

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Witherslack Parish Hall on Monday 3rd September 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Christine Carter (Chairman), John Geldard, Stuart Pickup, and Mike Walford, County Councillor Jim Bland, District Councillor John Holmes and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Andy Coates and Brian Wilson.

18/60 Public participation: None.

18/61 Casual Vacancy:

No expressions of interest had been received. The position will be advertised both by word of mouth and again in the Parish Magazine.

18/62 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest in respect of any matters on the agenda.

18/63 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2018 having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

18/64 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

It was agreed to defer this matter until there is a full quota of Councillors.

18/65 Reports:

- a. **Police.** None.
- b. **County Councillor.** Councillor Bland said the issue with the Windermere Ferry is ongoing.
- c. **District Councillor.** Councillor Holmes circulated his report, which will be appended to these minutes in the file.

18/66 Parish Council website:

Lucy Rogers does not wish to continue running the website and it has been very difficult obtaining local news for it. She is happy to train someone to put the legally required documents online, The Clerk agreed to advertise this in the Parish Magazine and send a copy to the Chairman for wider circulation; a small honorarium will be offered. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

18/67 Lyth Valley First Responders:

Advertisements for volunteers are displayed but it is difficult finding people with the time to commit, especially as the training runs over two full weekends and is demanding.

18/68 Lengthsman Scheme:

Councillor Bland outlined how a lengthsman scheme might be set up and shared between several of the neighbouring parishes. The annual cost could be as high as £4,000 to £5,000 and it was felt that this was a burden upon Council Tax payers that could not be justified. It is to be discussed at both Crook and Winster, and Underbarrow & Bradleyfield Parish Councils and it will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

18/69 Centenary of the ending of World War 1:

Various village events are taking place to commemorate this and the Chairman has spoken to representatives of some of these events. The Parochial Church Council is meeting this evening and the Chairman will ascertain what the Church might be doing and see if the Council could join in with that.

18/70 Planning:

a. The following application for prior notification was noted:

7/2018/5442 Witherslack Woodlands, Halecat, Witherslack. Three new drying sheds.

b. The following application was considered and approval recommended:

7/2018/5460 Kendal Farm, Meathop, Meathop. Extension of cattle and sheep housing

18/71 Finance:

- a. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- b. Councillor Walford said he would try to obtain quotations for the repair of the seat at Meathop for the next meeting.
- c. An application for funding from Witherslack Youth Club (Monkey Business) was discussed but a final decision could not be made as it had arrived too late for inclusion on the agenda. £750 is requested - the Council has £1,000 set aside for donations up to March 2019. The Clerk will contact the applicant and will circulate information to Councillors in time for the next meeting.
- d. The Chairman and Councillor Pickup reported on their recent meeting with the Parish Handyman and the work that is at present being carried out. The Council will review the situation at the end of this financial year.

18/72 Correspondence:

- a. Community Governance Review for South Lakeland. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting and the Clerk will circulate the full details.
- b. Councillor Mark Kidd, Chairman of Staveley and Ings Parish Council, has been appointed a Parish Member of the LDNPA and would like to attend the next meeting, on 12th November, to introduce himself. This was agreed.
- c. SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel. It was resolved that this Council does not wish to seek recommendations from the panel in relation to allowances for 2019-20.
- d. The Clerk reported that he had registered the Council with the Information Commissioner's Office which is now a legal requirement. The cost is £35 annually and it was agreed to pay this by Direct Debit. A Certificate has been issued to the Council.
- e. CALC. Discussions are underway to change the way the annual subscription is calculated, between NALC and CALC portions of it. It was resolved that the Council has no objections to these proposals.
- f. Barclays Bank, notifying the Council that both the Milnthorpe (30th November 2018) and Coniston (7th December 2018) Branches will be closing. It was agreed there would be no point in making objections, although the Clerk regularly uses the Milnthorpe Branch.
- g. Councillor Pickup reported on a recent incident where a vehicle had driven over the traffic island at Witherslack and damaged it. The Council pays for the upkeep of this land. Photographs had been taken and supplied to the firm; the driver, when challenged has said the bill should be sent to them. The Clerk agreed to contact the firm and ask for an assurance that the work will be paid for - this is not expected to amount to more than £300.

18/73 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.30pm at Witherslack Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed:

Dated: