

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Ulpha Farm on Thursday 10th October 2019 at 7.30pm.

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

*(The Chairman thanked Councillor Coates for hosting the meeting - there had been a power cut in the village and the Parish Hall could not used).*

**18/74 Public participation:** None.

**18/75 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**18/76 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2019, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**18/77 Co-option to the Meathop Ward of the parish:**

Councillor Rachel Bell was co-opted to the Meathop Ward of the parish and resigned from the Witherslack Ward. The Clerk will now declare a Casual Vacancy in the Witherslack Ward. It was resolved that Councillor Bell can sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at a future meeting.

**18/78 Police Report:**

There was no report, but Councillor Johnson and the Clerk are in conversations with Police in order to ascertain who is responsible for this parish.

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

- a. Councillor Bland referred to the 'Working Together' document to be discussed and said that CCC Highways are piloting a scheme, whereby several parishes could share the cost between them, this being likely to be around £2,000 or so for each parish. He will have further information for the next meeting as this obviously would have implications for the setting of the Precept for 2020-2021

Councillor Bland agreed to investigate flooding at Blea Crag.

- b. Councillor John Holmes circulated a full report, which will be appended to these minutes in the file.

### **18/80 Planning:**

a. *The following application was considered and approval recommended:*

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

b. *The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, was noted::*

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.

### **18/81 'Working Together' document:**

It was agreed that further information was required for the next meeting, due to the possible Precept implications.

### **18/82 Proposed withdrawal of bus service 530 from Cartmel to Kendal via Levens from 27th October 2019:**

It was resolved to send a letter in response to this, objecting to the proposals, as this removes the only bus service to go through Levens village. Councillor Kevin Holmes had indicated that other Councils in the area are also objecting and that it was understood that Story Homes had given £50,000 to CCC in order to maintain this bus service.

### **18/83 Proposed removal of telephone kiosks:**

BR is proposing to remove the telephone kiosks in the parish, both in the village and at Millside. The Council has already registered an interest in adopting the village one, and it was agreed that an interested is also registered for adopting the box at Millside.

### **18/84 Proposals for a Play Area:**

*An update was received from Mark Douglas:*

"At the moment we are awaiting the release of the plans from the new housing development being progressed by the CLT. They have factored in room for a playground with the new housing. Once the plans have been released we will know how much land we have, this will then allow us to move forward with a design and apply for funding. At the moment we are playing a waiting game, we cannot apply to the majority of funding providers until we have an idea of cost, which we cannot get until we have the plans".

This was received with thanks.

#### **18/85 Film Festival 2020:**

There was nothing to report at present.

#### **18/86 A590 Consultation:**

The report of the joint Parish Council/Highways England working party held on 27th August 2019 had been circulated. The next meeting is on 14th January 2020.

#### **18/87 Strategic Long-Term Plan for the parish:**

This was deferred until the next meeting.

#### **18/88 Community Survey:**

Councillor Coates said that the forms have been delivered to all of Meathop, those collected by the shop have yet to be collected and the remainder should have been dealt with in time for the January meeting, when this will be an agenda item.

#### **18/89 Finance:**

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

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| HMRC      | £27.42 | PAYE  |
| K M Price | £98.05 | Quarterly expenses to 30th September,<br>including use of home office and travel. |

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. An application for a grant from Witherslack Parish Hall for re-roofing over the entrance to the Parish Hall was considered and it was resolved to make a grant of £500.

#### **18/90 Correspondence:**

- a. Councillors Carter and Walford will put together a request for funding for the renewal of the bus shelter on the A590. The Council was informed that, if granted, the shelter would then become the responsibility of the Parish Council.
- b. The Pensions Regulator, confirming that the Council has completed its Declaration of Compliance under the Pensions Act 2008.

#### **18/91 Date of the next meeting:**

Monday 6th January 2020 at 7.30pm at Witherslack Parish Hall (this will be the Precept Meeting), when dates for meetings during 2020 will be discussed.

**18/92 Agenda items for the next meeting:**

- a. A grant application from Witherslack Youth Club.
- b. Bus shelter - updated.
- c. Parking at the school.
- d. Speed limits in the village.

*(Additional items may be sent to the Clerk up to 14 days before the next meeting).*

*The meeting closed at 9.10pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*