

Minutes of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council Meeting
held in the Parish Rooms, Crosthwaite on Tuesday 03 March 2020 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Robert Sykes (Chairman) Cllr Bruce Worsley (Vice Chairman) (*)
Cllr Evelyn Brookes, Cllr Matthew Dobson (*), Cllr Tracy Johnson, Cllr Roger Smith

Invited :

Cllr Jim Bland	-	County Council Representative
Cllr John Holmes	-	District Council Representative
PCSO Jayne Park	-	Cumbria Police

25 members of the public present

MINUTES

1. Apologies

Cllr Mary Harkness

2. Declaration of interest

Cllr Roger Smith 8b & c (personal interest)

3. Dispensations

None

4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 04 February 2020

The minutes had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and it was **proposed** that they are signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal with the addition of the planning application number in item 8d; the Chairman signed the minutes.

- **Action** – Clerk to post on notice boards and web site

5. Chairman's Announcements

None

6. Open Session

The Chairman asked for a member of the public to be a spokes person then for others to follow with additional points

- Simon Johnson outlined his case for objecting to planning applications 5093 and 5094 (8a and c on the agenda).
 - Over Development
 - LDNPA policy is for 60 new dwellings per annum across the Park
 - This equates to 12 per annum across 21 villages
 - Development within Crosthwaite is an increasing trend with 37 new buildings since 2016
 - There are several (15 to 17) other planning applications to come in the near future
 - Crosthwaite has taken a disproportionate share of LDNP village development
 - Other villages average 6 to 8 new dwellings in the same period and need to take up village development
 - There has been grossly disproportionate overdevelopment of Crosthwaite

- Housing Need
 - The LDNPA has a 5 year supply of land for housing
 - This exceeds the requirement of 900 by 181
 - There is no housing need in Crosthwaite
 - The use of windfall sites is unjustified
- Village Amenities
 - There is no shop, no bus, no amenities.
 - There is no pedestrian access to either of these sites (5093 and 5094)
- Application 5094 (8c) Starnthwaite Road
 - is outside the village curtilage, in open country, and is ribbon development
 - There is no evidence that this development meets a need
- Distinctive Area
 - The application requires the removal of dry stone wall and several trees.
 - The distinctive nature of Crosthwaite is under threat
 - Application fails to comply with LDNA Core Strategies CS01, 02, 03, 07, 11, 18, 25
- 23 people applauded these comments
- Mr Graham Paine spoke regarding drainage for both applications
 - The current drainage system for planning application 5093 (8b) Redwood House property is suitable for three dwellings, there are four, and this application would make five.
 - The drainage system is not adequate to service these properties
 - In planning application 5094 (8c) the bio treated sewage is due to flow into a watercourse which runs through the speakers garden
 - This watercourse runs intermittently and last summer dried up for six weeks
 - This means there will be no natural flow to flush away the sewage outfall
 - Planning law requires an increase in bio diversity and neither of these do that, they in fact decrease bio diversity
 - Site lines for Highways on both sites are poor and will require work to improve, thus removing trees and a dry stone wall
 - 23 people applauded the above statement
- Ian Tomlinson
 - He endorses all that has been said and pressed the Council to refuse both applications 5093 and 5094
 - LDNPA Planning states that previous application in Crosthwaite have had numerous objections
 - It is time for the Parish Council to be in dialogue with the LDNPA planning to state the view that Crosthwaite needs to retain its distinctiveness
 - 23 applauded these comments
- Alan Gerrard
 - He asked that the Parish Council makes every effort to communicate the feelings of parishioners to LDNPA
- The Chairman asked for a show of hands of those objecting to planning application 5093 and 5094 (items 8b & c) on the agenda
 - 24 people raised their hands
- Mr Whitehurst, the applicant
 - He has lived in the village for many years and owns 40 acres of land in the parish
 - These applications are for the next stage of his life as he wishes to remain in the village
 - Understands the concerns of parishioners but feels this is a valued development
 - These applications are not speculative but for a home
- Martin Casson
 - Regarding planning application 5011, this is a very large shed in a small field (3acres)
 - It will be very visible, and unsightly, when driving north along the A5074, valley road

- Access onto the highway will not be good as it is on a blind bend, often taken at speed by drivers, and not suitable for agricultural vehicles
- What is the justification for this building?
- Mr Gregg asked that no parking signs could be put up opposite his house to enable the verge to grown wild flowers. Cty Cllr Jim Bland commented that signs are not permitted. Councillors were supportive a wild flower verge.

7. Reports

- a. County Councillor Jim Bland
There is nothing to report. Highways drivers have been busy at night treating roads so not available in the day time.
- b. District Councillor John Holmes
John Holmes circulated his report and talked through matters.
- c. PCSO Jayne Park
Currently the Police have a night time operation countering rural crime. Please report any 'out of the ordinary' activities using the 101 number. If a crime is in progress then use 999.
- d. Clerk – Martin French
Carried out normal duties

8. Planning

- a. 7/2020/5011
Location : Hyning Brow (Field adjacent A5074) Crosthwaite
Proposal : Erection of agricultural building

Whist being supportive of small businesses in the rural community it was **proposed** that the Council queries the logic of this application on the grounds of travel, cost effectiveness, and road safety.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal.

- b. 7/2020/5093
Location : Redwood House, Crosthwaite
Proposal : Outline planning permission for one dwelling

It was **proposed** that the Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is putting pressure on the village services by increasing housing density.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- c. 7/2020/5094
Location : Land west of Starthwaite Road, Crosthwaite
Proposal : Outline planning permission for two dwellings

It was **proposed** that the Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is outside the village curtilage on a green field site, and is ribbon development which is contrary to the distinctive nature of Crosthwaite.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- **Action** – the Clerk to notify LDNPA Planning and decisions for a, b, and c, above

9. Finance

- Cllr Roger Smith had circulated details on this matter
- c. To decide on the way forward

It was **proposed** that the Council supports the Walkway, and Speed Restrictions as outlined, but continues to look at costs and the plan, all to be discussed further at a consultation meeting to be held on the evening of the Annual Parish Meeting (12 May provisionally)

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- **Action –**
 - Clerk to book the Hall
 - Cllr Smith to arrange for information to display
 - Council to agree timings

16. Communications

The Clerk will write a Newsletter and contact the Two Valley New, Anne Douglas for the Westmorland Gazette.

***Action** – Clerk to notify as required

17. Date of Next Meeting

- a. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 07 April 2020 in Parish Rooms start 7:30pm
- b. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 05 May 2020 in the Parish Rooms, start 7:30pm
- c. Parish Council Election Day Thursday 07 May
- d. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Election of Officers Tuesday 12 May starting at TBA in the Argles Memorial Hall
- e. The Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 12 May starting at TBA in the Argles Memorial Hall

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Cllr Robert Sykes (Chairman)

Dated:- 07 April 2020