

**Minutes of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council Meeting**  
**held online on Tuesday 02 February 2021 at 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Roger Smith (Chairman) (\*)      Cllr Robert Sykes (Vice Chairman) (\*)  
Cllr Evelyn Brookes, Cllr Matthew Dobson (\*), Cllr Alan Gerrard,  
Cllr Tracy Johnson, Cllr Andrew Metcalfe

**Invited :**

Cllr Jim Bland                               -       County Council Representative  
Cllr John Holmes                           -       District Council Representative  
2 members of the public

**MINUTES**

**1. Apologies**

None

**2. Declaration of interest**

Item 9b – all councillors

**3. Dispensations**

None – it was agreed not to discuss item 9b

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 December 2020**

It was **proposed** (RSy prop MD sec) that the minutes as previously circulated to councillors are a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

• **Action**

- Clerk to arrange for signature, and add to web site

**MF**

**5. Items carried forward from the previous meeting but not covered on this agenda**

- It has been confirmed that SLDC can supply an independent person as required by the draft, revised Complaints Procedure in the event of an appeal.

• **Action**

- Clerk should remove existing Complaints Procedure from the Council's documents and replace it with the revised Complaints Procedure. Also on website.

**MF**

**6. Chairman's Announcements**

- Good progress being made installing the B4RN cable up the valley
- The Council has been advised of two online meetings in February. Attending will be:-
  - 6:00pm on 04 February – Changes to Local Government Structure – Cllr Robert Sykes
  - 7:00pm on 16 February – the Greening Campaign – Cllr Robert Sykes

**7. Open Session**

None

**8. Reports**

- a. County Councillor Jim Bland

- Pot holes in the Bowland Bridge area are being filled in
- Issues with the Toll Bar Road Bridge are ongoing and will be for some time
- There will be a wireless broadband connection to Witherslack School by B4RN
- News on the Unitary Council proposals is expected in February/March
  - b. District Councillor John Holmes
- There is an ongoing discussion on combating Climate Change and increasing Biodiversity
- Local Authority re-organisation process is ongoing
- Council Tax on empty properties is due to come into force 01 April 2021
- Cost to SLDC of Covid 19 to mid December
- Roll out of Localities
- SLDC grant of £531294 to Kendal Town Centre Strategy and partners
- Grant support for businesses
- New Council Plan and New Local Plan
  - c. Police  
None

## 9. Planning

- a. 7/2020/5860  
Location : Damson Dene Hotel, Crosthwaite, LA8 8JE  
Proposal : Removal of existing caravan. Siting of 2 pre-fabricated pod accommodation units with dedicated parking

It was **proposed** that the Council has no objection to this planning application.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- b. 7/2021/5009  
Location : Grass Fields, Totterbank, Crosthwaite  
Proposal : the construction of a hardcore footpath through two fields that are currently in permanent grazing to the field boundary, adjacent to the public highway C5048. Approximate length 245m. width of path 1.5m plus 0.5m verge on either side. Post and wire fence separating the path from the remainder of the field

There was no discussion on this application as all councillors have an interest.

- c. 7/2021/5028  
Location : Epsford Farm, Crosthwaite, LA8 8BS  
Proposal : demolition of two barns and one metal garage that were previously used to house cattle and farm machinery.  
No comments required – notification only

- d. 7/2021/5051  
Location : High Cartmel Fold, Crosthwaite, LA8 8HS  
Proposal : Replace two first floor rotten windows with exact replicas

It was **proposed** that the Council has no objection to this planning application.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal

- **Action**
  - The Clerk to notify LDNPA of all decisions

**MF**

## 10. Finance

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| a. Bank balance at 26 January  | £ 12,214.83 | Business account  |
|                                | £ 11,339.79 | Business Premium Account  |
| b. Martin French (Wages)       | £ 215.03    | (29 hours)  |
| c. Mart French (expenses)      | £ 142.00    | (planning application) paid   |
| d. Martin French (expenses)    | £ 117.00    | (planning application)  |
| e. HMR&C                       | £ 53.80     | (PAYE)  |
| f. NPower                      | £ 25.21     | (Dec acct)  |
| g. Chris Smith                 | £ 168.00    | (Lengthsman)  |
| h. Kirkwell                    | £ 588.00    | (NPlan)   |
| i. Treescapes Consultancy      | £ 426.48    | (Walkway)   |
| j. Mrs Emma Metcalfe (receipt) | £ 21.25     | (Cowmire Quarry to 31/03/22)  |
| k.                             |             | It is <b>proposed</b> that above payments are made, and receipts recorded |

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal

- **Action**

- The clerk to pay and record all of the above transactions.

**MF**

### 11. LDNPA Consultation

- a. Housing Provision

There was some discussion on this consultation with the **proposal** that the Council makes no comment.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal

- b. Biodiversity

It was **proposed** that the following sentiment are expressed to the Consultation :-

“the Council’s view is that National Biodiversity Credits should be a very last option and every effort should be made to avoid this wherever possible. It is an opportunity for developers to pass the buck and for nothing to be done; hidden in a smokescreen of bureaucracy”

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal

### 12. Village Walkway – an update from Cllr Roger Smith

- a. Planning Permission

Has been applied for

- b. Tree Survey

Has been done as part of the planning application

- c. Funding

SLDC provided a LIPS grant of £1250 some time ago. Expenditure to date is £1500 (approx) leaving the Parish Council with a cost of £250

- d. Speed limits. The Council agreed to separate the Footpath Project from the Speed Limits Project.

The two projects are progressing at different rates. Also it was felt that obtaining grant aid would be easier if the two schemes were treated separately.

### 13. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

- a. Update on progress

The NPSG has received the final draft of the Housing Needs Survey from which the Group has reviewed the findings. The Group ask Councillors to read the reports, which have been circulated, prior to the presentation next week.

Cllr Robert Sykes has stepped down from the NPSG and Cllr Alan Gerrard will represent the Council on the Group. Cllr Smith would like to thank Cllr Robert Sykes, and all those in the NPSG for the excellent and time consuming work that they have done.

- b. Meeting to update Parish Councillors  
The NPSG have arranged a meeting with Councillors for 7:30pm on 09 February. Further documents will be sent out by the end of this week supporting this presentation.

- **Action**

- Clerk to forward the online meeting link to all councillors and NPSG members **MF**

#### **14. Information**

- a. Wayleave for Electricity North West and B4RN  
The Clerk confirmed they have been signed.
- b. A590 Newby Bridge – safety improvement  
Notification of change of priority
- c. Precept demand placed  
Notification that precept demand has been placed.

#### **15. Communications**

Through the usual channels

- **Action**

- Clerk to write Newsletter, notify WG correspondent, post to web site notice boards **MF**

#### **16. Date of Next Meeting**

- a. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 02 March 2021 on line starting at 7:30pm

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Cllr Roger Smith (Chairman)

Dated:- 02 March 2021