

2nd December 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 R Mclvor, Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr A Beatham, Cllr D Hewitt & Mr C Barnes (Clerk).
- Apols. Cllr J. Taylor (unwell), Cllr Neil Hughes CCC.
- 106/19 There were no **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**.
- 107/19 The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 November were approved as a true record subject to two minor amends.
- 109/19 **Public Participation**. None.
- 110/19 **Highways Matters**. A letter to the Chairman from Michelle Clowes, Principal Planning Officer North YDNP, had been circulated regarding a scheme of road markings which it was noted she had approved (without any local consultation) for Monks Church Bridge. YDNP had refused planning permission for sensitively designed bridge widening works proposed by Cumbria County Council's Highways department to address and mitigate the constant damage being done to the bridge by large vehicles. The Parish Council had supported these proposals. It was noted that Ms Clowes claimed only that the proposed works which YDNP had 'worked on' with Cumbria County Council 'may have a significant improvement on the ability of drivers to navigate the bridge without striking it'. The letter referred to an attached report which the Chairman had examined online. The basis of the refusal had been to protect the fabric of the bridge and its setting as a listed structure. The other reasons for refusal of the County's proposed bridge widening works were lack of community support and insufficient traffic volume. YDNPA planners ignored the unanimous support of the Parish Council for bridge widening and considered traffic volume as the issue rather than the size of the vehicles using the bridge which is the problem.

It was agreed that the scheme which Ms Clowes had approved did more to damage the setting than Cumbria County Council's bridge widening proposals which would have preserved the visual amenity/appearance of the bridge.

Councillors were horrified at the proposed intrusive scheme of road markings, signage and bollards which were described as 'totally unacceptable'.

It was resolved that the Chairman would write a letter setting out the Parish Council's absolute rejection of the proposals. It was agreed to set up a petition opposing the proposals and to follow this up in the new year with a

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press release.

There was discussion of a suggestion to request a 'do not follow sat nav' sign at Tenter Row. It was agreed not to proceed as signs of this type elsewhere had not been successful.

112/19 **YDNP Annual Forum**

The forum had been attended by Cllr Holroyd who spoke to a brief written report (appended).

Councillors noted that YDNP Socio-economic study which had been presented at the meeting could not be published owing to purdah ahead of the Dec 12 General Election.

It was agreed that attendance at YDNP events was beneficial in raising the profile and interests of the community with YDNP. The notes of the event previously attended by Cllrs Raine and Hewitt had reflected their input substantially.

113/19 **Dark Skies Initiative**

It was resolved to write a letter of support for the YDNP Dark Skies Initiative and to invite a speaker to a future council event.

114/19 **2020/21 Budget**

A draft 2020/2021 budget had been circulated for discussion.

Changes included the addition of £600 (cost) to insure the Police House as a rented property, £1,000 to the support of Green Spaces and an estimated sum in respect of the clerk's pension/employment costs which were pending advice and would be clarified before the next meeting. Councillors agreed to set a standstill precept to match last years of £12,500. The budget projected a surplus which it was agreed would be used to build up a general reserve and a reserve restricted to the Police House both of which had been depleted by the recent refurbishment of the Police House. The next meeting would finalise the precept and budget and agree levels of deposits to reserve accounts. It would also receive the third quarter budget monitor allowing for greater confidence about the year-end position. It was agreed that the council would make use of the interest-bearing deposit account to hold & manage funds.

115/19 **Internal Auditor's 6 Month report.**

The auditor's six-month report was noted, no concerns were raised.

116/19 **Dates of future meetings.** The next meeting would be held on the 13 January with meetings thereafter following on the 1st Monday of the month.

3 February 2020

2 March 2020

6 April 2020

4 May 2020

4 May 2020 Annual Parish Meeting

4 May 2020 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

1 June 2020

1 June 2020 Annual Meeting of the Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust

6 July 2020

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3 August 2020

7 September 2020

5 October 2020

2 November 2020

7 December 2020

Appendix 1
Report of Cllr Holroyd.

YDNP 2019 Annual Forum 29.11.19

1. National Park Management Plan 2019-24 Gary Smith

Progress in year 1. Can be found in full at:-

www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2019/06/2019-NPMP-Annual-Progress-Report.pdf

49 objectives – 43 on-course: 5 some progress: 1 little or no progress

2. YDNP Socio-economic study – cannot be published until after the election

3. Climate Change

Young People are demanding change from the older generation.

4. Creating new Woodland - Forestry Commission – Crispin Thorn

The forestry commission has existed for 100 years since when the amount of forest in the UK has risen from 5-10%. In YDNP 2.5% of land is woodland. See Woodland Carbon Co2de website for benefits.

Forestry Commission has produced new guidance on Managing England's woodlands in a Climate Emergency

5. Restoring Peatland

6. Tees-Swaledale nature recovery project

The initiative is working with 100 farmers. It will enable farmers to share knowledge and their land management skills; work to improve and restore habitats for the benefit of wildlife and to allow farms to work as a whole system and sustain valuable low intensity farming systems which benefit wildlife, the environment and people. It will also connect visitors with the way the landscape is managed through interpretation, activities and improvements to rights of way; build skills through traineeships and volunteering; and build resilience in the farming communities for a strong future workforce.