

Minutes of a meeting of Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha Parish Council held at Witherslack Parish Hall on Wednesday 31st July 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Christine Carter (Chairman), Andy Coates, John Geldard and Brian Wilson, District Councillor John Holmes, two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Mike Walford and received from District Councillor Kevin Holmes.

19/58 Declarations of Interest:

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

19/59 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2019, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

19/60 Casual Vacancies:

There had been two expressions of interest received from Rachel Bell and Katie Johnson and it was resolved to co-opt both of them to the Council. They then each signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took their seats.

19/61 Police Report:

As it is some time since a report was received, the Clerk agreed to make enquiries.

19/62 County and District Councillor's Report:

Councillor Holmes circulated a very comprehensive report which will be appended to these minutes in the file.

19/63 Planning:

- a. *The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, was noted:*

7/2019/5279 3 Blea Crag, Witherslack. Proposed side conservatory.
Granted.

- b. A new application had been received the previous day (7/2019/5469 Wilson House Farm, Kendal Road, Lindale). As this was not an agenda item, the Clerk will respond to this, under his delegated authority.

19/64 Proposals for a Play Area:

The 'group' seeking to establish a Play Area are awaiting news from the Land Trust before anything can be done.

19/65 Film Festival 2020:

A recent meeting had been cancelled so there was nothing further to report at present.

19/66 Seat at Meathop:

The seat is now in place.

19/67 Repair of the stone wall outside the school:

This had been repaired by John Blamire and it was resolved that the Council will pay for it upon receipt of the invoice.

19/68 A590 Drop-in:

The recent Drop-in had been attended by a large number of people and there will be a full report presented at the next meeting.

19/69 Strategic Long-Term Plan for the parish:

Councillor Wilson updated the Council on the work he had done and said he was still willing to meet Councillors on a one to one basis if this would be helpful, in order to take the Plan forward.

As this was his final meeting as a Councillor, the Chairman thanked him on behalf of the Council, for his many years of service to the parish and community.

19/70 Community Survey:

Councillor Coates said that all the survey forms had been printed and those for Meathop had been distributed. Those for the remainder of the parish would be distributed in early September and it is hoped to have the results in time for the November meeting.

19/71 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

K M Price	£196.34	Balancing payment (change of tax code)
K M Price	£97.52	Quarterly expenses to 30th June, including use of home office and travel.
Steve Ratcliffe	£300.00	Witherslack B4RN (Grant)

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

- c. The report from the Internal Auditor on the Council's accounts for 2018-19 was presented. The only matter raised related to Salaries and PAYE payments as there had been some confusion because of a number Tax Code changes, and this is currently being addressed, with the help of the Council's Payroll Administrator. The Council has a credit of £350.38 on the HMRC PAYE account.

The thanks of the Council are expressed to David Fell for carrying out the Internal Audit.

19/72 Agenda items for the next meeting:

'Working Together' document from CCC Highways.

19/73 Date of the next meeting:

The Clerk can now confirm the date:

Thursday 10th October 2019 at 7.30pm at the Parish Hall, Witherslack.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed:

Dated: