

## **Witherslack Meathop and Ulpha Parish Council**

### **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 15th March 2016 at Witherslack Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillors C Carter, B Duffin, J Leeson, J Mason, S Pickup, M Walford, and B Wilson, County Councillor J Bland, District Councillor J Holmes, 12 members of the public and the Locum Clerk K M Price.

The Chairman welcomed Kevin Price as Locum Clerk, who is covering for Lucy Rogers' maternity leave.

#### **29/16 Declarations of Interest:**

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

#### **30/16 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

#### **31/16 Public participation:**

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting and read a statement concerning the recent removal of a rope swing at Bownass Beck, at the same time as the overhanging trees were cut back. There is no parish land available at present for a playground to be provided elsewhere.

Residents asked if the Council would support moves to provide a playground, should funding become available. Councillor Holmes agreed to speak to SLDC to ascertain the protocol for a local group to be formed in order to provide a playground - Councillor Bland felt the Pinfold Quarry could be a likely place. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

#### **32/16 County and District Councillor's Reports:**

Councillor Holmes distributed his report, which included details of Government Flood Resilience grants, CCCC Highways work on gullies and drains, and details of the increases in Council Tax for CCC, SLDC and Police.

#### **33/16 Councillor matters:**

- a. The Chairman reported that the Council's handyman had resigned. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- b. The Locum Clerk will check with the Clerk regarding updating the Council's website.
- c. The attention of the Police will be drawn to parking issues in the village.
- d. Potholes outside Dean Barwick School will be reported to CCC Highways.
- e. The wet condition of the notice board outside the Village Hall has been noted and is in hand.
- f.

### **34/16 Planning:**

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

7/2016/5055 Strickland Hill, Witherslack. Erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling. (outline application 7/2015/5451). Withdrawn.

### **35/16 Parish Land:**

- a. Halecat Quarry. The Lease has now been signed and was received by the Council to file.
- b. It was resolved to reply to Mr Gill (minute 9/16 refers) and inform him that the lease must remain as it stands and cannot be altered.
- c. Pinfold Quarry. This is to be fenced to prevent horses coming down the dyke. Vehicles will need to be able to access the field. Enquiries will be made as to whether planning permission is required. LDNPA will be asked for a site visit. The present use is agricultural and a 'change of use' may be needed.

### **36/16 Housing Needs:**

The CLT are carrying out another survey and it was resolved the Council will assist, Councillors Leeson and Walford will be the Council's representatives.

### **37/16 Parish Elections 2016:**

Witherslack Meathop and Ulpha parish is due for an Election this year (5th May) and the Locum Clerk outlined the nomination procedure, together with details of dates. He distributed Election Packs to those present.

### **38/16 Finance:**

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

Treble 3	£144.00	Domain name renewal
Lucy Rogers	£172.20	Holiday pay

- b. No bank reconciliation had been produced as the bank statements had only just been passed to the Locum Clerk. This will be available at the next meeting.
- c. The Locum Clerk agreed to check when the Council's handyman was last paid.

### **39/16 Correspondence:**

Walney Extension Community Fund. Councillor Pickup reported on his attendance at the Public Exhibition at Grange-over-Sands on 9th February. He gave details of grants which are available, small grants being £500 to £5000, and main grants from £5001 to £50000, but match funding would be required in this category.

**40/16 Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 17th May 2016 at Witherslack Village Hall at **7pm**.  
(This will be the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting)

*The meeting closed at 9.25pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*