

Witherslack Meathop and Ulpha Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 17th May 2016 at Witherslack Parish Hall at 7.15pm.

Present: Councillors C Carter (Chairman), B Duffin, J Mason, S Pickup, M Walford, and B Wilson, County Councillor J Bland, PCSO Jayne Park, The Revd. Michael Woodcock (Priest-in-Charge) and Locum Clerk K M Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Leeson and District Councillor J Holmes.

41/16 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Christine Carter was elected Chairman for 2016-17. She then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

As it was the first meeting of the new Council, all Councillors then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

42/16 Council Vacancy:

There was a vacancy in the Meathop and Ulpha Ward of the parish, as insufficient nominations had been received in the recent Elections. It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Stuart Pickup to fill this vacancy.

43/16 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

Councillor Bruce Duffin was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2016-17.

44/16 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor M Walford declared an interest should any matters pertaining to the parish quarries be discussed.

45/16 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2016, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

46/16 Reports:

None, as these had been given at the Annual Assembly Meeting prior to this meeting.

47/16 Councillor matters: None.

48/16 Planning:

a. The following applications were considered:

7/2016/5264 and 5265 Witherslack Hall Farm. Proposed use of section of Grade II Listed Barn as bunk house accommodation in association with Witherslack Hall Equestrian Centre. Associated internal alterations. Approval recommended. It is felt this is a good use of this building.

7/2016/5195 Landour, Witherslack. Proposed alterations to consist of raising the roof by approx 1.5m to increase headroom of the first floor and re-planning of internal rooms. Approval recommended.

b. Planning application 7/2015/0177 Land to west of Black Bull Barn, Mill Side, Witherslack. Notice was given by LDNPA of an inquiry into the Appeal by Mr Parker against the Enforcement Notice in respect of the above. It was resolved to write to the Planning Inspectorate and support the Appeal, in view of the local connections of the applicant and his support of the community.

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

7/2016/5087 4 Church Road, Witherslack. Two storey extension and front porch. Granted.

49/16 Pinfold Quarry:

Councillor Duffin is liaising with the contractor to get the fencing work completed.

District Councillor Holmes is investigating necessary procedures with LDNPA and there has recently been a change of Officer dealing with this.

It was reported that £400 for a five-year lease had been offered for land at Levens Hollings Quarry and the copy of the Licence will be filed.

50/16 Play area:

Emails had been received from Christopher Pearsall and Linda Walker regarding a future play area. It is understood that a group of residents has formed themselves into a Company Limited by Guarantee in order to action this matter. As there were no members of the public present, it was resolved not to discuss the issues involved or whether to appoint a Councillor to represent the Parish Council on the group.

51/16 Land Trust:

It was agreed to confirm to Nick Stanley that the Parish Council would wish to continue with Councillor Leeson as liaison. Councillor Walford, is already involved with the Land Trust with regard to local housing need.

52/16 Parish handyman:

It was agreed to advertise the vacancy in the Parish Magazine and on the notice boards. The Terms of reference will need to be reviewed and the Clerk agreed to circulate these to Councillors before the next meeting.

53/16 Finance:

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

Witherslack Parish Hall	£62.50	Hire of hall 2015-16
Zurich Municipal	£251.85	Insurance premium
CALC	£177.00	Annual subscription
P Hudson	£130.00	Final payment to handyman

b. The provisional accounts will be presented at the next meeting and the Annual Return signed.

54/16 Correspondence:

This had all been forwarded by email and dealt with.

55/16 Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 29th June 2016 at Witherslack Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed:

Dated: