

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Witherslack Parish Hall on Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Christine Carter (Chairman), Andy Coates, John Geldard, Stuart Pickup, Mike Walford and Brian Wilson, County Councillor Jim Bland, District Councillor John Holmes, five members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Mark Kidd, Chairman of Staveley with Ings Parish Council and recently appointed Parish Member for the South Eastern and Central Area of the LDNPA, who introduced himself to the Council and outlined the structure and work of the Authority. He also sits on the Resources Committee and the Governance Committee.

The general discussion that followed covered matters such as local needs for housing, breaches of planning and the increasing number of visitors in the National Park, especially since its designation as a World Heritage Site.

**18/74 Public participation:**

- a. The Council was asked to support a heritage festival next year and leaflets advertising this are to be distributed throughout the parish. It was resolved to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.
- b. Another group has come together to progress the establishment of a play area in the village. A number of issues were discussed including the provision to reflect the wider parish area of Mathop, Ulpha and Millside and not only Witherslack, and the availability of land in the parish. The previous issues at Pinfold Quarry were outlined, including flooding, proximity to a water course, traffic and parking, which deemed it to be unsuitable. The group agreed to look at land near the Derby Arms which had previously been suggested. Councillor Walford agreed to raise the matter at the next Land Trust meeting to see if they had any suggestions. Councillor Holmes indicated that match funding could be made available from the LIPs scheme. The matter will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

**18/75 Casual Vacancy:**

No expressions of interest had been received in respect of the Casual Vacancy. The Clerk said that the whole Council is up for election on 2nd May 2019.

**18/76 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Carter declared an interest in any discussion regarding the website.

**18/77 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2018 having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**18/78 Police Report: None.**

### **18/79 County and District Councillors:**

- a. Councillor Bland said the Windermere Ferry is now running again.
- b. Councillor Holmes submitted his report which will be appended to these minutes in the file. Comments were made regarding the future of the Royalty Cinema, proposals for an hotel on The Glebe and additional housing allocations.

### **18/80 Parish Council website:**

After the recent public appeal for someone to take over the Council's website, it was agreed that Ann Carter's offer be accepted, and in view of the amount of work required to be done, an honorarium of £250 per annum be paid subject to a review in 12 month's time. Lucy Rogers offered to assisting familiarising her with the website.

### **18/81 Lengthsman Scheme:**

There was nothing to report.

### **18/82 Speeding vehicles through the village:**

A survey had been conducted by CCC Highways but some of the period of the survey was during half term. It was agreed to ask if the survey could be repeated, during school term and at a different location. A site meeting with a Councillor was suggested so that the best place can be agreed on.

### **18/83 Parish Map:**

There is no up to date Parish Map as most of the small portions of land owned by this Council have been leased out.

### **18/84 Strategic Long-Term Planning:**

Councillor Wilson had circulated the final document and this was considered. It was agreed that no action would be taken until 2019, when intelligence will be collected about the community through the survey. After that, the Council will consider what action to take in view of the results. It is felt the Council ought to be pro-active rather than re-active as at present.

### **18/85 Planning:**

- a. *The following comments, submitted since the last meeting under the Clerks delegated authority, were noted:*

7/2018/5553 Brookside Cottage, Witherslack. Demolition of an existing 'lean-to' rear conservatory and construction of a new two storey rear extension. Approval recommended.

7/2018/5559 North View Cottage, Millside, Witherslack. Proposed extension of dwelling and erection of car port. Approval recommended.

- b. *The following Decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted:*

7/2018/5307 Key Moss Farm, Witherslack. Partial demolition of barn and associated minor alterations. Granted.

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

7/2018/5302 Flat 25, Meathop Grange, Meathop. Retrospective window replacement from single glazed to doubled glazed units. Granted.

7/2018/5442 Witherslack Woodlands, Halecat, Witherslack. Three new drying sheds. Prior approval not required.

#### **18/86 Finance:**

- a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

DM Payroll Services Ltd	£70.50	Payroll Administration
HMRC	£438.08	PAYE (noted)
Lawrence Freiesleben	£130.00	Handyman quarterly payment (noted)
Witherslack Youth Club (Monkey Business)	£375.00	Grant awarded
S & M Carter	£240.00	Reimbursement - damage to island
K M Price	£109.54	Quarterly expenses to 30th September, including use of home office and travel.

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. Councillor Walford said the quotation for the repair of the seat at Meathop is in hand. The possibility of making this a memorial bench will be investigated and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- d. The Council authorised arrangements made for the Witherslack Walk Banner. This has now been taken to David Ingram who will restore it for the cost of the materials.

#### **18/87 Correspondence:**

- a. Councillors Geldard and Pickup updated the meeting regarding their recent attendance at the 'A590 Joint Parish/Highways England - Safety Group Meeting'. They outlined the progress of a 57 page consultation document produced by the consultants, WSP, and commissioned by Highways England regarding improvements to the A590 between Meathop and Brettargh Holt. The next meeting is scheduled for 19th November 2019.
- b. The Post Office, regarding the problem of scam mail. A poster will be displayed, giving contact details for anyone who is troubled by this issue.
- c. Councillor Coates has raised the issue of parking problems at school drop-off and pick-up times, with the Dean Barwick Trust, now there are 60 children on the roll. Vehicles are often parked on the verge which is causing damage. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.

- d. The bus stop, reported several months ago, has now been well repaired.
- e. Councillor Pickup had attended the recent A590 group meeting and a 57-page document is available about this.

**18/88 Dates for 2019 meetings:**

The next meeting will be on Monday 7th January 2019 at 7.30pm at Witherslack Parish Hall.

The Clerk will circulate a list of proposed dates for the remainder of the year.

*The meeting closed at 9.30pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*