

**Minutes of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council Meeting**  
**held in the Argles Memorial Hall on Tuesday 07 September 2021 at 7.00pm**  
(contact details for clerk [crosthwaiteandlyth.pc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:crosthwaiteandlyth.pc@hotmail.co.uk) )

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Mary Harkness (Chair),

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

**Invited :**

Cllr Jim Bland - County Council Representative

7 members of the public present

**7:00pm - Presentation from Cumbria Action for Sustainability**

Helen Attewell from CAfS spoke about the need for action to combat climate change issues and provided information for councillors. She took questions from the floor and from councillors and supports the formation of a Parish Group to work on these environmental issues.

**MINUTES**

**1. Apologies to be noted and accepted**

Cllr Angela Dobson (holiday), noted and accepted  
SLDC Cllr John Holmes

**2. Declaration of interest**

Cllr Andrew Metcalfe, prejudicial interest Item 10  
Cllr Matthew Dobson, prejudicial interest Items 8c and 8f

**3. Dispensations**

None

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 06 July and 10 August 2021**

It was **proposed** that the minutes, previously circulate, for 06 July and 10 August are accepted as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal

- **Action** – Clerk to post to web site

**MF**

**5. Chairman's Announcements**

- To thank CAfS and to hope that the Parish can move forward on environmental issues. The Council would like to see a group come together to take this on.

**6. Open Session**

- Mrs Webster asked a number of questions which she explained was research for a possible complaint. Cllr Sykes queried whether the open session was an appropriate forum, as it was intended for members of the public to comment on matters on the agenda. The Chair sought advice from the clerk who advised Mrs Webster to put her questions in writing."

**7. Reports**

- a. County Councillors Jim Bland  
Road repairs are ongoing with concerns voiced about Woodside, and Moss Lane. There is a Judicial Review on the Unitary Council decision.

- b. SLDC Councillor John Holmes  
Cllr Holmes had circulated a report (see appendix 1) prior to this meeting and covers; **Final Accounts** for SLDC, **Unitary Councils** for Cumbria, **Car Charging points** in SLDC, **Green Bin Collections**, **Public Space Protection Orders**, the **Town and Parish Newsletter**. The Parish/Highways England meeting will take place on 27 September regarding the A590 which Cllr Edward Sharp will attend.
- c. Police  
None

## 8. Planning

- a. 7/2021/5589  
Location : Woodside Farm, Crosthwaite, LA8 8JJ  
Proposal : Conversion of barn to provide one dwelling and one bed and breakfast unit.  
Reply by : 03 Sept (extension requested)

It was **proposed** that 'The Council supports farm diversification as the driver behind this application but asks that a local occupancy clause should be linked to and activated, should the bed and breakfast unit cease to be used as described.'

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- b. 7/2021/5632  
Location : Dawson Fold, Lyth, LA8 8DE  
Proposal : Amendment to design and use of garage, condition 2 (plans) on planning permission 7/2018/5118 – refurbishment of the existing house including replacement windows, re slating the roof and removal of an existing chimney. A new two storey extension consisting of a kitchen dining room and utility room on the ground floor. A bedroom and ensuite on the first floor. A new garage and shed and reconfigured driveway.  
Reply by : 06 Sept (extension requested)

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

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- c. 7/2021/5588  
Location : Aspen, Crosthwaite, LA8 8BS  
Proposal : Conversion of double garage to living accommodation and 1.5 storey extension to south west of existing house to form an annex. Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of smaller, slate roof conservatory to SW of house. Erection of separate single and double garage to east and south east of house.  
Reply by : 08 Sept

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

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- d. 7/2021/5640  
Location : Field near Bulman Strands, Crook  
Proposal : Erection of Field Shelter (Retrospective)  
Reply by : 17 Sept

It was **proposed** that the Council has no objection to the proposal

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

- e. 7/2021/5660  
 Location : Field near Starthwaite  
 Proposal : Gap in wall to be widened and 14 foot wooden gate installed  
 Reply by : 21 Sept

It was **proposed** that the Council has no objection to this application but raises concerns of Road Safety and asks that the CCC Highways inspector visits the site.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- f. 7/2021/5668  
 Location : Espford Farm, Crosthwaite, LA8 8BS  
 Proposal : Refurbishment and extension to existing family farmhouse; conversion of barn into ancillary family dwelling; conversion of stone outbuilding into office and work space; associated landscaping and site services upgrade.  
 Reply by 21 Sept

It was **proposed** that the Council objects to this application in that the scale of development will compromise the traditional farmhouse; the Council does not accept the term ‘ancillary building’ for the barn as it is an independent dwelling (large enough for two homes) and as such Council asks that it should have a local occupancy clause attached; the Housing Needs survey carried out recently shows that the Parish needs Local Occupancy housing, it is not credible to claim such a large fully equipped independent house is ‘ancillary’; also the office should be ancillary to the main dwelling and should not to be used separately.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- **Action** – Clerk to notify LFNPA Planning **MF**

## 9. Finance

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| a. | Bank balance at 26 June   | £ 10,264.52 Business account         |
|    |   | £ 11,340.35 Business Premium Account |
| b. | Martin French (Wages)   | £ 148.20(20 hours)                   |
| c. | HMR&C   | £ 37.20 (PAYE)                       |
| d. | NPower  | £ to pay up to a max of £20.00       |
| e. | Kirkwells   | £ 588.00                             |
|    | (this cost is outside the grant period and was queried by the Chair)      |                                      |
| f. | Thomson Hayton Winkley  | £ 825.00                             |
| g. | M French (expenses)   | £ 57.86 (postage, printer ink)       |
| h. | Argles Memorial Hall  | £ 67.50 (15/07, 10/08, 07/09)        |
| i. | It is <b>proposed</b> that above payments are made, and receipts recorded |                                      |

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- **Action** – Clerk to pay and record accordingly **MF**

## 10. The Village Walkway

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| a. | Response to sending out specification |  |
|    | i. David Atkinson                     | - approx £8000 but to work on time and materials |
|    | ii. Andrew Metcalfe                   | - £8443.00 + VAT                                 |
|    | iii. Terra Firma Landscapes           | - £7280.00 + VAT                                 |

It was **proposed** that the Council accepts the quote from Terra Firma Landscapes and that the Clerk asks when they would be able to do the work.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- **Action** – Clerk to contact Terra Firma and ask when the work could be done **MF**

#### **11. The Greening Campaign**

It was **proposed** that Council continues to look for volunteers to take this forward,

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

#### **12. Speed limits through the village**

It was **proposed** that the Council asks the Clerk to look into grants to purchase and erect a speed indicator, and to ask CCC Highways for approval for its use.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- **Action** – Clerk to look into grants and contact highways. **MF**

#### **13. Letter to LDNPA Planning**

Cllr Mary Harkness had circulated a letter (see appendix 2) to councillors prior to the meeting for consideration.

It was **proposed** that the letter is accepted and sent to LDNPA Planning.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- **Action** – clerk to amend letter as requested and send. **MF**

#### **14. Dog poo bin** - A parishioner has requested a dog poo bin at Oak Lane by Recreation Field

It was **proposed** that the Council does not support this action.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

#### **15. Village Notice boards** - To consider the refurbishment and/or replacement of the boards.

This item to be carried forward to the November agenda

#### **16. Recreation Field Trust** – To consider - Replacement of broken football net

It was **proposed** that Council asks the Recreation Field Trust to purchase new football nets with the funds Council supplied this year.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- **Action** – Clerk to contact Trust with request. **MF**

#### **17. Forestry Commission** - To consider requesting that the Parish Council included in statutory consultations

It was **proposed** that Council writes to the Forestry Commission to ask that Parish Council be included in their statutory consultations.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- **Action** – Clerk to write to suitable person in the Forestry Commission **MF**

**18. Road Safety** – To consider actions in light of accidents on A590 and A5074

It was **proposed** that Council should contact Crook and Winster Parish Council with a view to working together on safety concerns of the A5074, and that Cllr Andrew Metcalfe should speak with their Chairman.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- **Action** – Andrew Metcalfe to contact Winster and Crook PC **AM**

**19. Grass cutting** – To consider grass cutting requirements

Cllr Mary Harkness agreed to talk with Marcus Knipe about grass cutting and the price and to report back to Council.

- **Action** – Mary Harkness to speak with Marcus Knipe. **MH**

**20. Communications**

All matters to be communicated through the usual channels.

- **Action** – Clerk to produce Newsletter, circulate, and send to Two Valleys News **MF**

**21. Date of Next Meeting** - Tuesday 05 October in the Parish Rooms at 7:30pm

..... Cllr Mary Harkness

Date :- 05 October 2021

## Appendix 1

### SLDC Councillor Report to Crosthwaite & Lyth PC Mtg Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 @ Crosthwaite Village Hall.

1. The final Accounts for 2020 of SLDC have shown a significant improvement in terms of Government funds offsetting the costs of Covid19. Whereas it looked as though £2m would have to be transferred from Reserves this is no longer required. The final cost to the year end is now some £250,000.00.

However, costs are still being incurred into this current year. These without further government Funding could create a deficit of some £380.000.00. The proposed Capital Budget is being maintained and overall, the Authorities finances are in a strong position..

Up to date SLDC has distributed some £140m of Government grants out to Businesses and organisations – this does not include Furlough Payments which go direct to employers.

2. The Government's decision on Local Authority Reform is now known. Cumbria to have 2 Unitaries by splitting Cumbria into West and East. SLDC to be combined with Barrow and Penrith and the Borders. Elections to these new authorities will take place May next year (2022) and initially those elected will run as a Shadow Authority until April 2023 when it will take over from the present District & County Authorities.

Noted that County is trying to put together a case for a Judicial Review as elements in County want a Single Unitary. A preliminary response to this is expected from Government shortly.

3. Car Charging points are being installed across several of the SLDC Car parks.

4. Green Bin collections are being effected by a lack of HGV drivers. This is a national problem caused by a combination of Covid19 quarantine ,holidays, and a reduction in training and testing of new drivers in the last 18mths. However, the situation is coming back into control.

5. The next joint Parish/Highways England meeting regarding the A590 is now confirmed for Monday September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10.30 – venue to confirm.

6. The PC is aware of the consultation being carried out currently by National Highways ( the new name for what was Highways England) The PC is urged to respond to this Consultation

7. Public Space Protection Orders have been extended. These now include further regulations regarding the control of dogs and now include an order that no Barbecues, Bonfires are permitted on SLDC Parks and open spaces.

8. Draw attention to the August edition of the Town & Parish Council Newsletter which lists various Funding Organisations providing grants to PCs.

JMH 7/9/21

## Appendix 2

Mr Kevin Richards  
Planning Officer  
LDNPA

Dear Mr Richards

### **Re : Planning Application 7/2021/5133 – Crosthwaite Mill**

Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council objected to the above planning application in March of this year and I gather that you are the officer appointed to this application.

The Council notes that the owners have now also applied to change the use of Falbarrow to enable the building to operate as holiday lets. As you will note they have referred to Falbarrow and their business plans in their application for the Crosthwaite pods. To the council this makes it appear that the business is moving away from being a Management Training centre focused on outdoor development to become a holiday letting business.

The Parish Council remains very concerned that the Crosthwaite Mill pods represent inappropriate development. The Council would like you to note that the plans an incursion into an old orchard, they are in a tranquil green field site, they will overlook a well loved and well used public footpath, they will be visible from nearby dwellings, the occupants may cause noise and disturbance to the peace and tranquility of the neighbourhood and its immediate neighbours as well as light pollution. In addition the access is on a single track lane and, if the new holiday pods are approved, this will greatly add to the traffic using this quiet back lane, frequently used by walkers and riders.

The Council would be like to know when this matter will come before the Planning Committee and under which Local Plan it will be considered? The May 2021 plan having been approved since the application was made.

Regards