

## Witherslack Meathop and Ulpha Parish Council

### Minutes of Meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014

**Present:** D Ingram (Chair), C Carter, Bruce Duffin, M Walford, B Wilson, Eric Atkinson, J Mason, Cllr John Holmes, Cllr J Bland, S Pender (Clerk).

Minute	Note	Action
	Apologies – none	
13/14	<b>Resolved:</b> to approve the minutes of the 6 <sup>th</sup> January meeting	
	Declaration of interests – none	
	Public Matters – no public attendees	
14/14	Police Update <b>Resolved</b> to accept the email update was provided for the Members from the Kendal West Rural Neighbourhood Policing team	
15/14	County Update <b>Resolved</b> to accept the update given by Cllr J Bland on the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highways Stewardship Scheme</li> <li>• Internal Drainage Board – the initial opinion of the parish council is that project funding should be provided through existing mechanisms such as local taxation (Council tax), rather than by a new levy on residents of the Lyth Valley and Witherslack.</li> </ul>	
16/14	District Update: <b>Resolved</b> to accept the update given by Cllr J Holmes on the following issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SLDC Land Development Framework has been approved</li> <li>• Council tax will not be increased in the County or District, but Police Precept will be</li> <li>• There is a proposal to stop right to buy Council Houses in the National Park</li> <li>• Possible new planning mechanisms to reduce the number of 2<sup>nd</sup> homes and holiday homes in the National Park</li> <li>• Community Infrastructure Grant out for consultation</li> <li>• Business Relief available in 2014/2015</li> <li>• Aerosol Cans now accepted at recycling banks</li> </ul>	
	Planning Matters – none for approval at meeting	
17/14	Parish Land Coopers Cottage <b>Resolved</b> That mindful of the evidence presented from Napthans Solicitors in relation to the land at Coopers Cottage that the Parish Council will withdraw the caution lodged with the Land Registry.  Fencing of Land near Witherslack Hall <b>Resolved</b> – that a quote be sought from 2 local suppliers and that a metal gate be used  Woodland Trust <b>Resolved</b> – that progress on the consultancy paid for by the Council be followed up and the report brought to the next meeting	SP to contact Napthans  SP to remove caution on Land Registry  SP to seek quotes  MW to get call Woodland Trust

18/14	<p>Highways Issues</p> <p>Underpass <b>Resolved</b> – that if no successful is forthcoming from Cllr Bland’s meeting, a letter be sent to the Chief Executive raising the concerns of the Council over the length of time the safety audit is taking and that this is impacting on the designation of the road. Also to raise concern that the synchronisation of the lights from the Ulpha side may need further work</p> <p>Riding Stables Signage <b>Resolved</b>, that this continues to be moved forward</p> <p>Bridleway Meathop to Lindale <b>Resolved</b> that a query be raised with planners as to whether the fact it is a private drive would impact on the proposed status as a bridleway</p> <p>Footpath Bull Bridge to Swimmers Resolved that the LDNPA be contacted regarding the bridge that is in disrepair and in need of replacing</p> <p>Road Grange to Meathop – near ice cream parlour, that the potholes are very bad</p>	<p>JB to meet Chief Exec SP to write to Chief Exec</p> <p>SP to contact Victoria Upton</p> <p>Cllr John Holmes to speak to LDNPA</p> <p>SP to contact LDNPAC</p> <p>BW to contact Cllr B Waring Grange</p>
19/14	<p>Memorial to Cllr Mark Coates <b>Resolved:</b> That £400 be allocated to Dean Barwick School to renew the ceramic mosaic. Parish Council and parents, family to attend the opening.</p>	<p>SP/CC to contact school</p>
20/14	<p>Notice Boards <b>Resolved:</b> Witherslack Hall School can’t do at the moment- ask Haverigg Prison workshops. (Note Prison not taking on any new work, so EA to ask local contractor)</p>	<p>SP to contact Haverigg Prison</p>
21/14	<p>Website <b>Resolved:</b> That progress is being made and the new website looks better, that updating is ongoing</p>	<p>SP to continue to update the website</p>
22/14	<p>Cllr Vacancy: Cllr D Ingram, the current chairman is to stand down, a vote of thanks was given for all the work and all that has been achieved on behalf of the Council and the Community <b>Resolved:</b> That an advert be placed for the Councillor vacancy on the noticeboards and website</p>	<p>SP to place advert</p>
23/14	<p>Grants The two, applications were considered: <b>Resolved:</b> £500 awarded to the Parish Hall and £500 to Witherslack Community Shop</p>	<p>SP to notify applicants that they were successful</p>

24/14	Letters of thanks <b>Resolved:</b> That a letter of thanks be sent to the Head of Witherslack Hall School Mrs A Henderson regarding help with Noddle News and also a letter be sent to Richard Dyson for his help with the Parish land issue	
25/15	Date of next meeting <b>Resolved:</b> That the next meeting will be Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 (It was discussed that this was a bank holiday and agreed to proceed).	