

## 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - Ordinary Meeting

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

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At Crosby Ravensworth Village hall at 7:30pm

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

Apols. Cllr R. McIvor, Cllr Neil Hughes CCC.

096/19 There were no **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**.

097/19 The minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October were approved as a true record subject to the correction of a typo.

098/19 **Public Participation.** Correspondence had been received from the ‘Crosby Ravensworth Relief in Need Charities’ regarding the appointment of nominative trustees. The council nominates Mr J Wood of Crosby Ravensworth and Mr D Hayward. The recent distribution (through the Lyvennet Link) of information about the charities was welcomed.

099/19 **Planning 19/0769** Site address: WINTER TARN, NEWBY, CA10 3EW.  
Description: Agricultural building. The application was supported. The dirty condition of the roads in the area was noted but was agreed not to be a planning matter.

100/19 **Consultations.** It was noted that the only respondent to the recent circulated consultations was the Chairman. There was discussion about the increasing frequency with which the council was consulted and the unrealistic expectations of councillors being able to respond appropriately on behalf of those seeking a consultation response. The Clerk reported that it was increasingly difficult to handle and process consultation approaches.

Cllrs Raine and Hewitt had attended the Yorkshire Dales Forum, Thursday 17th October 2019 at Orton Market Hall. Planning, Carbon Neutrality, and emissions arising from farming had been key themes. It was felt that emissions data being used by representatives of the National Park was not sufficiently detailed to support a considered analysis of harm from emissions and a more discriminating and engaged approach from the Park was required. Emissions from cattle, sheep and arable were for example being aggregated into one data point for ‘agriculture’ while each had very different levels of emissions. It was felt by Cllrs Hewitt and Raine that the industry was being villainised. “What we have been doing for a thousand years is wrong...” Further comments were made as to the impact that heather beetle was having on established heather areas.

A presentation had been given on development control and an attempt had been made to follow up regarding inconsistencies in the approaches taken to planning in the parish. YDNP had not followed up the enquiries made or responded after the meeting as they had agreed.

It was felt that a house building target of 67 affordable units across the whole park was completely inadequate.

Cllr Raine had noted the following from the presentation.

#### **Telephone survey results**

82% [of respondents] had lived in the National Park for more than 10 years, 76% [of respondents] worked in the NP

#### **Threats**

18% reported lack of affordable housing, average house price £270K; 15% too much traffic; 46% lack of local authority services; 74% Young people leaving; 67% second homes; 68% Ageing population; 85% a lack of toilets and carparks

#### **Planning satisfaction**

General 56% up from 52% (councillors thought this was very poor); Support to Farmers 71% up from 46%; Aim to build 67 houses per year, Local plan being developed which will go out to consultation; 30 new houses have been built per year with permission for 60 granted 95% of permission granted will be houses in private ownership.

#### **Farming and climate change.**

Discussed in great detail, tree planting and restoring peatlands ongoing.

101/19 **Crosby Ravensworth Phone Box.** Councillors were being consulted about the decommissioning of the phone box and were in disagreement as to whether the phone box should be retained. It had handled only one call in the last year and was in poor condition. A vote was taken: one councillor was in favour of saving the phone with three in favour of it being removed and two abstaining. It was resolved not to respond to the consultation.

102/19 **Bonfire.** It was noted that the bonfire had been started ahead of the agreed date of the 26<sup>th</sup> predominantly with garden waste. This had attracted criticism on social media and concern for hedgehogs. Sheep had been observed nibbling waste and it was noted that possibly harmful trimmings were amongst the waste on site. The council had considered whether to treat this as an incident of fly-tipping but had refrained from doing so. In previous years material including metals had been deposited. It was agreed to discuss the matter with the tenant as to the risk of harm to livestock and to investigate measures for future years including not having a bonfire, placing a sign on the site setting out 'the rules' and start date and fencing off the area to protect stock.

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It was AGREED to acquire an 'A Board' for the purpose of publicising parish information such as this, events & meetings etc. and to diarise the forward agendas to include standing items like this and other PC business which happened annually.

- 103/19     **Budget 2020 21.** The standing of next years budget was considered on the basis of a spreadsheet prepared by the Clerk and short briefing. Considerations included the level of precept, the anticipated level of income from the Police House rental, the need to replenish reserves committed to the refurbishment of the Police House along with the General Reserve, the cost of further work to the Police House (painting/render), the possibility of increasing the budget for grants and donations and, the need to increase the level of grant to the Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground trust. The clerk explained the lawful constraints imposed over the ceiling of discretionary expenditure (section 137) where the council had no duties or powers to act and the external auditors monitoring of reserves not earmarked to a purpose. It was resolved that the budget would be set at the December meeting to enable the clerk to raise a precept in January and that the clerk would circulate the draft spreadsheet to councillors for information and further consideration before then.
- 104/19     **Tree Group.** It was reported that the tree group had received a grant of £9.5k from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Sustainability Development Fund and that the delivery of trees for planting was imminent. The Coffee Morning presentation at MMVI was a success. Significant progress had been made with the Woodland Trust and approaches were being made to United Utilities regarding constraints on road side planting and utilities access.
- 105/19     **Dates of Next Meeting.** 2 December 2019 Crosby PC. 29<sup>th</sup> November YDNP Management Plan Forum (VH) to attend.