

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack, Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Witherslack Parish Hall on Monday 7th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

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

**19/1 Public participation:** None.

**19/2 Casual Vacancy:**

There had been no expressions of interest in the Casual Vacancy.

The Clerk confirmed that the next Parish Election in this parish is not until 2020.

**19/3 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**19/4 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2018, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**19/5 Police Report:** None.

**19/6 County and District Councillor's Reports:**

Councillor Bland said that CCC has received £2M for road maintenance, which must be spent before the end of March. This is planned to include the clearing of drains and the cutting of verges, but it is, of course, weather dependent.

Councillor Holmes circulated his report which will be appended to these minutes in the file. Although the Budget is not yet finalised, there is an indication that it is likely to be in the region of a 4% increase.

**19/7 Parish Council website:**

The Chairman reported that Ann Carter is meeting with Lucy Rogers, former webmaster, this week, in order to pass on all details for the future site maintenance.

**19/8 Speeding vehicles through the village:**

There is nothing further to report at present.

### **19/9 Film Festival:**

It was agreed to invite the organisers to attend the next meeting, when this will be an agenda item. The Council agreed, in principle, to support the event. A public meeting is to be held on 18th January in order to keep the community involved.

### **19/20 Proposed Play Area:**

There is nothing further to report at present. Councillor Walford is in touch with the Land Trust and would like to see a play area incorporated in any future development in the parish.

### **19/21 Parking problems:**

Councillor Coates, who is a governor at Dean Barwick School, said that 50 + pupils, being set down and picked up each day, is causing parking difficulties. There is a possibility of creating a parking bay as has taken place at Crosthwaite school. Councillor Bland said that some funding might be available from CCC. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.

### **19/22 Planning:**

*The following applications arrived since the last meeting and were noted:*

7/2018/5749 High Fell End Farm, Witherslack. Approval of details reserved by condition on application 7/2017/5569 - Conversion of barn and former cart building to 3 one bed holiday lets: conditions 3 (doors, windows & all external joinery) and 10 (landscaping).

7/2018/5724 Brookside Cottage, Witherslack. Non-material amendment to application 7/2018/5553 (Demolition of an existing 'lean-to' rear conservatory of a new 2 storey rear extension) - Window cill heights and colour & finish of render. (for information only).

### **19/23 Finance:**

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

HMRC	£441.60	PAYE
Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council	£7.77	'Local Council Administration' (training book) 7% Of £110.99)
K M Price	£97.43	Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. Councillor Walford had indicated that the quotation for the repair of the seat at Meathop is in hand, and that he is looking at various possibilities.

- d. The bank mandate will be revised at the next meeting.
- e. The Budget Report was considered and it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council in the sum of £9,977 for the financial year 2019-20. This is the same amount as the current year's Precept.

**19/24 Correspondence:**

- a. SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel Report. This needs to be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- b. CALC - Buckingham Palace Garden Party. The Chairman indicated she did not wish to be nominated.
- c. Thea Riley, thanking the Council for the grant made to the Youth Club at the last meeting. The possibility of a further grant being made will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- d. Councillors Geldard and Pickup had attended the recent 'A590 Joint Parish/Highways England - Safety Group Meeting'. The next meeting is on 11th February.

**19/25 Date of the next meeting:**

***Monday 11th March 2019 at 7.30pm at Witherslack Parish Hall.***

*The meeting closed at 8.40pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*