

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Ulpha Farm on Thursday 4th August 2022 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Christine Carter (Chairman), Andrew Coates, Jolyon Dodgson, John Geldard and Mike Walford, District Councillor John Holmes Shadow Councillor Steve Bavin and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Rachel Bell and received from County Councillor Jim Bland.

22/31 Public participation: None.

22/32 Declarations of Interest:

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

22/33 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2022, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

22/34 Reports:

Councillor Holmes gave his report, which had been circulated to Councillors and will be appended to these minutes in the file. Issues covered included the future ownership of the bed of Lake Windermere, the COVID Additional Relief Fund and the Fairer Community Fund.

22/35 Future Housing in Witherslack:

The questions put to the Council by Mr Stewart Farrer (emailed to Councillors) were considered. The Council is grateful for being kept up to date with the correspondence but is not at present in a position to comment until an actual planning application is submitted.

22/36 Woodland leases:

Councillors Dodgson and Walford had updated the lease documents for the woodland areas owned by the Council, and these were approved, with the Council's thanks to them for their work. The Clerk will confirm that the Council's insurance cover is up to £5M.

22/37 CCC Highways – new reporting system:

Council Bell had sent a report and it appears that it would be advantageous for the Parish Council to register on to the new system, rather than an individual. The Clerk will investigate this suggestion and possibly the former 'Council-specific' email address could be used.

22/38 Planning:

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

7/2022/5244 Strawberry Syke, Stoney Lane, Witherslack. Single storey extension to form bedroom to ground floor with terrace roof to rear of dwelling & first floor extension to form office to side of dwelling. Granted.

7/2022/5156 Bowes Lodge, Witherslack. Change field use from sole agriculture grazing of sheep to mixed use for horses to exercise and graze on Granted.

7/2022/5260 Kookaburra Cottage, Witherslack. Removal of condition 2 (occupancy) from planning permission 7/1985/5303, dwelling and garage. Granted.

7/2022/5333 Old Vicarage, Witherslack. Extension to existing raised external patio. (Approval was recommended on the Clerk's delegated authority). Granted.

7/2022/5220 2 Spa Cottages, Witherslack. Proposed loft conversion/extension and other alterations. Granted.

22/39 Bus shelter repairs:

The funding is now available and it is expected that the contractor will commence work around mid-September.

22/40 Parish notice boards and benches:

Councillor Walford reported that no further progress had been made with the repair/replacement of notice boards.

The Clerk agreed to ask for a site visit from The Sign Man in Kendal, in order to provide quotations for any replacement boards.

22/41 Land Registration in Millside:

Councillor Dodgson said that progress with the matter is extremely slow due to the complexity of the issues involved. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting/

22/42 Finance:

a. *It was resolved to pay the following account:*

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| K M Price | £126.04 | Quarterly expenses to 30 th June, Including use of home office and travel. |
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b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The report from the Internal Auditor on the Council's accounts for 2021-22 was noted. There were no matters raised to bring to the Council's attention.

22/43 B4RN:

Councillor Geldard reported that, after two planned meetings had taken place, the B4RN group will be disbanding as their work is complete. There are now 211 properties connected and the Council thanks the team of volunteers for their sterling work.

22/44 A590 road improvements:

There is nothing to report at present, as no further meetings have been held.

22/45 Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 7pm at Ulpha Farm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: