

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Witherslack Parish Hall on Monday 11th March 2019 at 7.30pm.

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

**19/26 Public participation:** None.

**19/27 Casual Vacancy:**

There had been one enquiry since the last meeting but no firm expressions of interest.

**19/28 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**19/29 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2019, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**19/30 Police Report:** None.

**19/31 County and District Councillors:**

Councillor Bland said there would be a Public Consultation Meeting in May/June regarding the recommended proposals concerning improvements to the A590 between Brettargh Holt roundabout and Meathop roundabout, recently completed by Highways England, their Consultants WSP and the A590 joint Parish/Highways England Safety group.

He also reported that work on Sampool Bridge had been completed.

Councillors Holmes circulated his report, which will be appended to these minutes in the file. Topics covered included the future use of New Road common land in Kendal, Grange Lido, and the proposed £5M development of South Lakeland House and Kendal Town Hall.

**19/32 Parish Council website:**

The Council's website is much improved and the password has been changed. In view of the website being updated by the provider, the webmaster should be given the opportunity to undertake further instruction if she thinks fit, for which the Council will pay.

### **19/33 Film Festival:**

No further information is available and the Clerk agreed to contact the organiser.

### **19/34 SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel:**

It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the Report regarding Councillor's expenses, etc. This Council does not wish to request allowances for Councillors.

### **19/35 Proposed Play Area:**

There is nothing further to report as a meeting of the Land Trust has not yet taken place.

### **19/36 Parking problems:**

This was deferred to the next meeting, when Councillor Coates will speak to it.

### **19/37 Planning**

*The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, was 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). Complies with conditions..

### **19/38 Finance:**

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

HMRC	£295.40	PAYE
Lawrence Freiesleben	£130.00	Handyman (final payment)
Witherslack Youth Club	£375.00	Remainder of grant applied for

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. A request from Witherslack Community Shop for £500 to replace their storage shed was considered. However, the £500 in the Precept has already been paid to the shop this year, so it was agreed that the £500 for 2019-20 could be paid at the next meeting.

d. It was resolved to revise the Bank Mandate, the signatories in future to be Councillors Carter, Coates and Geldard, and the Clerk.

e. Councillors Geldard and Walford had obtained quotations for the replacement of the seat at Meathop. It was resolved to accept the one from Solway Recycling and this will be ordered once it has been arranged for a plinth to be made for the seat.

**19/39 Correspondence:**

- a. It was resolved to make 'Community Governance Review' an agenda item for the next meeting.
- b. It was resolved to make 'bus shelter repairs' an agenda item for the next meeting.
- c. It was resolved to make 'Handyman' an agenda item for the next meeting.
- d. Barclays Bank in Grange over Sands is closing on 1st May 2019.
- e. Councillor Wilson said the 'Strategic Long-Term Plan for the Parish' is on hold at present. It will, however, be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- f. Councillor Geldard (and hopefully one other Councillor) will attend the next meeting of the 'A590 Joint Parish/Highways England - Safety Group Meeting' on 13th May at 10am at the Strickland Arms.

**19/40 Resignation of Councillor Pickup:**

The Chairman said this was Councillor Pickup's last meeting and the thanks of the Council were expressed for his invaluable service over the past few years and the great support he has been to the Chairman. The Clerk will declare a Casual Vacancy to SLDC.

**19/41 Date of the next meeting:**

***Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 7pm at the Dean Barwick Hall, Witherslack  
(This will be the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting).***

*The meeting closed at 8.45pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*