Minutes of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council Meeting held online on Tuesday 04 May 2021 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Roger Smith (Chairman) (*) Cllr Robert Sykes (Vice Chairman) (*)
Cllr Evelyn Brookes, Cllr Matthew Dobson (*), Cllr Alan Gerrard,
Cllr Tracy Johnson, Cllr Andrew Metcalfe (from Item 16)

Invited:

Cllr Jim Bland - County Council Representative
Cllr John Holmes - District Council Representative

4 members of the public present

MINUTES

1. Apologies

None

2. Declaration of interest

The Clerk briefly set out reason for stating an interest.

Cllr Robert Sykes Item 9b (personal)

3. Dispensations

None

4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 06 April 2021

It was **proposed** (RSy prop TJ sec) that the minutes, which had been circulated prior to this meeting, are accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 06 April.

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

• Action – clerk to arrange for signature and post to web site.

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5. Items carried forward from the previous meeting but not covered on this agenda

None

6. Chairman's Announcements

• B4RN has laid a cable near to the Parish Rooms for a broadband connection as and when the Council wish it to be made.

7. Open Session

- Martin Casson would like to be allowed to speak during Item 14 regarding access to Whitbarrow Scar.
 - All councillors agree that he should contribute to that debate.
- Debbie Nelson said that she has an interest in Item 9b.

8. Reports

- a. County Councillor Jim Bland
 - Cllr Bland updated the Council on Helsington Moss Bridge and said that he would keep the Council up to date with progress.
- b. District Councillor John Holmes
 - Cllr Holmes had circulated a report prior to the meeting which included comments regarding the pending decision on Unitary Council and said that Lancashire CC had made a strong case for the whole of Cumbria option as a Unitary Council.

c. Police

None

9. Planning

a. 7/2021/5220

Location: Lambhowe Plantation, Winster

Proposal: Surfacing of an existing track and associated works

Reply by: 06 May

It was **proposed** (RSy prop AG sec) that the Council passes 'no comment' on this application as the feeling was that this would destroy a lovely walk through the woods, but they appreciate that the wood needs to be harvested.

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

b. 7/2021/5296

Location: Broad Thwaites, Crosthwaite, LA8 8JL

Proposal: Removal of agricultural workers dwelling condition to form an unfettered dwelling

It was **proposed** (AG prop MD sec) that the Council supports this application.

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

c. 7/2021/5265

Location: Dodds Howe Cottage, Crosthwaite, LA8 8HX

Proposal: rear single storey extension, replacement front porch

Reply by 07 May

It was **proposed** (RSm prop AG sec) that the Council has no objection to this application.

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

• Action – the Clerk to notify LDNPA Planning

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10. Finance

a.	Bank balance at 26 April	£	10,915.32 Business account
		£	11,340.07 Business Premium Account
b.	Martin French (Wages)	£	148.40(20 hours)
c.	HMR&C	£	37.00 (PAYE)
d.	NPower	£	21.42 (March acct)
e.	Chris Smith	£	240.00 (April inv)
f.	CALC	£	192.51
g.	Zoom annual renewal	£	143.88 (01/05/20)
h.	Mr and Mrs Baron (receipt)	£	32.50 (Donkey Field & Scale Hill)
i.	It is proposed (RSm prop TJ sec) that above payments are made, and receipts recorded		

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

• Action – the clerk to pay and record accordingly.

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11. Year End

- a. Circulated by e-mail
 - i. Year End Cash Book
 - ii. Year End Income and Expenditure

- iii. Year End Bank Reconciliation
- iv. Year End Income and Expenses Variances
- v. To consider a value to the land that the Memorial Hall stands on.
- b. It is **proposed** (TJ prop EB sec) that the Council accept the above figures as being accurate for the Year End (items i to iv).

The council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal

Item 11v. was not discussed but will be agreed at the next meeting.

• Action – Clerk to add to the June agenda.

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12. 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

It was **proposed** that the Clerk contact SLDC Monitoring Officer to seek advice and guidance on holding face to face meetings, and to copy in Linda Fisher (SLDC Solicitor)

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal and that the Clerk provisionally books the Memorial Hall for 18 May.

13. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

a. It is **proposed** (RSm prop RSy sec) to allocate £125 towards prizes for a Photographic Competition to be used in the Neighbourhood Plan and on Facebook.

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

Simon Johnson updated the Council on progress, in particular a meeting with Castes and Coasts part of which looked at options for affordable housing.

Cllr Roger Smith, Chairman, thanked Simon Johnson and his team on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for all the hard work they have done and their commitment to producing plan.

14. Access and use of Whitbarrow

a. To consider supportive action with the Landowners Association on upholding access requirements to Whitbarrow Scar.

Cllr Alan Gerrard raised the issue of access to Whitbarrow Scar and Martin Casson, on behalf of the Landowners Association, set out what is permitted and how it is being contravened. Access along Whitbarrow Road (Lime Kilns to Broad Oak and on to the Row) is permitted for Trail Riders and 4x4s, but not permitted to Township Allotment apart from a specific event in September. The Landowners Association is working with partners to produce signs for selected entrance points to the area seeking to exclude motor cycles and mountain bikes..

It was **proposed** that the Council supports and endorses any action that the Landowners Association wishes to take to regulating the rights of access.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and asked the Landowners Association that should the Parish Council name be used on signs then the Council should agree with the wording before printing.

• **Action** – the Landowners Association to keep the Parish Council in the loop.

15. Helsington Moss Bridge

To consider the response from Cumbria Highways
 The action plan from Cumbria County Council had been circulated prior to the meeting.

16. Notice boards

To consider the use and maintenance of Notice boards
 The Clerk updated the Council on the state of Notice Boards with repairs being done to the ones at Dawson Fold, and the Old Post Office.

It was **proposed** that at Dawson Fold and Bowland Bridge the Clerk ceases to put up notices but that there should be a notice giving details of the Council and the web site.

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

17. Climate Change and the Greening Campaign

This is an ongoing matter for the next Council to take forward.

Action – Clerk to add to the June agenda

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18. Facebook

a. To confirm the use of Facebook

The Clerk confirmed that a Facebook account has been set up in the name of 'Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council' to which several posts have been made. The Clerk will continue to post to other groups related to Crosthwaite and Lyth.

19. Commemoration of Prince Philip

a. To consider planting an oak tree to commemorate the passing of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

It was **proposed** that the Council should plant an oak tree to commemorate the life of Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh and that the next Council should decide on its location.

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

• Action – the Clerk to add to the agenda for June.

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20. Communications

Notice Boards, Web Site, WG correspondent, newsletter, Facebook

Cllr Robert Sykes wished to take this opportunity in thanking Cllr Roger smith and Cllr Eve Brookes, as they are standing down at this election, for their commitment to the community and in particular for the hard work by Roger Smith, not only in his year as Chairman but in several years service to the Parish Council.

21. Date of Next Meeting

- a. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council including the Election of Officers date 18 May at 7:30pm
 - i. Location to be decided
- b. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 01 June 2021 starting at 7:30p
- c. Annual Parish Meeting date TBA