

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Witherslack Parish Hall on Monday 10th July 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Christine Carter (Chairman), Bruce Duffin, Janet Mason, Stuart Pickup, Mike Walford and Brian Wilson, District Councillor John Holmes, PCSO Jayne Park, two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Andrew Coates and County Councillor Jim Bland.

17/51 Declarations of Interest:

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

17/52 Minutes:

The minutes of the meetings held on 3rd May 2017 and 8th June 2017, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17/53 Public participation:

- a. Potholes were reported at Birks Farm, two at Kirk Nook by Witherslack Hall, and an overgrown hedge at Rocklea. The Clerk will pass these on to the CCC Highways.
- b. Assurance was sought that the Council would be responding to the amended planning application 7/2017/5313 (Land to the north of Church Road, Witherslack). The Chairman confirmed that a recommendation would be made later in the meeting.

17/54 Police Report:

PCSO Jayne Park said there had been no recorded crimes in Witherslack since the last meeting, although there had been burglaries at properties undergoing renovation Crosthwaite and Levens. There is close co-operation with Oversands School and recent problems reported by parishioners will be investigated. She said that she would continue to attend Council meetings whenever possible. Councillor Wilson brought to Police attention the vandalism on the seat on Whitbarrow Scar last year.

17/55 County and District Councillors:

Councillor Holmes circulated his report, which will be appended to these minutes on the file.

17/56 Councillor matters:

It was resolved to make the following agenda items for the next meeting:

- a. Beech Hill House.
- b. Parish Land at Yewbarrow Quarry and by the Derby Arms.
- c. Speeding problems in the village.

d. Cattle grids – update and noise problems.

17/57 Pinfold Quarry:

Councillor Holmes has spoken to Andrew Smith of LDNPA regarding the Parish Land near the Derby Arms. He agreed that whilst the land needed to be clearly defined he saw no problems with a planning application for the change to 'recreational use'. He agreed that it had safer access and parking, would probably require a tree survey, and his only reservation was that it was more isolated.

The Council agreed that it was still a safer site than Pinfold Quarry, without the problems of flooding, and would remain a possibility should there be any progress on this issue.

Mention was also made of the field next to the Dean Barwick School as a suitable site because of the central location and the 20 mph speed limit.

It was resolved to remove this matter from the agenda for the time being, until a definite group is formed in the parish and which then makes contact with the Council. The Council will endeavour, in those circumstances, to make land available and offer help, but cannot undertake to take control of the project.

It was agreed to highlight this minute on the website, so the public are kept informed of the ongoing situation.

17/58 Neighbourhood Watch:

PCSO Jayne Park had confirmed that Cumbria Community Messaging had largely replaced the Neighbourhood Watch. She is willing to work with the Council to call a meeting of the old Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators to see if their members know about the new scheme. Councillors agreed to ask around the parish in order to assess the interest.

17/59 Planning:

a. The following applications were considered:

7/2017/5313 Land to the north of Church Road, Witherslack. Residential development with all matters reserved except for access (amended application). Refusal recommended. It was resolved to submit the following response:

The Council has further considered the revised proposed layout and location plan for the above application, and note that the site plan has been redrawn, with the same number of houses (7) and parking spaces for 21 vehicles, with the access changed from the field gate to the driveway of Rocklea.

The Council requests that its previous objections under the headings of Location of the proposed site & Impact on the Neighbourhood, be taken into consideration as there is no material change in the overall implications of the application.

The Council was pleased to finally see the report from Ali McDonald which discloses the response from Highways and LLFA, and which reiterates the Highway Dangers and Surface Drainage concerns the Parish Council has had since this site was first identified.

The Council hopes the Planning Committee will take the opportunity to visit the site before coming to a decision.

7/2017/5374 The Old Gas Works, Meathop. Erection of building for seven business units. Approval recommended.

7/2017/5331 Greystone House, Witherslack. Proposed garden store. Approval recommended.

7/2017/5167 Meathop Fell Caravan Park. Road resurfacing, 9 new service pitches for existing hardstandings, relocation and installation of a new MVWP, a replacement play area, drainage improvements (foul and storm), improved site entrance and booking in area. LPG gas tank enclosure and the replacement of the existing warden's static accommodation. Approval recommended.

b. The following application has been withdrawn:

7/2017/5298 Blunt Howe, Witherslack. Detached garage.

c. The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted:

7/2016/5728 Land adjacent to Strickland Hill Farm, Witherslack. Development of agricultural worker's dwelling without compliance with conditions previously attached to approval 7/2016/5256 (minor material changes to design and additional details of renewable energy, sewage treatment and slate). Granted.

7/2017/5221 East Gate, Beck Head, Witherslack. Variation of Condition 2 on planning approval ref 7/2013/5402 – revised materials, new canopy. Granted.

7/2017/5106 Beck Head Farm, Beck Head, Witherslack. Replacement building to house a new home studio/bicycle shed and workshop and change of use land to garden. Granted.

17/60 Strategic Long Term Plan for the parish:

Councillor Wilson circulated details of suggested activities to be undertaken as part of the vision statement and Councillors are requested to consider the structure and how the plan can be progressed so the Council can be proactive rather than reactive. The Chairman and Councillor Mason will meet with Councillor Wilson to discuss matters before the next meeting.

17/61 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Zurich Municipal	£257.60	Insurance premium (noted)
Christine Carter	£5.00	Reimbursement for Barwick Hall meeting (8th June)
Society of Local Council Clerks	£19.18	Annual subscription (7% of £274.00)
K M Price	£123.72	Quarterly expenses to 30th June, including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

17/62 Correspondence:

a. ACTION with communities in Cumbria. Household Emergency Planning leaflets were distributed. Further copies are available free of charge upon request.

b. CALC Satisfaction Survey. Councillor Carter agreed to complete this on behalf of the Council and post it back to CALC by 31st July.

17/63 Date of next meeting:

Monday 4th September 2017 at 7.30pm at Witherslack Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: