

b. District Councillor John Holmes

A report had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting covering as follows :-

- County and District elections are postponed for 12 months.
- Proposals for a Unitary Authority are out for consultation, link :-
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposals-for-locally-led-reorganisation-of-local-government-in-cumbria-north-yorkshire-and-somerset>
- Council Tax overall increase for 21/22 will be 3.6%
- Council Tax reduction scheme will continue.
- SLDC has allocated some £100m across South Lakeland for Covid relief.

c. Police

None

9. Planning

a. 7/2021/5079

Location : Fell Edge, Crosthwaite, LA8 8JL

Proposal : Provision of a conservatory, variation to approved application 7/2020/5595

Comments by : 08 March

It was **proposed** that the Council has no objection to this planning application.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal.

b. 7/2021/5015

Location : Fair View, Lyth, LA8 8DD

Proposal : Construct stable block and associated work

Comments by : 12 March

It was **proposed** that the Council has no objection to this planning application.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal.

c. 7/2021/5133

Location : Crosthwaite Corn Mill, Crosthwaite, LA8 8BS

Proposal : installation of 6 ancillary pods with associated infrastructure

Comments by 26 March

It was **proposed** that the Council objects to this planning application on the grounds that it is not in keeping with the attractive and historic buildings in the immediate area; it was also considered that there is already sufficient alternative visitor accommodation available locally. The Mill has been used as holiday accommodation in the past and on a number of occasions has been the source of excessive late night noise. This is not acceptable in a tranquil, rural environment and it is feared that additional accommodation will only exacerbate the problem. Consequently the Council also objects to the application on the grounds that there is a likelihood of more noise disturbance.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal on a vote of 4 to 1.

- **Action**

- Clerk to notify LDNPA

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10. Finance

a. Bank balance at 26 January

£ 12,214.83 Business account

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| | £ 11,339.79 Business Premium Account |
| b. Martin French (Wages) | £ 148.20(20 hours) |
| c. HMR&C | £ 37.20 (PAYE) |
| d. NPower | £ 16.82 (Jan acct) |
| e. Chris Smith | £ 96.00 (Feb inv) |
| f. It was proposed that above payments are made, and receipts recorded | |

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal.

- **Action**

- Clerk to pay accounts and record

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11. Preparation for Face to Face Council Meetings

- a. Legislation enabled virtual meetings up to 06 May 2021 so if legislation is not updated we will need to consider returning to face to face meetings :
 - i. Location
 - ii. Format

Currently this is not compatible with HMGov roadmap. The Council did not discuss this as further information may become available before the next meeting when the matter will be raised again.

- **Action**

- Clerk to add to agenda for April

12. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

- a. To record the meeting of 9 February when the findings of the Housing Needs Survey Report were presented to the Council by the NP Steering Group.

It was recorded that the councillors met with the Steering Group on 09 February to go through the results of the Housing Needs Survey. The Group was asked to produce a summary for publication.

- b. It was **proposed** (RSm prop, AG sec) that the council accepts that report and confirms that the Report, together with an accompanying summary, should be made public.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal with the addition of an executive summary, and asked that the information is published on the community web site, via the Two Valleys News, and social media.

- c. It is **proposed** (RSy prop, RSm sec) that the Council accepts the summary of the Housing Needs Survey with modifications as discussed and yet to be finalised.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal along with the addition of an executive summary.

- d. It was further **proposed** (RSm prop, RSy sec) that the Council asks the NPSG to move forward with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan by producing an ideas and options document, and also by conducting a further exploration of the affordability gap identified in the Survey.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal in principle and asked that they are kept up to date with progress.

- e. To debate other issues that need to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan in addition to future housing needs.

Taking up points for the presentation by Louise Kirkup it was **agreed** that the following should be considered within the Neighbourhood Plan :-

- Housing – types of, mixture of tenure, size and design, sustainability, social, economic and environmental.
- Businesses – needs, support, conversions, locations.
- Natural environment – rivers, damson orchards, wildlife, landscape, character, biodiversity
- Louise Kirkup also recommended that the Memorial Hall is protected to remain as a community venue.

- **Action**
 - The necessary documents posted to web site by NPSG **NPSG**

13. Hubbersty Head Woodland

It was brought to the attention of councillors that the site which is owned by the Council has some pieces of corrugated sheet asbestos.

SLDC Cllr John Holmes has spoken with SLDC officials and say that these items would be classed as low risk and can be removed by double bagging and taken to the SLDC recycling site.

It was **proposed** that the Council look into the matter further with a view to removal in the near future.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal,

14. Parish Council Elections 06 May 2021

The Clerk has had an update from SLDC recently and will receive more information by the middle of March. Once received, nomination papers will be sent to all sitting councillors for completion should they wish to stand. Information has been sent out via the Newsletter relating to the Election.

The Council wish to encourage parishioners to put their name forward, in which case contact the Clerk who will send out nomination papers.

15. Climate Change and the Greening Campaign

Cllrs Robert Sykes and Roger Smith attended a meeting regarding this matter and feel that the Council should support the initiative. They feel the way forward would be to seek a group of volunteers to take it forward in conjunction with a nearby parish.

It was **proposed** that this is discussed at the April meeting.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal.

16. Communications

The Clerk to communicate via the Newsletter, the Two Valleys News, Community Web Site.

- **Action**
 - Clerk to communicate as usual. **MF**

17. Date of Next Meeting

- a. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 06 April 2021 on line starting at 7:30pm

..... Cllr Roger Smith (Chairman)

Dated:- 06 April 2021