

2nd November 2020 – Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

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Via Zoom video conference at 7:30pm

Present Councillors: Cllr D Graham, Cllr. J Raine, Cllr D Hewitt, Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr R Mclvor, Mr C Barnes (Clerk).

No members of the public attending.

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

066/20 **Welcome**, Councillors were welcomed to the meeting. There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

067/20 **Public Participation.**

Issues had been raised with councillors as follows:

1. The issue of the continuing leak in the BT installation in the road at Haberwain was raised. Chairman to speak to John Banks CCC.
2. The condition of the Crosby Ravensworth Play Area fence was noted to continue to require repair. The clerk would raise this with Gwyn Timpson EDC.
3. It was requested that Sand/Sandbags for flooding defence be stored behind the Maulds Meaburn shelter rather than at the side. Eden District Council would deliver new supplies of sand/sandbags to be stored at Mid-Town Farm which would be used to replenish last year's supplies in line with the emergency plan.
4. The Covid 19 support group which had been stood down would be re-established for the 2nd Lockdown.

068/20 The Chairman was authorised to sign the **minutes** of the previous meeting held on the 7th September 2020 as a true record.

069/20 **Co-option.** An individual had expressed interest in being co-opted to the council following the vacancy left by the resignation of Jonathan Taylor. It was anticipated that the council would be free to make an appointment after the 4th November when the Notice of Vacancy had expired.

070/20 **The Reagill Shelter.** Cllr Raine had given it an inside tidy, Ivy Growth needed to be removed. DG to progress. Painting of gutters to be carried out next Summer.

071/20 **External Auditor.** The external auditor's report was received and noted, there were no advisories and no action was required. The publication of the notice of conclusion of audit was noted. Both were published on the website.

072/20 **Internal Auditor.** The auditor's interim (6-month report was noted). The transfer of funds (£1,000) received in error and subsequently paid to the Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust was noted.

073/20 **Budget Briefing.** The clerk spoke to a budget briefing circulated with the agenda. A worksheet showing draft budget workings was shared online. The council was projecting an increased surplus arising from reduced expenditure. The council approved 'in principle' the establishment of an 'Assets Reserve' into which this surplus could be in part deposited to eventually replace the 'Police House Reserve'. This would allow the council to use these restricted reserves across all its assets which it was anticipated would include Holly Cottage. This would come to a meeting of the council before the year end for a resolution. It was not anticipated that any increase in the precept would be necessary. Detailed proposals for the 2021 budget would be brought to the council's January meeting for approval after further work had been completed on the costs/forecasts. The clerk would circulate the worksheet to councillors for their reference. The clerk would contact organisations who had previously received a grant and publicise the availability of the remaining grant funds in the 2019 2020 year in the Link and by notice in the village shelters.

074/20 **Date of next meeting** 7 December 2020