

7th December 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).

1 member of the public.

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

074/20 **Welcome**, Councillors and a member of the public were welcomed to the meeting.
There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

075/20 **Public Participation.**

Issues had been raised with councillors as follows:

1. A member of the public had raised the issue of moles on Maulds Meaburn Village Green | Clerk to raise with School Hill Farm.
2. A member of the public had raised the issue of a large Tractor being regularly driven along the back road and parked in Maulds Meaburn and associated 'damage' to the green. It was agreed that the tractor was a properly licensed vehicle and that the damage referred to was not significant. The use of local roads and parking for commercial/agricultural vehicles had also been the subject of complaint in Crosby Ravensworth. The council had taken the position that as the vehicles were used in connection with parishioners' livelihoods the council did not feel, given the limited impact of such vehicles, that it was appropriate at the present time to restrict or control parking on land owned or controlled by the council.
3. A member of the public had raised a complaint about an abandoned tent in a field in Maulds Meaburn. It was agreed that the tent was situated on Private land and was a matter for the land owner to deal with.
4. A member of the public had raised a concern about trading activity in the village shelters. 'Trading' consisted of a limited range of products with payment by honesty boxes. It was agreed that the operation honesty boxes in the shelters was beneficial to the community and should not be discouraged.

076/20 The Chairman was authorised to sign the **minutes** of the previous meeting held on the 2th November 2020 as a true record.

077/20 **Co-Option**, a member of the public considering seeking co-option to the council was welcomed to the meeting.

078/20 **Planning E/03/50**, Amended plans for householder planning permission for erection

of single storey utility room and domestic workshop adjoining the existing garage; enlargement of existing gateway to allow vehicular access and reinstatement of first floor window to south elevation of dwelling.

It was confirmed that there were no access issues arising from the Council's control of Maulds Meaburn Village Green arising from the application although the reason for a second access was not understood. The Council maintains its objection to the application noting that the amended plans don't mitigate the objections raised previously. The proposed roofline is higher and a more prominent shape and the internal area is larger than previously proposed and it is noted that the application has been amended to include a second floor.

- 079/20 **Planning 20/0859** LAND BETWEEN FERN BANK AND EAST VIEW REAGILL PENRITH CA10 3ER. Description: Variation of condition 1 (plans compliance) to update drawing references, condition 3 (external walling and roofing materials), condition 6 (details of levels) and removal of condition 7 (obscure glazed windows) attached to approval 19/0622. The council raised no objection.
- 080/20 **Planning 20/0823** LAND BETWEEN FERN BANK AND EAST VIEW REAGILL PENRITH CA10 3ER. Description: Discharge of condition 6 (surface water and foul water drainage system) attached to approval 18/0238. The council objects to the application. It was noted that the application addressed previously raised concerns and was well designed to the property boundary. Beyond this point the drainage was to a ditch and piped culvert outside the site boundary. The council's objection rests on whose responsibility it would be to maintain this drainage system? Comments made by the Highways authority were noted and endorsed. If approval is to be given, conditions relating to the maintenance of the full extent of the drainage system should be imposed.
- 081/20 **Planning 20/0802** WINTER TARN NEWBY CA10 3EW. Description: Replace existing barn and roof over adjacent outside feed area. The council supported the application. The council raised no objection.
- 082/20 **Planning E/03/15B.** Land Northwest of Holesfoot, Maulds Meaburn, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 3HX. Full planning permission for creation of a pond. The council raised no objection.
- 083/20 **Strategic Housing Economic Needs Assessment.** It was noted that a need for two additional affordable houses was established. The Parish was divided in Planning Terms between the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Eden District Council as planning authorities. It was inferred from this that the area under discussion was therefore the Reagill Settlement which falls within the specific area of the Eden Plan. It was anticipated that there would be interest in and a need for detailed consultation over the next stages of the planning process. The Council raised no objection to the Strategic Housing Economic Needs Assessment.
- 084/20 **Unitary Authority Proposals for Cumbria.** Information on the many responses submitted by the district authorities had been circulated and it was noted that the Parish Council was not being consulted by government. In summary the proposals were:

1. CCC = 'One Cumbria' single unitary authority bid covering the whole of Cumbria.

2. Copeland & Allerdale = 2 x unitary authorities splitting into Cumbria East (Eden, South Lakes and Barrow) + Cumbria West (Copeland, Allerdale and Carlisle)
3. Eden & Carlisle = 2 x unitary authorities splitting into Cumbria North (Eden, Carlisle and Allerdale) + Cumbria South (South Lakes, Barrow and Copeland)
4. South Lakes & Barrow = 2 x unitary authorities splitting into 'The Bay' (South Lakes, Barrow and Lancaster City Council) + Cumbria North (Copeland, Allerdale, Carlisle and Eden).

The main concern of the Parish was how a Unitary Authority would maintain a positive relationship and communication with local councils with proposed abolition of the district councils. It was noted that CALC were addressing this issue. The experience of Buckinghamshire in becoming a Unitary Authority was held up by CALC as a case study.

- 084/20 **Holly Cottage Update.** The solicitors' valuation from probate purposes was £150k with an insured value of £415k. Lewis Surveyors (based at Brougham Castle) were appointed at a cost of £375 to do a piece of work to establish a scope of works and estimate of costs in respect of the refurbishment of the property. A project management service was also offered for contract preparation, tendering and management during refurbishment. This would allow the council to approach to the public works loan board.
- 085/20 **4G Telecoms pre-planning consultation.** The initial approach made in 2016 had not been progressed. The council's position had been to support the proposal for a 15 metre mast screened by woodland at Meaburn edge. It was agreed to ratify this and respond again to the consultation to encourage implementation. It was noted that the consultation was for a 4G signal when a 5G signal was now being rolled out nationwide.
- 086/20 **Out of Parish Planning Application (EDC) 20/0787 & 20/0790, LAND EAST OF A6 SHAP**
Description: Installation of a flexible gas peaking plant and associated infrastructure to support local grid and renewable energy generation. The application was supported as making sense in relation to the existing infrastructure to provide power at peak need when baseloads fell short. Usage was projected to amount to an estimated 4,000 hours of temporary usage per year.
- 087/20 **Electric Vehicle Charging,** Dalston Parish Council had installed EV Charging through Charge my Street. The installation had not been funded from council resources. It was known that Charge my Street had investigated a site in Kings Meaburn and had determined that it was not a feasible site. There was discussion as to the idea of installing in the Villages of Crosby Ravensworth and Maulds Meaburn. It was felt that feasibility was unlikely to be established at this time. A number of parishioners had electric cars and were using off road charging installed at their homes. An installation of this type would support EV users visiting the area. The equipment could deliver level 1 and level 2 charges meaning that time on charge was an issue.
- It was decided to make enquiries of Dalston Parish Council in three months' time regarding uptake of the charging stations.
- 088/20 **Insurance Costs Police House & Parish Archive.** The Parish Council insured its properties with the NFU and over the last three years charges had increased by 20%. The clerk was authorised to place these insurances with the council's other provider Zurich with

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immediate effect if cost savings could be achieved. NFU had offered a discount of 10% in exchange for a commitment to insure for 3/5 years. It was agreed that competitive pricing each year was the only way to achieve long term cost savings.

089/20 Updates re Outstanding Actions:

1. Annual inspection of Trees (March 20) *To be carried out in January/Feb 2021*
2. Beck Wall at Sun Hotel (Aug 20) *DG To follow up Priced at £150 with K Golding.*
3. Land outside the Old Chapel MM (Aug 20) *Letter sent to correspondent 26/11/2020 #1 enquiry re septic tank decommissioning #2 PC unable to dispose of land in MMVG or consent any hard landscaping/construction. #3 One of the agreements did not allow transfer on sale of the property and was therefore no longer valid.*
4. Playground safety inspection CR (Aug20) - *Fence and Seating – Seating made safe October 2020; Fence responsibility of EDC who had chain-link fencing on order and had undertaken to carry out works when the materials were delivered.*
5. Speeding cars and tractors (Aug 20) *Agreed to publicise in the Link that speeding tractors & quads as well as cars were a significant problem. Police advice had been sought and Councillors & Parishioners were encouraged to report specific offenders, registration plates and the times offences were known. The council would be ordering traffic calming measures.*
6. Grants Budget (Aug 20) *The remaining availability of direct grants would be publicised in the link (February) and direct to previous recipients for decision at the March 2021 meeting.*
7. Advice from Monitoring Officer re Disqualifications (Aug 20) *The monitoring officer had advised that if a councillor had missed meetings for a period of six months without the council having granted a dispensation to do so citing a justification, that councillor would be disqualified from office. An apology for a specific meeting would not be sufficient.*
8. Signs for Maulds Meaburn and Reagill Village Green (Sept 20) *Clerk to implement.*
9. Westmorland Dales Grant funding application (Sept 20) *The idea of a management plan for MMVG (@ 5 years) was considered, DG to contact Westmorland Dales Partnership to discuss.*
10. Diseased Ash Tree at Tenter Row (Oct 20) *This would be felled on the 10th December with offers to the clerk for remaining timber to defray the costs by the 14th December.*
11. Caravan parked on MM Green (Oct 20) *This had been removed.*
12. Willow over-growing Lyvennet MM (Oct 20) *The response from the Yorkshire Dales National Park appeared to contain errors of fact which needed to be addressed. The prospect of advice or assistance seemed remote. The works were associated with the Public Footpath. PC to pass to YDNPA Ranger Service.*
13. Leak at BT Installation, Haberwain (Nov 20). *This was linked to a utilities leak which was being investigated and remedied upstream. It was hoped that the problem could be resolved.*
14. Relocation of Sandbags to rear of Village Shelter Maulds Meaburn (Nov 20) *Clerk to arrange.*

090/20 Date of Next Meeting 18 January 2021.

Note | After the close of the meeting Stuart Roberts who had been attending as an observer confirmed his willingness to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor from the next meeting.