

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack, Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Ulpha Farm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Christine Carter (Chairman), Rachel Bell, Andrew Coates, Jolyon Dodgson, John Geldard and Mike Walford, County Councillor Jim Bland, District Councillor John Holmes, Councillor Mark Kidd, two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

### **22/1 Public participation:**

Two residents, Mr and Mrs Farrer, addressed the Council and presented a proposed project to provide a number of new dwellings in the village. This was the start of a consultative process and it is hoped to hold a village consultation and a site meeting in due course. The Parish Council received the presentation with interest and was pleased to have prior notice of the proposal. When detailed plans are produced and submitted they will be examined with care and a formal response made.

Councillor Mark Kidd, Chairman of Staveley with Ings Parish Council, who is also Chairman of the National Park Governance committee and Deputy Chairman of the Development Control committee, addressed the Council. A number of questions were asked and a general discussion on planning policies took place.

### **22/2 Declarations of Interest:**

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

### **22/3 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **22/4 Reports:**

Councillor Holmes had circulated his report which will be appended to the minutes in the file. Matters covered included the reform of Local Government, the SLDC 'Handy Person' scheme, 'My Account' and Omicron Business Grants.

Councillor Bland said that some roads have been re-surfaced, and the 'jet patcher' has been returned which is suitable for small pothole repairs. The Local Government re-organisation continues.

### **22/5 Bus shelters:**

The west bound shelter on the A590 had been installed and was declared to be very suitable and a great success. Councillor Bell and the Clerk are negotiating grant payments for both this and the east bound shelter.

## **22/6 Parish notice boards and benches:**

This was deferred until a later meeting.

## **22/7 Greening Campaign:**

Councillor Bell said that everything is on hold at present, while Lottery Funding is being applied for.

## **22/8 Woodland leases:**

This was deferred until a later meeting.

## **22/9 Car Charge Community Electric Point:**

Steph Fry had indicated that she would prefer if the Parish Council made an approach to the Parish Hall committee, regarding the siting of such a facility. The Clerk is making enquiries.

## **22/10 Traffic problems at Meathop:**

A resident had contacted Councillor Bell, regarding problems with heavy vehicles causing problems at Meathop and there are also resultant parking issues. Whilst this is not a Council issue, Councillor Coates agreed to speak to the person concerned.

## **22/11 Planning:**

*The following applications were considered and approval was recommended:*

7/2022/5028 Mill Water, Mill Side, Witherslack. Wooden opensided cover over decking with wooden shingles to roof.

7/2022/5057 4 Longhowe End Barn, Witherslack. Amendment to design, plans (condition 1) and (condition 5) no material alterations or extensions on planning permission 7/2021/5764 for amendment to design, condition 2 (plans) on planning permission 7/2016/5572 for conversion of barn into four dwellings with revised plans including external alterations, an additional package treatment plant and extension to the north west elevation, as a variation of Condition 2 on planning permission 7/2012/5689 dated 15 November 2013.

## **22/12 Finance:**

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

K M Price	£130.16	Quarterly expenses to 31 <sup>st</sup> December, Including use of home office and travel.
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b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

**22/13 B4RN:**

Councillor Geldard said that fortnightly meetings of the B4RN group are continuing; all who have the service seem delighted with it. The government voucher scheme has now ended.

**22/14 A590 road improvements:**

It is anticipated that there will be a further meeting in March.

**22/15 Open Forum:**

- a. The Clerk agreed to advertise the Council's meetings again via the Parish (deadline is the 12th of each month for the following month's magazine, but early submission is requested). This had lapsed during the pandemic when the magazine was not produced and had not been re-started.
- b. Councillor Walford is working with the group who are arranging a programme of Jubilee events in June. The Clerk will send him a grant application form so that funding can be applied for at the next Council meeting. Around £200 could be required to purchase a processional flag. A beacon is also being considered.

**22/16 Date of the next meeting:**

***Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7pm at Witherslack Parish Hall.***

*The meeting closed at 9pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*