

7th October 2019 - Ordinary Meeting

CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

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At Crosby Ravensworth Parish Archive at 7:30pm

Present Councillors: Cllr D Graham (Chair), Cllr. J Raine , Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr A Beatham, Cllr D Hewitt, Cllr R. McIvor, Cllr J. Taylor & Mr C Barnes (Clerk).

Cllr Neil Hughes CCC. Three members of the public.

Apols. None

083/19 There were no **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**.

084/19 The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd September approved as a true record.

085/19 **Public Participation.** A member of the public raised the need to clean out the cattle grids in the parish, potholes on the road beyond the cattle grid at Bank Lane were raised as a concern together with a complaint regarding the illuminated signs on Orton Scar/Bank Moor which were not working. A query was raised regarding the Temporary Road Surface sign on Haberwain which has now been in place for two years. Cllr Hughes undertook to address with Highways.

086/19 **Requests for Grant Funding. Tree Group.** A representative gave a report on the tree group's progress: the group was constituted, had opened a bank account, and had approached 17 local farms 16 of which had agreed to participate in survey activity. 8 farm surveys had already been completed. Apprentice support had been committed from the Westmorland Dales HLF initiative together with trees, stakes and protection tubes. Keith Golding would act as contractor. Westmorland Dales HLF initiative had committed to purchase 100 tree cages a year for three years. A 'Just Giving' Website had been set up with £600 committed so far and an application was being submitted to the YDNP Sustainability Development Fund for just under £9k. YDNP Officers were supportive. It was said to be important to be able to demonstrate the Parish Council's support in this context.

Issues raised: need for consultation on Maulds Meaburn proposals, status of Bank Moor, ongoing maintenance - could the tree group take on responsibility/remit of management of the trees it has planted in due course? It was AGREED to give a grant of £440 (40% of the Parish Council's available fund) to the group to support and encourage its work). It was AGREED that the clerk would introduce the Tree Group to the tenant of MMVG as a first

step to consulting on the tree group's proposed initiative on the green. Further steps would include a notice in the shelter, on the parish council's website a visit by the tree group to Maulds Meaburn Village Institute Coffee Morning. It was AGREED that a further financial contribution could be made in the following year.

- 087/19 **Requests for Grant Funding. Fell Runner.** A letter had been received from the Fell Runner bus suggesting/requesting a donation. It was AGREED to make a discretionary donation of £100.
- 088/19 **Bonfire.** It was agreed that the build would start on the 26th October. Clerk to Liaise with William Tuer/Andrew Beatham as usual. David Hewitt agreed to remove unburned material.
- 089/19 **Maulds Meaburn Village Green First time registration.** Registration had been completed however there were three errors. Which the Land Registry had been asked to correct.
The survey proposed for 1 Stepping Stones would not be commissioned because it had become clear that the Land Registry did not arbitrate disputes and the degree of accuracy to which they worked was not useful to the council or the occupier. After discussion it was RESOLVED that no further action would be taken.
- 090/19 **Consultations.** JR fed back on the consultation event organised by EDC at Rheged. The point regarding provision for older people was raised but she felt that no conclusions were to be drawn from the exercise.
- 091/19 **Consultations:** YDNP Strategic Housing Plan. Govt 5g mobile. The Clerk would circulate an online form to gather responses.
- 092/19 **The 2nd Quarter, Budget Monitor, Bank Reconciliation, Schedule of Payments and Receipts** were approved as published on the website.
The Clerk gave some commentary as follows: The budget monitor is distorted by in year spending on the Police House; this amount has not been taken into account in setting the budget because it was funded from reserves committed in the previous year. The budget is therefore showing expenditure of £17,000 against budget of £6,300. The underlying picture is that the budget is broadly on track with £10k spent to date on the Police House funded by reserves. The Police House is showing a higher than budget rental yield because the budget set had been conservative allowing for only 6 months income at the previous year's rent. The grants budget was showing receipts of £660 being the balance of the Yorkshire Dales sustainability fund made in the previous year to the Footpaths project (£600) and Council Tax Reduction scheme payment of £60 neither of which had been budgeted. On the expenditure side, the line for miscellaneous expenditure was standing at £1,740 pounds this was because expenditure made on tree works at Maulds Meaburn village Green and due to be funded by the Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust had been posted to Miscellaneous temporarily, These figures would not end up in the end of year figures for the council. The clerk would think about how to present this more tidily in the forthcoming budget for 2020/21.
The Council held a cash balance including reserves of £17,822.45 on the 30th

September 2019. All payments and receipts made in the previous quarter were RATIFIED.

093/19 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.

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Clerk Training.

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Date of next meeting 4 November 2019