

## Draft Minutes of the Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Present: Mary Harkness(Chair) Bruce Worsley, Roger Smith, Jim Bownass, Matthew Dobson

Apologies: Robert Sykes, Cllr John Holmes

In attendance: Mr & Mrs Leigh Bramwell, Joanne Taylor (clerk)

### 1 Apologies for Absence

Robert Sykes and Cllr John Holmes sent their apologies in advance

### 2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record.

### 3 Requests for Dispensations

None

### 4 Declarations of Interest

None

### 5 Chairman's Announcements

Two Castles Housing have confirmed that a planning application will be entered to LDNPA for the affordable housing, and due to the housing needs survey they will be planning 4 bungalows not 2 as per initial proposals.

### 6 Open Session

Mr & Mrs Leigh Bramwell spoke about their proposed planning application for Damson Fell and gave the parish council a background of the property. They are planning to remove the garden room and create a new space and dining making the house user friendly. They also plan taking the existing utility and creating a new utility with extra space, as they have 3 children they need more bedroom space. They advised that the new extension would be contemporary but also in keeping with the village. They wanted to bring their ideas to the PC for their views before taking it to planning.

### 7 County Councillor's Report

Resurfacing the road from Underbarrow to Scout Scar.

### 8 District Councillor's Report

The District Councillor sent a report for the PC

1. £300,000.00 of funding towards proposed new roundabout on A590 @ Swarthmore Cross-a-Moor junction. Total estimated cost £6,148,800.00
2. Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2017/18 to continue "as is"
3. Heversham & Hincaster Neighbourhood Plan (the first in SLDC) has been approved to Proceed to examination.
4. New Safeguarding for Children Policy approved.
5. Discretionary Rate Relief For year 2016/17 confirmed for Rural Food Shops, General Stores and Post Offices issued
6. Rollout of cardboard & Plastic Waste collection continues with Burton in Kendal, Ulverston Coastal Area and Arnside now included. Now 50% of SLDC covered.
7. Free central heating scheme – applications now being requested.
8. A590. Haverthwaite have agreed with Highways England to reduce section of dual carriageway through Haverthwaite to single carriageway.

### 9 Clerk's Report

The parish council received the June 16 report- no questions.

### 10 PCSO report

No report received

### 11 Planning

#### 11.1 New Applications

- 7/2016/5397 Gilpin Green Farm, Crosthwaite – Two storey extension together with new driveway  
- Granted

## 11.2 Planning application decisions of LDNPA

7/2016/5016 Haycote Cottage – Planning permission granted

7/2016/5145 1 Foulshaw Cottages – Planning permission granted

## 12 Finance

### 12.1 Income & Expenditure 2016/17

The Parish Council is asked to approved the following expenditure and approve the latest bank reconciliation statement. 401 24/06/16

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
JT Wages June	185.98	
Backdated increment Wages Nalc	3.68	
Charity Interest		263.71
Npower Electricity	33.27	
NSIB Interest		6.37
Business premium acct interest		0.06

### 12.2 Internal Audit 2015/16 accounts

Gordon Pitt has completed the internal audit of accounts 15/16 and declare them to be correct. Thank you to Gordon for taking the time out to complete this for the parish council.

Points raised for PC to review : Revaluation of quarry land and parish room

### 12.3 2016-2018 National Salary award

New payscales have been issued from NALC for 2016-2017 to be implemented immediately and backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April. Therefore new rate of pay for clerk SCP18 has increased from £9.20 to £9.299. 20 hrs £185.98 per month.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 rate of pay will increase to £9.392 per hour.

## 13 LAP Meeting Update

The clerk circulated the minutes of the LAP to councillors – Main features were concerns for the closure of the Kentmere Ward, Mental Health Ward in Kendal and the proposed boundary commission changes.

## 14 Parish Council Surgery

Nothing to report, Matthew Dobson to attend July meeting, Bruce Worsley to attend August.

## 15 Proposed planning application – Damson Fell

The Parish Councillors were sent a proposed planning application to peruse before the meeting and Mr& Mrs Leigh-Bramwell explained their proposals in the open session, the unanimous view of the Parish Council from what they had seen and views made from Mr& Mrs Leigh-Bramwell would be that the planning application when made would be approved, as long as they received no complaints from neighbours. If this should happen then all views would be taken into consideration and the PC would make their decision.

## 16 Quarry rental complaint

Clerk has contacted Mr Matthews who has verbally informed that he wants to stop the rental of Low Fell quarry. Pc to action damaged wall and re renting land.

PC to advise Mr Clarke that in the meantime he may remove any branches that are interfering with his wall. The PC have a policy not to sell quarry land so clerk to advertise rental of Scale Hill quarry. **Clerk to action**

## 17 Recording of Gullies and drains in the Parish

Councillors voiced their frustrations at not being informed exactly what is happening regarding the recording of these gullies. The clerk to write to Peter Hoskins to gain further information and request a time scale of when the gullies will be cleared once the recordings have been made. **Clerk to action**

- 18 Co-option of seventh parish councillor.**  
Clerk to advertise position on the website, notice boards and Two Valleys Parish News. **Clerk to action**
- 19 Mental Health Ward closure**  
Jim Bownass provided a lot of information regarding this from the LAP meeting, the room itself is not fit for purpose at the moment with many safety aspects. All parish councillors expressed a preference to make the required investment to keep the ward open as travelling to Barrow was not a viable option for people in need of immediate mental health care. Clerk to write to County Health Scrutiny, MP Tim Farron, copy in Mind and SLDC to correspondence. **Clerk to action**
- 20 Donations**  
£300 donation to be made to First Responders  
£1000.00 donation to be made to the school to help with the building of the new classroom
- 21 Crosthwaite and Lyth Community Led plan Questionnaire**  
Amendments to the initial questionnaire were made. To be brought back to the agenda in September. **Clerk to action**
- Potential Poison Hemlock**
- 22** PC have contacted the environmental agency with details and pictures of the potential poison hemlock, we are now waiting to hear from them on possible course of action – **Clerk to bring back to September agenda**
- Correspondence received**
- 23** Centenary Fields –protecting valuable green space across the county.  
NFU- Update on proposed IDB letter.- PC will update after the meeting in July.  
Connecting Cumbria update - We may have superfast broadband by the end of the year.
- Communications from this meeting**
- 24 The council to agree topics to be communicated via:**
- Website- Westmorland Gazette-Parish Magazine
- Mental Health ward Closure item 19  
Donations to First Responders and Crosthwaite and Lyth school item 20  
Quarry for rent item 16  
Parish Councillor vacancy – item 18
- Parish Council Meetings**
- 25** The date of the next parish council meeting is Tues 6<sup>th</sup> September in the parish room at 7.30pm

Joanne Taylor 07/07/16

