

18th January 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 S Roberts (Co-opted during the meeting), Mr C Barnes (Clerk).
- Apols. Cllr A Beatham, Cllr N Hughes (CCC)
- 091/20 **Welcome**, there were no declarations of Pecuniary Interest.
- 092/20 **Public Participation.**
Issues had been raised with a councillor as follows:
Dogs off a leash on Public Footpaths. It was decided that this was not a matter for the Parish Council and that members of the public should report these issues to the District Council Dog Warden.
Dog Muck (Littleside) and at (Flass Road) The Chairman walked these routes daily and had not seen any dogmuck, It was agreed that EDC would be asked for the standard signs and the Chairman would install them. Annual Litterpick. It was decided not to proceed with an organised litter pick because of the Tier 4 lockdown. Cllr Raine would advertise the availability of litter picking equipment in the shelters for individuals to use while exercising. People litter picking would be asked to dispose of any pickings through their own refuse disposal/recycling.
- 093/20 The Chairman was authorised to sign the **minutes** of the previous meeting held on the 7th December 2020 as a true record.
- 094/20 **Co-option of a Parish Councillor.** Stuart Roberts was co-opted to the council and signed the declaration of acceptance of office. Cllr Roberts was welcomed to the council and it was agreed that he should attend the 'effective councillor' course as an induction at the next convenient opportunity.
- 095/20 **The Local Government Act 1972-Section 85(2A).** It was agreed that the circumstances surrounding the absence of Councillor Beatham were exceptional and arose directly from the unanticipated suspension of in person meetings during the Covid 19 lockdowns. Councillor Beatham wished to continue in office but did not have the necessary access to participate in online meetings. The council granted a further extension of 6 months.
- 096/20 **Planning.** E/03/54A, 15, Stoneworks Garth, PENRITH, CA10 3JE. Full planning permission for change of use of part of agricultural field to erect a double garage with associated access and parking.

The council discussed and agreed to support the principle of the development of a garage on the footprint shown in the plans. However, it was noted that the site location plan was incorrectly drawn. The blue line (ownership) was not complete, the development area (red line) includes an area of access land and highway not in

the ownership and control of the applicant and upon which the development was in part to be carried out. Permission to develop on this land had not been procured. The application form incorrectly declares the applicant to be the owner of the land at section 25 as follows: 'I certify/The applicant certifies that on the day 21 days before the date of this application nobody except myself/the applicant was the owner of any part of the land or building to which the application relates, and that none of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of, an agricultural holding'

It was resolved to OBJECT to the application on this basis.

- 097/20 **Planning** E/03/16, Householder planning permission for erection of single storey rear extension, 4, Harberwain Lane, PENRITH, CA10 3HP. The application was SUPPORTED. Councillors were impressed with the quality of the plans.
- 098/20 **Planning** E/03/56, Full planning permission for erection of lean-to general purpose agricultural building, Brackenslack Farm, Maulds Meaburn, Penrith, CA10 3HX. The application was SUPPORTED.
- 099/20 **Willow on Maulds Meaburn Green.** Councillors resolved to support the offer of the Yorkshire Dales National Park to make good the willow bank at MMVG/Bridge House and to extend the willow bank reinforcement/regrowth upstream from its current location subject to agreement that the YDNP would accept responsibility for the ongoing and regular maintenance of the works alongside the path,
- 100/20 **Tree Felling at Tenter Row.** The diseased ash at Tenter Row which had received consent for felling (051/20) had been taken down and the remaining wood sold for a top bid of £41. Unfortunately during Storm Bella the next but one ash tree upstream had snapped 5m from its base and was hung up. The Chairman and Clerk had agreed that the tree should be removed immediately as it represented an immediate danger. During felling operations, the tree had fallen taking out power lines and damaging two adjacent properties. The power had been immediately restored and arrangements for the damages to be made good had been made to the satisfaction of the householders concerned. The contractor had left the site and those involved in general a good order and no complaints had been made. It was resolved that when in future a dangerous tree threatened power lines – The council would seek felling operations from electricity North West rather than instruct them directly.
- 101/20 **Finance,** The Third Quarter Bank Reconciliation and List of Transactions was presented and approved with a closing balance of £23,875.93.
- 102/20 **Finance,** The Third Quarter Budget Monitor was received and approved.
- 103/20 **Tree Survey,** Trees had been inspected/surveyed and two priced schedules of works - Priority 1 (£495) and Priority 2 (£450) provided for budgeting purposes. Councillors would be provided with the list of trees and plan to compare the schedule with the

proposed works and a decision on works to be commissioned would be taken at a future meeting. <https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/20190603-Tree-Plan-Schedule-2017.pdf>

104/20 It was agreed to defer the consideration of the level of **contribution to reserves** to a future meeting.

105/20 **Confirmation of Budget and Precept.** Councillors agreed to set a precept requirement of £12,500. Equivalent to the previous year. The clerk was instructed to make an adjustment for CTRS when notified. The cost to parishioners in a band D property was £53.46.

The final budget would be posted on the council's website. Councillors decided during the meeting to make increases in provision for Police House Maintenance £500, Treeworks/Open spaces £2,000, Legal expenses £750.

The council's budget also showed figures relating to the refurbishment of Holly Cottage (£150k) as these works would be funded from an application to the Public Works Loan Board, they did not have a bearing on the precept requirement other than to increase the external auditor's fee. This item would be discussed later in the meeting.

106/20 **Holly Cottage.** The Chairman gave a verbal presentation based on the detailed written report with cost estimates presented prior to the meeting. Decisions were made as follows:

1. Councillors were unanimous in their support to progress acceptance of the bequest.
2. The 'principle' of borrowing through the Public Works Loan Board (PWLb) was approved. Any application would be subject to approval at a future meeting.
3. Communication and Consultation with parishioners was agreed as follows: An Article in the Link. A dedicated webpage with a form for responses on the council's website, the regular publication of agendas and minutes and the wide availability of these for dissemination. It was however specifically agreed that the project would not be publicised on Social Media relating to the Crosby Area.
4. Councillors agreed to the principle of using a rental figure (15% below market value) for the purposes of financial modelling. It was hoped that the house would eventually provide accommodation that remained relatively affordable.

Councillors were unanimous in their support of these decisions and it was noted that Holly Cottage could reasonably be expected to be a net contributor to Parish Funds from 2022 onwards.

- 107/20 **Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2023 – 2040.** Part 3. Councillors would respond to the consultation using this link as individuals and using the consultation tools provided by the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

<https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/park-authority/living-and-working/planning-policy/local-plan-2023-40/consultation-no-3-exploring-our-options-building-new-homes/>

This would be an item on the agenda for the next meeting when the council would decide what issues if any it wanted to raise with the park as a council before the deadline of the 26th February.

- 108/20 **Extension** it was agreed to extend the meeting at 21:30 in order to complete the agenda.

- 109/20 **Letting of Village Greens.** The Clerk was authorised to advertise the letting of the Village Greens.

- 110/20 **Correspondence from Mini Eden.** Correspondence has been received from Mini Eden a business based in Kirkby Stephen dealing in recycled children's toys and clothes it was proposed by Mini Eden to launch a travelling service and enquiries have been made as to whether this would be something that the council would welcome. The council agreed that Mini Eden would be a welcome visitor and the clerk would contact Mini Eden to discuss possible locations at Stone Works Garth, the Village Shelters and Maulds Meaburn village green. It was noted that there were more small children in Crosby Ravensworth than in Maulds Meaburn and Reagill.

- 111/20 **Census.** It was noted that the Census was scheduled for the 21st March 2021

- 112/20 **Date of Next Meeting** This meeting would be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust carried forward from the 7th December 2020. Next meeting 1 Feb 2021.