 30/10/2018, Wages Month 7, 100051, Barclays, £429.37

48, 19/10/2018, 24/10/2018, Sale of Wood, CR, Barclays, £20.00,

49, 31/10/2018, 31/10/2018, Heatons Office, DD, Barclays, £1.60

50, 01/11/2018, 01/11/2018, Old Police Station Month 8 error, CR, Barclays, £420.66,

52, 12/11/2018, 29/11/2018, Grant, First Responders, 000001, Cumberland, £400.00

53, 12/11/2018, 29/11/2019, Dredging Maud Syke, 000002, Cumberland, £210.00

54, 12/11/2018, 10/12/2018, British Legion, 000003, Cumberland, £18.50

55, 12/11/2018, 11/12/2018, Chairman's Expenses MMVG, 000004, Cumberland, £75.00

56, 12/11/2018, 30/11/2018, NFU Mutual, 000005, Cumberland, £907.71

57, 12/11/2018, 29/11/2018, Archive, Water +, 000006, Cumberland, £9.28

59, 13/11/2018, Grant, Fellrunner Bus, 000007, Cumberland, £107.40

- 60, 13/11/2018, 05/12/2018, Heatons Office, 000008, Cumberland, £147.60
61, 23/11/2018, 23/11/2018, Wages Month 8, IT, Cumberland, £429.17
62, 26/11/2018, Expenses (Bench Maintenance), 000009, Cumberland, £15.89
63, 26/11/2018, 30/11/2018, BT Wayleave, CR, Cumberland, £7.70,
64, 03/12/2018, 03/12/2018, Old Police Station Month 9 error, CR, Barclays, £420.66,
65, 03/12/2018, 21/12/2018, Copies (CCC), 000010, Cumberland, £16.75
66, 03/12/2018, 17/12/2018, Old Police Station, Lewis Associates, 000011, Cumberland, £234.00
67, 07/12/2018, Grant, Fellrunner Bus, 000012, Cumberland, £42.60
68, 07/12/2018, 13/12/2018, Old Police Station, Heating Oil, 000013, Cumberland, £416.43
69, 08/12/2018, 12/12/2018, Sale of Wood, CR, Cumberland, £200.00,
70, 15/12/2018, 28/12/2018, HMRC Paye Qtr 3 2018 2019, 000014, Cumberland, £2.00
71, 15/12/2018, Expenses (Bench Maintenance), 000015, Cumberland, £46.62
72, 18/12/2018, 18/12/2018, Old Police Station, Reimburse rent, IT, Cumberland, £800.88
73, 21/12/2018, 21/12/2018, Mileage/Expenses, IT, Cumberland, £93.95
74, 21/12/2018, 21/12/2018, Wages Month 9, IT, Cumberland, £429.37
75, 21/12/2018, Wayleaves ENW, CR, Cumberland, £108.28,
76, 31/12/2018, 31/12/2018, Interest Old Police Station Reserve Account, CR, Penrith BS, £28.73,
77, 31/12/2018, 31/12/2018, Interest General Reserve Account, CR, Penrith BS, £34.53,

- 128/18 **Clerk's report and Correspondence**
The NFU's charges for the insurance of the unoccupied Old Police Station were approved.
Councillors agreed to receive various circulars.
- 129/18 **Items for the next agenda.**
 1. Stepping Stones (Access/Egress in the event of flooding)
 2. Trees
- 130/18 **Date of Next Meeting 4 February 2019**

<ends 10:00pm>