

13 January 2020 - 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, Cllr J. Taylor & Mr C Barnes (Clerk).
- Cllr Neil Hughes CCC.
- Apols. None.
- 117/19 There were no **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**.
- 118/19 The minutes of the meeting held on the 2 December were approved as a true record subject to two minor amends.
- 119/19 **Public Participation.**
Drains and Gullies. It was said that drains and gullies had received no maintenance this year. The amount of standing water was thought to be higher than usual. Cllr Hughes would raise this issue with the Highways Authority for action.
- Mud at the entrance to Wintertarn Farm. This matter had been raised in previous meetings. An email had now been received from a parishioner regarding the excessive amount of mud on the road at Wintertarn Farm which made the road impassable on foot and concealed serious potholes from drivers which were damaging to vehicles. It was agreed that the situation was unacceptable and the Highways Authority should be encouraged to use its powers to enforce the cleaning of the road or recover its costs in cleaning the road. Repairs to potholes should be made. It was also felt that if a normal road surface were not to be maintained it would be appropriate to encourage the Highways Authority to refer the matter to Police for action. Cllr Hughes would raise the matter with the Highways Authority.
- Road Closure. Cllr Hughes noted a road closure at Gilts on the 14th Jan.
- Meaburn Edge Road. Cllr Hughes mentioned that the resurfacing of Meaburn edge was planned in 2020/2021 year at a cost of £50,000.
- 120/19 **Planning** E/03/32A/LB Monks Church Bridge, Crosby Ravensworth, listed building consent for repairs to damaged parapet comprising the reconstruction of a 2m length of wall using the existing stone.
- The Parish Council OBJECTS to the application on the grounds that the rebuilding of the damaged parapet introduces a new material (Lime Mortar)

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and is therefore not a 'like for like' repair. Lime mortar will have no impact in ensuring longevity for years to come, as reported by YDNPA planners until widening is carried out to avoid future bridge strikes.

A letter from the Chairman regarding the intrusive road marking and bollard proposals instigated by the YDNPA and made to mitigate bridge strikes at this location was read out. The council's preferred solution was the carefully designed and sympathetic bridge widening solution initially proposed by the Highways Authority but rejected by the YDNPA. Cllr Hughes was requested to obtain information on the number of bridge strikes and repairs at this location in recent years. It was understood that the bridge parapets had required repair after strikes at least once a year during the last 10 years.

121/19 **Finance, 3rd Qtr Budget Monitor** Cllrs approved the 3rd Quarter, Budget Monitor, Bank Reconciliation, Schedule of Payments and Receipts upto the end of December together with clerk's mileage expenses over the year of £62.40. It was noted that insurance costs of £1,022 were split between the Archive and Police House. It was noted that budget costs for the Archive were set at £1,500 in the budget with the PC renting the building from the Crosby Ravensworth United Charities, insuring it and paying utility bills. It was agreed to look at the costs of the Archive in the coming year. The budget monitor showed spending over budget against the Police House of £10,895 accounted for by the previous year's refurbishment expenses and in year expenses re pebble dash both funded by reserves. Miscellaneous expenses included amounts for the MMRGT tree works etc which it was proposed to transfer to the MMRGT before the year end. The underlying position conformed to budget without significant variances.

122/19 **Finance 2nd Qtr Budget Monitor** Councillors received and approved the restated 2nd Quarter, Bank Reconciliation noting that cheque 000028 had been destroyed without being paid.

123/19 **Precept/Reserves.** Councillors AGREED to confirm the previously circulated DRAFT Budget. It was AGREED to increase reserves by £4000. The Precept (less council tax reduction scheme grant) was AGREED at £12,500 meaning there was no increase in the precept.

124/19 **Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground**
MMRGT

1. Maranatha House. The council's solicitor had written to the new owners/solicitors giving them one month to complete the agreement. If the deadline was not met the wall would need to be removed. It was agreed that copy of the letter should be posted through the door as the house was known to be occupied by the owners/builders.
2. It was agreed to provide an easement for the owners of the Houses adjoining North View to connect to the sewer across the green. A one-off Charge of £500 would be applied with the agreement to be

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drawn up by the council.

3. The Chairman updated the council on the progress of the outstanding matters relating to the registration of MMVG. Correspondence had been lodged with the Land Registry for action regarding the area at the entrance to Flass incorrectly registered by the Dents. Evidence of occupation had been supplied to justify extension of the green to the cattlegrid.
4. The Clerk was authorised to advertise the greens for letting in 2020 for decision at the council's March meeting. It was agreed to paint the swings on Reagill Green after their inspection and to ensure that the gate at Reagill would close with a spring because sheep had escaped on a number of occasions.
5. Tree inspection. The clerk was authorised to obtain comparative quotes for tree inspections on MMVG for decision at a future meeting.
6. Moles. The Clerk had asked a local resident with humane traps to trap and remove Moles on MMVG. As this had not proved successful it was decided to ask the tenant to deal with the mole infestation on the green.
7. It was resolved to close the MMRGT Nat West Account 78562899 and transfer any remaining balance to the Cumberland by cheque.

- 125/19 **Transparency Code** Cllr Raine would attend transparency code training on 19th Feb and report back to the council on any matters of significance.
- 126/19 **Tree Licence** Councillors noted the tree licence signed by Cllrs Raine and Graham regarding tree planting on verges in the Parish.
- 127/19 **Environmental and Waste Consulting** The council had received an offer from a resident with expertise in these matters to prepare consultation responses for the council's approval in respect of any forthcoming consultation exercises. The offer was gratefully received.
- 128/19 **Registration of Reagill Village Green** It was decided to proceed with the Registration of Reagill Village Green at the Land Registry.
- 129/19 **Standing Orders.** No changes were recommended, the document had been reviewed and would be re-adopted unchanged other than a revision of the approval history.
- 130/19 **Financial Regulations.** No changes were recommended, the document had been reviewed and would be re-adopted unchanged other than a revision of the approval history.
- 131/19 **Asset Register.** It was resolved to add Reagill Village Green to the Register at

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a nominal value of £1.00. No other changes were recommended, the document had been reviewed and would be re-adopted with a revision of the approval history.

132/19 **Risk Registers.** It was resolved to add The Stepping Stones to the Lyvennet Beck Register with mitigation measures to be discussed at the next meeting. Policy Numbers etc would be updated in the main register but no other changes were recommended, the document had been reviewed and would be re-adopted with a revision of the approval history.

133/19 **Date of Next Meeting. 3 February 2020.**