

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council
held in the Argles Memorial Hall on Tuesday 10 August 2021 at 8:25pm

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Mary Harkness (Chair), Cllr Angela Dobson (Vice Chair)

Cllr Lisa Bibby, Cllr Matthew Dobson (*), Cllr Edward Sharp, Cllr Andrew Metcalfe, Cllr Robert Sykes (*)

Invited and present

Cllr Jim Bland - County Council Representative

Cllr John Holmes - District Council Representative

25 Members of the public are also invited to attend and have the opportunity to speak in item 4 only.

AGENDA

1. Apologies

None

2. Declaration of interest

All councillors declared a personal interest in Item 5

3. Dispensations

All councillors can comment and vote on item 5

4. Open Session

Several people spoke referencing the Neighbourhood Plan process

5. Neighbourhood Plan

Prior to this meeting of the Parish Council there was an Annual Parish Meeting on the single subject of the Neighbourhood Plan (see appendix A) with 60 parishioners present, starting at 7:00pm and finishing at 8:15pm.

Cllr Mary Harkness (Chair) introduced this item and prior to discussion asked to amend item 5.c. to read as follows :-

It is **proposed** that the Council pause the Neighbourhood Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan Development Group and review this in October 2021 with a view to resuming the Plan with additional recruits.

There was a lengthy discussion on the value of a Neighbourhood Plan involving all councillors.

It was **agreed** (5 votes for) that this amendment should be put to the Council and replace 5.c.

- a. It was **proposed** that the parish Council continue with the Neighbourhood Development Plan.
At a vote this received 2 votes in favour
- b. It was **proposed** that the NPSG concludes the Issues and Options community consultation, including in that consultation an opportunity for the community to feedback on whether they wish the Neighbourhood Plan process to continue or not.
At a vote this received 2 votes in favour
- c. It is **proposed** the parish Council pause the Neighbourhood Development Plan and the NDP Group. This proposal was replace by :-
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Development Group and review this in October 2021 with a view to resuming the Plan with additional recruits.

At a vote this received 5 votes in favour

The result of the voting was that the amended proposal in item 5.c. was carried with 5 votes in favour.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the result of the vote and will pause the Neighbourhood Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan Development Group and review this in October 2021 with a view to resuming the Plan with additional recruits.

6. Planning

a. 7/2021/5319

Location : Thornrigg, Lyth, Kendal LA8 8F

Proposal : Proposed extension, loft conversion and refurbishment of existing bungalow.

Reply by : 13 August

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

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

b. 7/2021/5565

Location : Land south of St Mary's Green, Crosthwaite LA8 8HU

Proposal : two dwellings and footpath – outline application

Reply by : 19 August

There was some discussion on this application with some matters raised being shown following the proposal.

It was **proposed** that the Council objects to this planning application on the grounds that it will destroy the distinctive nature of Crosthwaite.

It is a green field site in open countryside, there are distinctive gateway views across the field towards Whitbarrow from the Millennium Cross and bench , the field is a separation of Crosthwaite Village and Church Town, the infrastructure is inadequate, the houses do not meet the housing needs of the Parish.

Vote – 7 in favour of the proposal

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and asked the Clerk to write to LDNPA

c. 7/2021/5590

Location : Mireside Farm, Crosthwaite, LA8 8BT

Proposal : Alteration and extension to farmhouse, conversion of traditional barns into 2 dwellinghouses with local needs/holiday letting dual occupancy, erection of garaging in replacement of modern agricultural buildings and associated works.

Reply by ; 30 August 2021

There was some discussion on this planning application with matters raised being shown under the proposal.

It was **proposed** that the Council objects to this planning application

This is a totally inappropriate application in open countryside with 13 parking spaces. Housing Needs survey shows that the Parish has no need for holiday accommodation. It is not sustainable. It is not farm diversification. The Scale is excessive.

Vote – 7 in favour of the proposal

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and the Clerk was asked to write to LDNPA.

7. Finance

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| a. Bank balance at 26 July | £ 10,631.41 | Business account |
| | £ 11,340.35 | Business Premium Account |
| b. Martin French (Wages) | £ 148.40 | (20 hours) |
| c. HMR&C | £ 37.00 | (PAYE) |
| d. NPower | £ 16.14 | (June acct) |
| e. Chris Smith | £ 112.00 | |
| f. Lengthsman Insurance | £ 142.50 | |
| g. It is proposed that above payments are made, and receipts recorded | | |

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and the Clerk asked to pay and record all invoices.

8. Communications

The usual channels

9. Date of Next Meeting - 07 September 2021 in the Argles Memorial

..... Cllr Mary Harkness (Chair)

Dated : 07 September 2021

Appendix 1

Annual Parish Meeting

On 10 August 2021 between 7:00pm and 8:15pm the Parish Council held an Annual Parish Meeting on the single subject of the Neighbourhood Plan.

This meeting was held in the Argles Memorial Hall prior to a Parish Council Meeting. Chairs were spaced as much as possible, windows and doors open, and people asked to wear masks.

58 people signed in for the meeting (possibly a further 6 did not sign in) and 19 emails had been received prior to the meeting and were available for all to read. One further email was received later.

Cllr Mary Harkness (Parish Council Chair) introduced the meeting and spoke for approximately 10 minutes on where the Parish Council was with regard to the Plan and the process. This was followed by a presentation from Alan Gerrard on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Group outlining the work done to date and the ongoing process. This section of the meeting concluded at 7:25pm.

The floor was then open for discussion when between 17 and 20 people participated. On occasions Mary Harkness and Simon Johnson (Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Group) answered questions rectifying mis-information wherever possible.

This open meeting as brought to a close by Mary Harkness by saying that the following Parish Council Meeting has proposals for consideration with regard to the Plan and the process .