

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Witherslack Parish Hall on Monday 16th July 2018 at 7.30pm.

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

Marian Jones, Ranger for the South East Area of LDNPA gave a presentation on the work of LDNPA and her work as a Park Ranger. A number of questions were asked and the Chairman thanked her for attending.

**18/47 Public participation:**

- a. A request was made for signage at Beck Head to assist a new business in that area. The Council is not in a position to authorise this as such.
- b. The Council was asked if Neighbourhood Watch still operates in the parish. The Clerk explained that this had largely been superseded by Cumbria Community Messaging which is easy to sign up for and provides a variety of information on a regular basis.

**18/48 Casual Vacancy:**

John Geldard was co-opted to fill one of the vacant seats. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

SLDC had notified the Council that there had been no requests for an Election in respect of the second vacancy and therefore the Council is free to co-opt.

**18/49 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**18/50 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2018, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**18/51 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:**

This was deferred for the time being.

**18/52 Reports:**

- a. **Police.** None.

- b. **County Councillor:** Councillor Bland said that £1M had been spent on highways in the Lyth Valley Division. He recommended the parish should set up a lengthsman scheme and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting. It was noted that there are currently no First Responders in the parish and this, too, will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- c. **District Councillor:** Councillor Holmes circulated his report to all Councillors. Details were given of the A590 Joint Parish/Highways England Working Party, problems with private water supplies following the very dry weather, and the availability of the Locally Important Projects funding (LIPs).

### **18/53 Planning:**

- a. *The following comments, submitted to the Planning Authority, since the last meeting, were noted:*

7/2018/5307 Key Moss Farm, Witherslack. Partial demolition of barn and associated minor alterations. Approval recommended.

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

7/2018/5227 Bleacott Farm, Witherslack. Change of use of land to site two domestic wood stores with stone vehicular access and surface water drainage. Granted.

7/2018/5217 Land adjacent to The Old Vicarage, Witherslack. .  
Erection of proposed two storey (Lower-ground and Ground floor) family home including adjoining garage. Granted.

- c. The Inquiry into the Appeal against the Enforcement notice in respect of Vicarage House West, Witherslack was noted. The Inquiry is to take place at CCC Offices, Kendal, on Wednesday 24th October 2018 at 1pm.

### **18/54 Parish Land at Slate Hill:**

Councillor Walford has signed the lease in respect of this land and tendered a cheque for £250.

### **18/55 Strategic Long Term Plan for the parish:**

Councillor Wilson had produced a revised document which he distributed to all Councillors and he presented some of this to the Council. It seeks to form a Vision Statement that will maintain and cover the whole parish. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

### **18/56 Grange Health & Well-being group:**

Councillor Wilson had attended the recent meeting of this group, although technically it was a Grange parish initiative. He felt it was good for the town, endeavouring to improve communications and to try to integrate various services. It was felt that a survey in Witherslack would be useful in assessing needs within this parish and it was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting. Enquiries will be made as to the cost of distributing a survey via Royal Mail.

### **18/57 Finance:**

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

K M Price	£109.19	Quarterly expenses to 30th June including use of home office and travel
Society of Local Council Clerks	£19.74	Annual subscription (7% of £282)
Lawrence Freiesleben	£130.00	Quarterly pay - handyman
HMRC	£70.20	PAYE
HMRC	£214.69	PAYE
HMRC	£299.92	PAYE
HMRC	£285.61	PAYE

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Clerk explained that Diane Malley had now sorted out the HMRC payments due from last year and all was believed to be up to date.
- d. The report from the Internal Auditor was noted. There were no issues to be raised with the Council and the Clerk will thank David Fell for carrying out the audit.
- e. It has not been possible yet to obtain a quotation for the repair of the seat at Meathop. Councillor Walford will make further enquiries.
- f. The Council was updated on the work carried out by the Parish Handyman. The Chairman will arrange to meet him shortly to discuss what further work is required.

### **18/58 Correspondence:**

- a. The Chairman will arrange to meet the Parish Handyman to discuss the work requiring attention.
- b. Councillor Geldard agreed to attend future meetings of the Joint A590 Parish/Highways England Working Party.
- c. Ann Park (Clerk to Preston Richard Parish Council) has recently been elected as Chairman of the South Westmorland LAP. She wishes to have the views of Parish Councils on the LAP and its usefulness. The Chairman agreed to respond.

- d. LDNPA will not be providing paper copies of planning applications any longer. CALC has advised that there may be assistance with the provision of a projector and screen to enable the applications to be viewed online.
- e. Witherslack Community Shop, thanking the Council for the recent donation of £500 from the parish precept.
- f. Witherslack Parish Hall committee invited a couple of Parish Councillors to a social hour on Sunday 5th August from 4 to 5pm. Councillor Walford plus one other Councillor will attend.

**18/59 Date of the next meeting:**

***Monday 3rd September 2018 at 7.30pm at Witherslack Parish Hall.***

*The meeting closed at 9.55pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*