

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held by ZOOM on Monday 9th November 2020 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Christine Carter (Chairman), Rachel Bell, Andy Coates, Katie Douglas and John Geldard, County Councillor Jim Bland, District Councillor John Holmes and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

20/44 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Coates declared as interest in Planning Application 7/2020 5604 (Ulpha Farm, Meathop) and also as a Governor of Dean Barwick School, should any matters pertaining to this be discussed.

20/45 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2020, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

20/46 Casual Vacancy:

There had been no expressions of interest in the vacancy in the Witherslack Ward of the parish.

20/47 Finance:

- a. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- b. *The following payments were approved:*

Anne Carter	£250.00	Annual honorarium for managing the website.
Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council		
	£6.27	Share of the ZOOM licence

20/48 Clerk's Report:

An application for further funding for the B4RN project had been received from Steve Ratcliffe but it had arrived too late for inclusion on the agenda. It will therefore be an agenda item for the next meeting.

20/49 Accessibility Regulations:

The Clerk had produced a statement showing that this Council considers the Regulations to be a disproportionate burden on a small Council. All Councillors had seen this and there were no objections. The statement is now on the Council's website.

20/50 County and District Councillors:

Councillor Bland said that work to ensure free school meals for all in recent times had been very successful. There had been a lot of flooding in October on Cumbria's roads but this had now all subsided.

Councillor Holmes went through each item on his very full report. This will now be circulated to all Councillors, together with the map of the new 'locality' areas, and will be appended to these minutes in the file..

20/51 Parish defibrillator:

Councillor Douglas said there was not a lot to report at present. The Mill Side defibrillator is now up and running and fund raising for the second one continues. The maintenance of the defibrillator is in hand.

20/52 Greening Campaign Meeting:

Councillor Bell reported on her attendance at the Greening Campaign Meeting on 27th October 2020. This was an initial meeting (about climate change) and had not reached any major conclusions. A further meeting is to be arranged. The Clerk will circulate any details that are known at this stage, to all Councillors. Jeni McConnell, the organiser, is willing to attend a future Parish Council meeting if required.

20/53 Planning:

The following applications were considered and approval recommended:

7/2020/5659 Raven Hill, Witherslack. Proposed installation of a sewage treatment plant to replace the existing septic tank.

7/2020/5604 Ulpha Farm, Meathop. New School - alternative educational provision.

20/54 Speed limits in the village:

This is on hold, as it is not possible to arrange 'physical' site meetings at present. The school governors are also investigating speeding problems outside the school and it was felt prudent to await the outcome of these.

20/55 Meathop bus shelter:

The Clerk has contacted Mark Hodgkiss at CCC to ask for the 'flags' to be reinstated at this shelter to enable buses to officially stop there again. A reply is awaited.

20/56 Parish notice boards:

The Chairman agreed to follow this matter up and it will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

20/57 Benches in the parish:

The Chairman agreed to follow this matter up and it will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

20/58 B4RN:

Councillor Geldard reported that considerable progress has been made over the past two years. Cables are now being laid and the target is for the school to be reached by Easter 2021. The local B4RN group meets every Tuesday evening and is very enthusiastic. Once connected, this will be a huge benefit to the village.

20/59 A590 road improvements:

Councillor Holmes said the project is moving on slowly and it is hoped that a further meeting will be held in January or February.

20/60 Date of the next meeting:

***Monday 11th January 2021 at 7pm by ZOOM
(this will be the Precept Meeting).***

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed:

Dated: