

## 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 – 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

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- Present Councillors: Cllr D Graham, Cllr. J Raine, Cllr D Hewitt, Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr S Roberts, Cllr R Mclvor & Mr C Barnes (Clerk).
- Apols. Cllr A Beatham, Cllr N Hughes CCC.
- 131/20 **Welcome.**  
Cllr Raine declared an interest in relation to item 19 Commons. Councillors agreed that this was not a pecuniary interest and that participation would be allowed. Cllr Hewitt had been granted a dispensation (154/19 2 March 2020) for the duration of this council to 2023 to participate in discussion of the grazing of the commons.
- 132/20 **Public Participation.**  
The council had received correspondence from a parishioner seeking permission to sell preserves in Maulds Meaburn Village Shelter. The shelter was informally organised by a resident. The council had no objection and the resident would be advised to liaise with the voluntary organiser. Some concern was raised as to remaining availability of seating in the shelters and it was thought that sales should only take place on a table and not on the bench. It was noted that children and young people would soon be returning to school and would need the use of the shelters when catching the school bus.  
  
Litter picking had been conducted individually with impressive results. Cllr Raine would post the council's thanks on the Crosby Ravensworth Facebook Page and in the 'Link'.
- 133/20 The Chairman was authorised to sign the **minutes** of the previous meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 as a true record subject to minor amends 122/20 & 128/20.
- 134/20 **Highways.**  
Concern had been expressed about the opening up of significant gaps in the hedge/fence directly opposite the school. The risk of children falling through into the river needed to be addressed. The outfall from the drain at the junction on Bank Lane (Ravenseat) had developed a precipitous drop that required fencing. Highways had been informed and the works should be undertaken in 2021/22.
- 135/20 **Bench at Meaburn Edge.**  
It was agreed that the Clerk would seek quotes for the relocation of the bench at Meaburn edge to an adjacent gateway with an improved view.
- 136/20 **Planning YDNPA**  
E/03/57: Glebe House, Silver Street, Crosby Ravensworth, CA10 3JA. Description: Erection of summer house. It was noted that the YDNPA had not displayed a plan on the web portal. The summer house was 8' by 10' of wooden construction. There was **no objection** to the principle of placing a summer house in the garden but the

council could not comment on the specific plans.

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**Planning EDC**

21/0128: Site Address: WINTER TARN NEWBY CA10 3EW

Description: Roof over cattle feed area between two adjacent barns. It was resolved to OBJECT to the application on the grounds that the application (site plan) did not show sufficient detail including the location of recently consented construction. Once again councillors expressed surprise that the application had been validated as it was felt that the information provided did not meet the required standard. These concerns had been raised on a number of occasions with planners and in correspondence. Over the course of the past year piecemeal applications had been made as follows without professional input:

- 20/0482 CRPC No objection.
- 20/0474 CRPC Objection (determined early). Correspondence to EDC.
- 20/0802 CRPC Support.
- 20/1007 CRPC Objection.

Concern was expressed that the overall scale of the developments was a very significant visual impact on a sensitive site adjacent to the YDNP and the overall plan had not at any stage been fully explained. The planning authority had missed opportunities to control development and impose appropriate conditions. The Parish Council's concerns raised in correspondence had not been addressed by planners.

The Parish Council's objection would be copied to the Eden District Council, Chief Executive along with a request for an onsite planning meeting.

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**Parish Council Grants.**

Correspondence had been received from Crosby Ravensworth First Responders, Fell Runner Bus and Crosby Ravensworth Primary School. Each had been impacted significantly by the Covid 19 pandemic and the associated lockdowns. It was resolved after discussion to make a discretionary grant of £300 each to First Responders and Fell Runner Bus to support general costs and loss of fundraising opportunity and subject to a further clarification to the satisfaction of the Chairman a donation of £460 to the Primary School to support temporary Covid Security measures associated with outdoor teaching. (1<sup>st</sup> JR, 2<sup>nd</sup> DH).

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**Yorkshire Dales Local Plan.**

The council's submission to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority had been circulated and was noted/approved. The Chairman was thanked for drawing it together.

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**Forest Management Plan Consultation. (Lowther)**

The council's initial response had been shared with councillors. Further consultation including public consultation would take place. It was AGREED that the proposals were well thought out. However, there was concern about the proposed loss of a much-loved local landmark in the avenue of Aspen Poplars along the straight at Morland Bank. The PC would seek the retention/management of this avenue.

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**Unitary Authority Consultation for Cumbria.**

Government is consulting on the establishment of one or more unitary local authorities for the current Cumbria area. It was agreed that these were very significant changes in local government. The proposal was to replace the current two-tier (County and District) local authority structure with a single tier. County

(Tier 1) currently holds responsibility for Education, Highways, Social Care etc. (Tier 2) 6 District Councils with responsibility for Council Tax Collection, Rates, Recycling, Planning etc. Proposals by County and Districts are as follows:

Proposer	Proposals.
Allerdale Copeland	Area 1 [Copeland Allerdale Carlisle] Area 2 [Barrow South Lakes & Eden].
Carlisle Eden	Area 1 [Allerdale Carlisle Eden] Area 2 [Copeland, Barrow, South lakes].
South Lakeland & Barrow	Area 1 [Copeland Allerdale Carlisle Eden] Area 2 [South Lakes Barrow + Lancs Morecambe Bay Area].
Cumbria	County and District functions absorbed into a new Unitary Authority.

Cumbria Association of Local Councils plans to hold a Zoom briefing for local councillors with a 20 minute slot given over to advocates of the four proposals. It was decided that councillors would reserve consideration until later in the consultation process after there had been an opportunity to participate.

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**Reagill Green.**

One tender had been received for £20, it was agreed to relet the Green to D Hall on the same terms as last year.

MMRGT  
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- Letting of MMVG in 2021.** No tender had been received for the letting of the green. The number of occasions on which sheep had been present on the Green after the close of the grazing licence had been logged and the issue of the observance of terms was discussed. There were also issues regarding control of thistles/nettles. It was agreed that the Green would be offered to School Hill farm again and that the clerk and Chairman would meet to discuss the terms of the licence with the tenant with a view to taking feedback from the School Hill farm and making changes if necessary. The outcome would be reported to council. Councillors were reminded that a multi-year agreement was not an option as it would run the risk of establishing an agricultural tenancy and was not compatible with the council's duty as sole trustee to maintain and control the asset against the charitable objects of the MMRGT.
- Updates re works required & management plan MMVG.** The Chairman and Cllr McIvor had examined the Green with a view to compiling a schedule of works: These had included actions required to maintain the shelter, the replacement of the millrace gate and the clearing of a ditch adjacent to back lane. High way related works would be forwarded to Cumbria Highways Department.
- To approve works to the Willow Bank at Bridge House MMVG.** YDNP proposals in respect of the management of willow at Bridge House were approved. Clerk to liaise with YDNP ranger.
- Review and Approve Proposed Tree works MMVG - 2021.** Councillors agreed the carrying out of Priority 1 and Priority 2 tree works, identified in the annual survey.

- 144/20 **Holly Cottage.**  
It was known that Ted Relph's will had been proved and it was anticipated that Holly Cottage would shortly be formally offered to the Council. 18 people had responded to the consultation at <https://crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk/holly-cottage/> responses had been positive. The Clerk would circulate the consultation responses to councillors.
- 145/20 **Risk Assessment.**  
The revised risk assessment discussed in detail at the council's meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 was approved.
- 146/20 **Asset Register.**  
The revised asset register was presented and approved. It was agreed that a revaluation would be required in the coming year prior to which the council would adopt a valuation policy.
- 147/20 **Transfer of Funds.**  
Transfers as outlined in the November Budget Outturn Briefing were approved as follows:  
+£3,500 to Police House Reserve  
+£2,000 to General Reserve  
+£1,500 to MMRGT
- 148/20 **Date of Next Meeting** agreed as 12 April 2020.
- 149/20 It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public by a resolution of the Council on the grounds that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business in respect of the following agenda item.
- 150/20 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE  
Update on the **Graziers proposals and agreements for Crosby Common.**

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CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE

Update on the **Graziers proposals and agreements for Crosby Common.**

The final wording of the agreement had been circulated. It was discussed under conditions of confidence because details of payments to farm businesses commoners were disclosed in the documentation and could have formed part of the council's discussion. The agreement included an annual payment of £1,000 to Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council (as owner of Bank Moor). The agreement had a term of 10 years. Councillors approved the signing of the agreement.