

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Witherslack Parish Hall on Monday 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Christine Carter (Chairman), Andrew Coates, Bruce Duffin, Janet Mason, Stuart Pickup, Mike Walford and Brian Wilson, County Councillor Jim Bland, District Councillor John Holmes and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

**17/80 Public participation:** None.

**17/81 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**17/82 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2017, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**17/83 Police Report:** None.

**17/84 County and District Councillors:**

Councillor Holmes submitted a written report which will be appended to these minutes in the file. He said that winter gritting was all in place with the contractor and CCC will continue to supply the grit.

Councillor Bland has been following up the reports of potholes in the parish and will continue to do so.

**17/85 Councillor matters:**

It was agreed to place planning application 7/2017/5313 ( Church Road, residential development with all matters reserved except for access) back on the agenda for the next meeting. This has been in process since May, and was amended in June and August. The Clerk will ask LDNPA if a target date for a decision has been set.

**17/86 Planning:**

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

7/2017/5425 Beech Hill House, Witherslack. Replacement of existing cess pool sewage collection with a packaged treatment plant. Granted.

7/2017/5589 Blunt Howe, Witherslack. Build a garage on the field. Change of use of land from agricultural to garden. Granted.

*b. The following Notice of Intention was noted:*

7/2017/5718 Limegarth Wood, Meathop. Proposed road (for information only).

*c. The following comments, submitted since the last meeting, on the Clerk's delegated authority, were noted:*

7/2017/5558 The Old Vicarage, Witherslack. Approval of details reserved by condition on planning permission 7/2015/5067: conditions 8 (sewage treatment plant) and 9 (glazing). Response of 'no comment' made originally, confirmed as 'no objection'.

7/2017/5569 High End Farm, Witherslack. Conversion of barn and former cart building to 3 one bed holiday lets. This planning application has previously been refused by the Planning Authority, in view of objections from CCC Highways regarding access and parking. As the access and parking is still an issue the Council agreed to oppose this application.

#### **17/87 Strategic Long Term Plan for the parish:**

Councillor Wilson distributed a new pack of information for the proposed strategic Long Term Plan for the parish and went through each page and heading. He asked Councillors to go through the documents and consideration of the first page of this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

#### **17/88 Parish Land at Yewbarrow Quarry and Slate Hill:**

Councillor Duffin has met with two prospective tenants. The rent at Yewbarrow Quarry has been agreed at £230 for the five year lease and the contract will soon be ready for signing. There may be interest at a later date in the land at Slate Hill, but not at present.

#### **17/89 A590 Meeting:**

The Council was updated with matters discussed at the meeting held on 6th November, which was attended by Councillors Duffin and Pickup and Councillors Bland and Holmes. A number of issues were discussed including the future Road Investment Strategy and the long term plan, which would see the entire A590 being a dual carriageway with a roundabout at Gilpin Bridge. Progress was reported on the replacement cattle grids and matters were raised by the Parish Councillors as to repairs to adjacent fencing, adjustment of the sensors at the traffic lights at the underpass, the danger to traffic turning right into Foulshaw Nature Reserve from the east bound carriageway, and the possibility of altering the existing bus layby to an acceleration lane for traffic joining the A590 from the Witherslack junction. The group will meet again in February 2018.

### **17/90 Data Protection Regulations:**

The Clerk alerted the Council to the forthcoming new Data Protection and Data Regulations which come into force in May 2018. It will affect all Parish Councils and it will be required for this Council to register with the Information Commissioner and to appoint a Data Protection Officer (either from within the Council or elsewhere). CALC are advising Councils and will be running a one-day course at the beginning of March, together with workshops on other dates. The Clerk will keep Councillors up to date on developments.

### **17/91 Speeding problems:**

In response to an enquiry from a previous Council meeting, PCSO Jayne Park had offered the use of the Police Speed Indicator Device to assist in trying to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling through the village. The Clerk agreed to contact CCC Highways again to ask if a 30mph speed limit could be established in the village.

### **17/92 Finance:**

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

CALC	£180.54	Annual subscription
BDO	£36.00	External audit
SLDC	£292.16	Election costs
K M Price	£128.34	Quarterly expenses to 30th September including use of home office and travel, etc.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The report from the External Auditor on the Council's accounts for 2016-17 was presented. There had been an issue arising due to the assets total not being adjusted following the purchase of a notice board some years ago. This was discussed and the action taken was approved. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit will now be displayed on the notice board.

### **17/93 Correspondence:**

- a. The CALC AGM will be held on Saturday 18th November at 10.30am at Carlisle Racecourse.
- b. Kirsten Freiesleben, expressing her husband's interest in taking on the handyman's job. The Clerk will send her a copy of the Contract.
- c. The pole holding the bus timetable in the shelter on the eastbound carriageway of the A590 is down. The Clerk will notify Stagecoach.

**17/94 Dates for 2018 meetings:**

The following dates were agreed for meetings in 2018:

Monday 8th January	Precept Meeting
Monday 12th March	
Wednesday 23rd May	Annual Meetings - start at 7pm.
Monday 16th July	
Monday 3rd September	
Monday 12th November	

*The meeting closed at 8.50pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*