

Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council invite you to our 10th August Meeting.

Please come along to contribute to, and hear debate on the Neighbourhood Plan, as well as other Parish Council matters, at this extra Monthly Meeting to be held in the Argles Memorial Hall at 7pm on 10th August.

The Parish Council started the process of making a Neighbourhood Development Plan in 2018. Your new Parish Council commenced work in May 2021 and would like to hear from as many of you as possible with regard to the Neighbourhood Plan.

After 3 years a number of factors have changed. There is a new May 2021 Lake District National Park Local Plan, there is new Planning legislation being considered by the Government, as well as a new Parish Council.

New Councillors have had two training sessions and done private study to learn about Neighbourhood Development Planning, and the current stage of Crosthwaite and Lyth Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Parish Council now wishes to review the process, and inform themselves as to the community's wishes and concerns.

Please engage in the discussion at any time that suits you. Do ask questions to make sure you understand what Neighbourhood Development Plans are. Study the process of other parishes, although there only two, Coniston and Matterdale in LDNPA that have completed a Plan.

Allithwaite and Cartmel website shows the process of an ongoing plan. Get in touch before the meeting if that suits you better, by letter, or by email with our Clerk Martin French, or by contacting a Councillor in person, and/or please come along on the 10th to hear discussion and tell us your views. All our Councillors' contact details are on the village website.

Neighbourhood Development Plans become part of local planning policy, and must be in general conformity with the Local Plan of the National Park, and Government Planning Policy. They are not the same as a Community or Parish Plan. Neighbourhood Development Plans can allocate building, amenity and green space land. Policies can be supportive of local appropriate housing development and businesses to meet local needs, and they can set a standard for elements of design and landscaping.

The process is very complex. It is costly to the public purse (£30K and upwards), it takes years of hard work and it must be a process which has the majority support of the residents, as well as the Parish Council. It has to succeed in a formal community referendum, be passed by the LDNPA, and then be examined by an external examiner who may fail it, seek amendments to it, or pass it. If it passes these tests it is included as a part of the LDNPA Planning Policies specific to our Parish.

We hope to hear from you and/or see you on August 10th in the Hall. The Parish Council needs to know what your wishes are so please do get in touch.

Mary Harkness Chair on behalf of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council