

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Ulpha Farm on Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 7.05pm.

Present were Councillors Christine Carter (Chairman), Rachel Bell, Andrew Coates, Jolyon Dodgson, John Geldard and Mike Walford, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Jim Bland and District Councillor John Holmes.

22/17 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Christine Carter was elected Chairman for 2022-23. She then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

22/18 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

Councillor Andrew Coates was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2022-23.

22/19 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Dodgson declared a personal interest in item 11 'Land Registration in Millside' and left the room when this item was debated.

22/20 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2022, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

22/21 Reports:

Councillor John Holmes had circulated his report, which was received with thanks and will be appended to these minutes in the file.

22/22 Planning:

The following applications were considered and approval recommended:

7/2022/5244 Strawberry Syke, Stoney Lane, Witherslack. Single storey extension to form bedroom to ground floor with terrace roof to rear of dwelling & first floor extension to form office to side of dwelling.

7/2022/5260 Kookaburra Cottage, Witherslack. Removal of condition 2 (occupancy) from planning permission 7/1985/5303, dwelling and garage.

7/2022/5220 2 Spa Cottages, Witherslack. Proposed loft conversion/extension and other alterations.

22/23 Bus shelter repairs:

The Chairman thanked Councillor Bell for all the work she has done in the renovation and repair of the bus shelter. All of the promised grant money has now been received. It was agreed that the restoration of the west bound shelter on the A590 and the shelter by the Derby Arms should be the Council's next priorities.

22/24 Parish notice boards and benches:

Councillor Walford will ask the contractor again if he is willing/wishes to continue repairing the notice boards. The Clerk suggested that if this is not the case, some of his other Councils have used a specialist firm in Kendal at reasonable cost.

22/25 Woodland leases:

The Chairman and Councillor Walford have met to discuss these five-year leases, four of which have expired. It was agreed that Councillors Dodgson and Walford will form the basis of a working group to consider the next steps to be taken.

22/26 Land Registration in Millside:

A document from Councillor Dodgson had been circulated prior to the meeting, relating to Land Registration issues at Gurnel Beck, Millside, belonging to Mr and Mrs Jolyon Dodgson.

After a full discussion, the Parish Council agreed in principle that the registration made by the Council many years ago was in error and asked Councillor Dodgson to check out the legal requirements and furnish the Council with details of the correct legal protocol.

22/27 Finance:

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

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| Zurich Municipal | £257.60 | Insurance premium |
| CALC | £195.41 | Subscription |
| Witherslack Community Shop | £500.00 | Grant |
| Keith Dobson | £2,140.00 | Bus shelter repairs |
| Queen's Platinum Jubilee | £300.00 | Grant towards activities |
| K M Price | £128.12 | Quarterly expenses to 31st March, including use of home office and travel. |

b. The Interim Accounts for 2021-22 were noted.

c. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption, the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements (in that order).

- d. An application to assist with the activities planned to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was considered and it was resolved to make a grant of £300. The Council was assured that the necessary risk assessments had been put in place for these events and that due diligence would be done.

22/28 B4RN:

185 registrations for the service have been made in Witherslack, Meathop, Foulshaw and Ulpha. Wayleaves are being applied for, where land has to be crossed. Discussion took place regarding a piece of parish land by the Village Hall.

22/29 A590 road improvements

Councillor Geldard reported that this project is only moving very slowly. There has been no recent meeting but he will keep the Council updated.

22/30 Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 4th August 2022 at 7pm at Ulpha Farm.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed:

Dated: