

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Witherlack Parish Hall on Monday 6th January 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Christine Carter (Chairman), Rachel Bell, Katie Douglas, and Mike Walford, County Councillor Jim Bland, District Councillors John Holmes and Kevin Holmes, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Andy Coates and John Geldard.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Mark Kidd, Chairman of Staveley with Ings Parish Council and a member of the Development Control Committee of the LDNPA, who answered questions regarding planning and related issues. He expressed his willingness to assist the Council in any planning matters and there was a general discussion about housing allocations and planning issues.

Councillor Rachel Bell signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, having been co-opted to the Meathop Ward of the parish at the last meeting.

#### **20/1 Declarations of Interest:**

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

#### **20/2 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2019, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **20/3 Casual Vacancy:**

There had been no expressions of interest in the Casual Vacancy in the Witherslack Ward of the parish. The Clerk reminded the Council that an Election is due in May 2020.

#### **20/4 Reports:**

- a. **Police:** After a lot of effort by Councillor Douglas and the Clerk, a Police Report had been received and circulated to all Councillors.
- b. **County Councillor:** Councillor Bland said this is a quiet period, but he is meeting with a CCC Engineer next week to inspect issues requiring attention.
- c. **District Councillors:** Councillor John Holmes circulated his report, which will be appended to these minutes in the file. An email from David Sykes at SLDC will be forwarded to the Clerk regarding the new Septic Tank regulations.
- d. **Parish Clerk.** The Clerk is due to meet with A2A in Milnthorpe this month, to discuss the new Accessibility Regulations, with which the Council must be compliant by September. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

## 20/5 Planning:

a. *The following applications were considered and approval recommended::*

7/2019/5826 Crag Mount, Meathop. Alterations and extensions to existing bungalow.

7/2019/5650 Greystones Filling Station, Witherslack. Extension to existing filling station forecourt shop.

7/2019/5694 Nether Hall Farm, Witherslack. To add internal wall insulation to the external facing walls.

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

7/2019/5691 Middle Foulshaw. Proposed erection of a General Agricultural Building following withdrawal of application ref. 7/2019/5427 Refused.

7/2019/5684 Parish Church of St Paul, Witherslack. Demolition of existing boiler house and replacement with new extension to provide new accessible WC and kitchen, removal of existing roughcast cement render and replacement with lime render to tower, nave, porch and vestry, installation of a trench-arch drainage system and repairs to roof, internal alterations and works to external paths. Granted.

7/2019/5573 1 Middle Foulshaw Cottage, Levens. New access to house. Granted,.

7/2019/5532 Longhowe End Farm, Witherslack. Erection of two local needs dwellings. Granted,

7/2019/5446 Black Barn, Land opposite Old Mill Cottage, Witherslack. Proposed redevelopment of Black Barn to form a new 1 bed 2 person compact Eco-Home. Granted.

7/2019/5483 Strickland Hill, Witherslack. Roof over existing silage pit. Granted,

7/2019/5562 Hollow Stones, Mill Side, Witherslack. Amendment to design for kitchen, condition 2 (plans) on planning permission 7/2016/5522 for single storey extension to kitchen and utility room: replacement of covered carport with single storey extension to provide study/home office; erection of detached garage. Granted.

### **20/6 Proposed removal of telephone kiosks:**

A Contract for the adoption of the village telephone kiosks has been received and the Clerk was authorised to sign this on behalf of the Council. The transfer fee is £1. It was resolved to enquire if the electricity supply will continue and, if so, for how long. A decision has not yet been received on the proposal to adopt the kiosk at Mill Side.

### **20/7 Parish defibrillator:**

Councillor Douglas said she has liaised with the community First Responder, Steph Fry, and they have met with Community Heartbeat Trust. Estimates of likely costs are being sought and plans are being set out to raise funds. The Council agreed to use both telephone kiosks for the placement of defibrillators, as BT will supply the electricity line. There is further consideration to place one at Halecat, one at Foulshaw and one in Meathop village, incorporating the one already at the Caravan Club site in Meathop in the management plan with Community Heartbeat Trust.

### **20/8 Parking at the school:**

There is nothing further to report at present and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

### **20/9 Tree swings:**

Three swings have been erected on parish land near the Derby Arms, and these constitute a serious danger to any children using them. It was resolved that the Council will employ a contractor to cut the boughs down, leaving the wood and rope behind, as soon as possible. It was further resolved that if any such incidents take place in the future, the swings will be removed immediately, without waiting for a Council meeting to be held. The Clerk will ensure this extract from the minutes is included in any item sent to the 'Two Valleys' Parish Magazine.

### **20/10 Speed Limits in the village:**

Councillor Douglas has carried out a lot of research into this issue and her report had been circulated to all Councillors. It was agreed that she will make a formal request to CCC Highways on behalf of the Council, for a 30mph speed limit to be introduced in the village and that all the issues identified in the report are considered by the Authority. The Chairman thanked Councillor Douglas for her efforts in this matter.

### **20/11 'Working Together' document:**

Councillor Bland said he was not aware of any further information at present but he will keep the Council informed. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

### **20/12 Proposals for a Play Area:**

Councillor Walford said there was nothing further to report at present.

### **20/13 Film Festival 2020:**

Nothing further had been heard from the organisers so it was agreed to take this item off future agendas.

### **20/14 A590 Consultation:**

It is not yet sure if the meeting planned for later this month is going ahead or not. Councillor John Holmes will keep the Council updated. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

### **20/15 Strategic Long Term Plan for the parish:**

This was deferred until the next meeting.

### **20/16 Community Survey:**

Councillor Coates had been to collect the survey forms from the shop but someone had already collected them. It was agreed to make enquiries and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

### **20/17 Finance:**

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

CALC	£80.00	Councillor training
HMRC	£188.80	PAYE
K M Price	£97.96	Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel.

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. A grant application from Witherslack Youth Club was considered and it was resolved to make a grant of £350.
- d. Councillors Carter and Walford updated the Council on the funding application for the bus shelter. There is no further news at present but this will be an agenda item for the next meeting. In the meantime, details will be forwarded to Jonathan Reade and await the A590 consultation meeting.
- e. The Budget Report, prepared by the Clerk, was presented and it was resolved to make a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council in the sum of £11,013 for the financial year 2020-21.

**20/18 Dates for 2020 meetings:**

The following provisional dates were agreed:

*Monday 23rd March*

*Wednesday 6th May            Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting*

*Wednesday 22nd July*

*Wednesday 16th September*

*Monday 9th November*

It was also agreed to commence the meetings at 7pm in future, if possible.

*The meeting closed at 9.35pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*