

**9 May 2022 – Annual (Elector's) Meeting of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council**

**CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY**

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At Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall starting at 7:30pm

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Councillors: Cllr D Hewitt, Cllr J Raine, Cllr A Beatham, Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr D McCall  
J Bradbury (Clerk)

- 001/22** Welcome  
Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. N+Mr Luke Steer from Treescapes Consultancy delivered an informative presentation of the tree landscape of MM VG.
- 002/22** Chairman's report.  
Attached at Appendix 1.
- 003/22** Public Participation.  
1 x member of the public called for the resignation of Cllr Raine.  
1 x member of the public raised the issue with the frequency and duration of forthcoming road closures. Shap to Wickerslack 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 16<sup>th</sup> June and Wickerslack to Haberwain 17<sup>th</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> June. The Highways Delivery team has responded stating that the work is necessary but they are hoping to complete it in a shorter time frame than anticipated.

## Appendix 1

### Parish Council Chairman's Report, Cllr D Hewitt, May 2022.

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**Meetings** - The Parish Council (PC) held 11 meetings during 2021 and 2022. All were scheduled in advance and mostly held on the first Monday of the month. There has been exceptional public support through this year with the public attendance at recent meetings exceeding 10. Overall, the PC has experienced a very difficult year with the regrettable resignations of the Chair, Clerk and 2 x councillors. However, the determination of the current councillors has enabled to PC to continue to perform its duties.

**Councillors** – There are currently 5 elected Councillors; David Hewitt (Chair), Joan Raine (Vice Chair), Virginia (Ginny) Holroyd, Andrew (Pandy) Beatham and Debbie McCall. In addition, there are 2 casual vacancies to be filled.

**Planning** - The PC is a consultee on all planning applications in the Parish. In total 29 Planning applications were submitted which was a decrease on the previous year's numbers (32).

#### Application details

Authority	No. Applications	Supported	Objected	No response/No objection
YDNPA	25	15	1	10
Eden DC	4	2	1	1

**Finances** - The PC had £21,688 total annual gross income and £10.278 of expenditure.

End of financial year balances were -

Cumberland BS (Current)	£11,294.16
Penrith BS General Reserve	£9,584.27
Penrith BS Police House Reserve	£12,652.97

The Parish Council Precept for 2022/23 (Band D property) has slightly increased and will provide the Parish Council with £12,501.

**Holly Cottage** – Holly Cottage property was formally offered to CRPC in summer 2021 and it was resolved at the PC meeting on 2nd August 2021 to accept the gift. The conveyance of Holly Cottage to CRPC was completed on 17th September 2021.

In October 2021 estimates for the refurbishment work were sought. Many contractors were too busy to even provide quotes to start work in 2022, but eventually 3 estimates were obtained. These were presented to the PC at the 6th December 2021 meeting, together with a full report. The PC approved an application for a loan for the refurbishment work to be made from the Public Works Loan Board for £180,000 and this was submitted in January 2022. Further details were requested by the PWLB in March 2022 and we have sought clarification as to when we expect to receive a decision.

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The PC has been working with the building contractor chosen for the project on plans and detailed quotes for refurbishment of the property to the standard required for rental, with at least a minimum Energy Performance Certificate E. The plans are a balancing act between conservation of character, energy efficiency and future maintenance. Work is commencing in May 2022.

We are grateful to the great number of volunteers who cleared years of overgrown garden in October 2021 and all those who have assisted in preparing the property ready for the building work.

**Grants** – The Parish Council awarded grants to the following organisations during the year

- Westmorland Dales Love your Landscape - £3000
- PlayArea - £2000 (to be paid in 22/23)
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**Administration** - The Parish Council received an unqualified audit with no matters arising. This was completed on 24 Apr 22.

Chairman's Signature

Date

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Chairman's signature and date