

## 4 March 2019 – Ordinary Meeting

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

At Crosby Ravensworth Parish Archive, 7:30pm.

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

2 members of the public were present.

Apols. Cllr N Hughes (CCC) Cllr A Robinson,

147/18 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were approved as a true record.

148/18 **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.**

It was agreed that the clerk would leave the room for the discussion of the item on Bell Foot planning.

149/18 **Public Participation**

A member of the public raised a number of issues regarding moles, tree cuttings and exposed stones following ditch work at Mauds Slack Syke on Mauds Meaburn Village Green. It was RESOLVED that MA would look into whether the moles (@12) could be humanely caught and removed. If this was not feasible a molecatcher would be approached to trap and kill the moles.

The wood would be burned under the supervision of the member of public concerned and the council would deal with the rain-washed stones later in the year.

150/18 **Planning Eden District Council 19/0072**

WHITEFOLD FARM, REAGILL PENRITH, CA10 3ER

Description: Demolition of existing stone barns and replacement building for housing cattle.

The proposal was supported on the basis that this supported the viability of the farm.

151/18 **Planning Yorkshire Dales National Park E/03/33**

The clerk left the room for discussion of this item.

Bell Foot, Crosby Ravensworth Full planning permission for erection of two polytunnels on existing horticultural site.

The application was supported on the basis that the co-operative provided employment in the community and the proposal had limited visual impact.

152/18

**Planning.**

Correspondence had been received from the Yorkshire Dales National Park in reply to the council's letters written in February and October 2018 regarding historic planning issues since the YDNPA became the planning authority. The letter was not regarded as either timely or constructive and it was said that little progress was likely to be achieved by pursuing the matter.

It was unclear what the situation was in respect of permitted development. It was agreed that MA/DH and DG would attend a planning surgery at Orton with a view to clarifying matters.

E/03/32/LB Monks Church Bridge, Crosby Ravensworth. Listed building consent for widening of road bridge (option 4). The previous response was ratified regarding the council's preference for Option 3).

152/18

**Stepping Stones, Causeway.**

At the Parish Council meeting on 4 February 2019 councillors agreed to investigate the permission requirements, thought to be the Secretary of State, for construction of the causeway across the Village Green. It was also agreed to revisit the issue at the next meeting.

MMVG is registered under the Commons Registration Act 1965 it is a 'common' but with even more specific restrictions. The 1965 Act was enacted to provide for the registration of common land and or town and village greens: to amend the law as to prescriptive claims to rights of common. The 1857 Inclosure Act and 1876 Commons Act which was an amendment to the Inclosure Act appear to provide the primary legislation applying to town and village greens.

Information from HM Planning Inspectorate (Common land guidance sheet 2b) Works on Town and Village Greens clearly states that the only allowable works to a village green must be with a view to its better enjoyment.

The only way to get a definitive answer to the proposed construction of the causeway would be through specialist legal opinion. This work would have to be instructed by the Parish Council via its legal advisors with an agreement from the applicant to meet all legal costs.

It was noted that the majority of Councillors at the meeting were opposed to the construction of the causeway.

153/18

**Parking at Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall.**

Councillors were of the opinion that residents of the parish parking commercial vehicles outside the Village Hall was not inappropriate. It was felt that the Village Hall should speak to the individuals involved to negotiate the movement of vehicles for specific events to facilitate access to the hall for users.

154/18

**Police House Update**

Progress with the Old Police Station had been significant. Electrical work has been finished with testing certification awaited. Work had been completed on the bathroom, kitchen, back gate and the painting was substantially complete. The plumber had finished on site and overall the budget had been marginally under spent.

It was decided to extend the budget by a further £500 to fund the additional costs of re-carpeting the upper floor bedrooms.

The estate agent had advised a rent of between £600 and £700 a month. It was agreed that this would be offered as the starting rent with an annual increment applied equivalent to CPI. This compared with the affordable housing at Stoneworks Garth renting at £535 a month

Councillors expressed concern over the condition of the outhouse roof and it was agreed to seek an expression of interest for the repair of the roof as it was considered to be a hazard in its current condition.

155/18

**Asset Register**

Councillors reviewed the Asset Register. There had been no disposals or acquisitions. Street furniture had been well maintained by volunteers and it was agreed that no changes were required. The clerk was instructed to update insurance valuations on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 in line with the insurers applied indices.

156/18

**Risk Register**

Councillors reviewed the Risk Register. There had been no changes or events during the year which had occasioned any need for change or further review. It was agreed that no changes were required.

157/18

**Standing Orders**

Councillors reviewed the Standing Orders. It was agreed that the Standing Orders benefitted from Standard Term Wording derived from the NALC 'Model' Standing Orders which was of benefit. It was noted however that they had been written from the perspective of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer being different people working a larger organisation. No changes were required.

158/18

**Financial Regulations**

Councillors reviewed the standing Financial Regulations. It was agreed that the Standing Orders benefitted from Standard Term Wording derived from the NALC 'Model' Standing Orders which was of benefit as the regulations were widely understood. It was noted however that they had been written from the perspective of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer being different people working for a larger organisation. The Financial Regulations had been reviewed by the previous internal auditor in respect of their

suitability to cover the operation of the Cumberland online banking service and BACS Authorisations and it had been confirmed that they were suitable for the purpose. No changes were required.

159/18

**Election Briefing.**

Elections would be held on the 2 May. Nomination forms were circulated and a briefing given. Councillors and potential candidates' attention were drawn to the facility to withhold personal information (address). Councillors and potential candidates were asked to ring the clerk with any queries. The clerk had attended a briefing with Electoral Services at Eden District Council who had a huge task in hand. The Clerk had offered to collate nomination forms between 3:30pm and 8:00pm on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> March. A neighbour would be available to act as a witness. The Clerk would deliver the forms collected on the 26th by hand to Electoral Services on the 29th March prior to the deadline for nominations 4:00pm on the 3rd April. Forms were circulated to those present who had expressed an interest in remaining or becoming a councillor.

The clerk would not offer assistance to candidates standing for election for a political party. Political candidates were asked to complete their nomination papers through their own agent who could properly authorise the use of Logos/Slogans. The Clerk was not authorised to facilitate this.

Councillors and potential candidates were notified that Purdah would begin on the 20th March.

Councillors and potential candidates were directed to the resources available at <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/local-elections-in-england> and <https://www.eden.gov.uk/voting-and-elections/local-elections-may-2019/>

A notice would be displayed in the council's noticeboards regarding standing for election.

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**Date of Next Meeting 8 April 2019**

<Meeting ends 9:30pm>