# Minutes of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Rooms, Crosthwaite on Tuesday 05 November 2019 at 7.30pm

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Robert Sykes (Chairman) Cllr Bruce Worsley (Vice Chairman) (\*) Cllr Evelyn Brookes, Cllr Matthew Dobson (\*), Cllr Tracy Johnson, Cllr Roger Smith

#### Invited :

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

#### MINUTES

1. Apologies

Cllr Mary Harkness

- 2. Declaration of interest None
- 3. Dispensations None

## 4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 01 October 2019

The minutes had been circulated to councillors and it was **proposed** that they are accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- Action
  - The clerk to post minutes on Notice Boards, and the Web site

#### 5. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman asked for the agenda order to be changed to have Item 6 (Open Forum) to be immediately prior to Item 8 (Planning), and for 8d to be taken first.

## 6. Open Session

- 16 residents present
- Martin Casson spoke objecting to this application. He said lives at the bottom of the lane to the site and raised the following points :-
  - This is not Farm Diversification, the High is not farmed. The Farm was purchased and the fields sold off some years ago. The main farming business is in the Winster Valley
  - This is a major development, not diversification, some 26 units and 12 lodges, possible movements of 100 people per week is not acceptable on the lane
  - Four properties are occupied, with local occupancy, one a family with four children in the school. Evicting them and moving the Local occupancy is not acceptable.
  - This application offers no consideration to local distinctiveness or tranquillity (Core Strategy 25) and the application says 'minimal impact on the landscape'. This is clearly untrue. It will be highly visible in a special pastoral landscape.
  - Access from the A5074 is onto a single track road 7'6" wide and not suitable for the amount of traffic proposed. The junction is highly dangerous with poor visibility. Apart from occupants vehicles there will be service vehicles.
  - Water supply to this part of Crosthwaite is unacceptable at the moment. The plan mentions a bore hole which will affect the ground water level in the area, where there are other bore holes.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Electricity supply is variable at the moment and not satisfactory.
- Ian Tomlinson spoke objecting to this application.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  He endorses everything that has been said

- This is most definitely not Farm Diversification. The LDNPA policy needs clarification.
- o Traffic management assessment has not been sufficient and should include late night traffic.
- Any development here will have a high visual impact because of its location. The clue is in the name of the property.
- This contravenes LDNPA Core Strategies
- Linda Barron spoke objecting to this application
  - Lived here since 1987 and supports everything that has been said.
  - The water supply locally is appalling and it will not be possible to support this site.
- Linda Stott spoke objecting to this application
  - Supports everything that has been said and reiterated matters regarding water supply.
- David Stott spoke objecting to this application
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Supports everything that has been said in particular about water and electricity
- Charlotte Robinson spoke objecting to this application
  - Agrees and supports everything that has been said.
- Mark Eden spoke objecting to this application
  - Agrees and supports everything that has been said, in particular the visual impact of any development on this site and its proximity to an AONB.
- Steve Rowlinson spoke objecting to this application
  - This application does not benefit the dark skies. Application says 'minimise lighting', what does this mean in real terms?
  - The Visual appraisal does not show it in the landscape
  - Design and access is not though through.
  - Impact on the nearby Nature Reserve has not been considered.
  - This undermines the ethos of World Heritage status.
- Simon Johnson spoke objecting to this application
  - Supports and agrees with everything that has been said
- Dianne Casson spoke objecting to this application
  - Agrees and supports everything that has been said
  - o Evicting tenants and moving Local Occupancy is a disgrace
  - Whitbarrow is a special place and any development is not suitable

## 7. Reports

- a. County Councillor Jim Bland
  - Some road surfacing has been done on the Toll Bar road along with some patching. More work to be done.
- b. District Councillor John Holmes SLDC councillors report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting
- c. PCSO Jayne Park Not present
- d. Clerk Martin French Carried out normal duties along with setting up the newsletter account on mail Chimp

## 8. Planning

a. 7/2019/5565

Location : Cannons Transport, Foulshaw Lane, Levens Proposal : Erection of new building to create loading/unloading bay with adjacent car parking

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

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

b. 7/2019/5673

Location : Haycote Barn, Crosthwaite LA8 8JQ Proposal : New detached garage including utility, cycle store, photovoltaic panels & car charging

It was proposed that the council has no objection to this planning application

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

c. 7/2019/5646

Location : Sarabi, Crosthwaite LA8 8HX

Proposal : Extension and renovation of the existing property. Installation of a solar panel array in the garden to the rear of the house

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

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

d. 7/2019/5613

Location : the High, Hyning Brow, Crosthwaite LA8 8BX Proposal : farm diversification scheme including the conversion of existing buildings to holiday accommodation, siting of holiday lodges and associated infrastructure

It was **proposed** (RSy prop BW sec) that the Council objects to this planning application on the following grounds :-

- Farm Diversity this is not farm diversity as we understand it, but a major development
- Access this is not suitable for any development at this site
- UNESCO World Heritage status this application does not meet any of the criteria
- Local impact the development would be clearly visible from Crosthwaite Village, Winster Valley, and Cartmel Fell.
- Light pollution would be considerable
- Core strategy several matters in this application do not comply with Core Strategy of the LDNPA
- Local Occupancy the moving of local occupancy clause is not satisfactory.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and asked that the Chairman draws the points raised into a letter to be sent to the LDNPA Planning department.

e. 7/2019/5685

Location : West View Farm, Crosthwaite, LA8 8HX Proposal : Amendment to below ground foul drainage mound soak-away, condition 2 (plans) on planning permission 7/2018/5432 – Demolition of residential outbuildings and erection of new dwelling

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

The Council RESOLVED to accept the proposal

- Action
  - o Clerk to notify LDNPA Planning Dpt

#### 9. Finance

a. Bank balance at 26 October

£ 5,619.61 Business account

£11,325.28 Business Premium Account

- Cash Book and Income and Expenditure to date These documents had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. No questions asked.
- Preview of budget 2020/2021
  A draft budget was presented to councillors with a view to adjusted, as necessary and agreeing at the December meeting. Cllr Roger Smith will present costs for the Village Walkway to the December meeting.

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d.	Martin French (Wages)	£ 132.60 (20 hours)
e.	HMR&C	£ 33.20
f.	Chris Smith (Lengthsman – 7 Hours)	£ 128.00 (8 hours)
g.	Chris Smith (expenses)	£ 24.00 (one spade)
h.	Crook Parish Council	£ 33.75 (Repair of Speed Indicator Device)

i. N Power j. Kirkwells Ltd £ 51.62

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£1,764.00 (Neighbourhood Plan)

k. Argles Memorial Hall

8.00 (NP meeting)

I. It is **proposed** that above payments are made, and receipts recorded

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

- Action
  - o Clerk to send payments and record in Cash Book

# 10. COIF Charity Investment Fund – Income Units as at 30/09/19

a.	Savin Hill Quarry	£	350.92	
b.	Woodside Quarry	£	73.73	
c.	High Birks Quarry	£	123.22	
d.	Tarnside Quarry	£ 1	13,797.11	

The Clerk notified the Council of the above funds as at 30/09/19

# **11.** Steering Group for Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Robert Sykes

a. Update

Simon Johnson updated the Council on progress. The Group met with Kirkwells on 22 October. Following this meeting the Group will be clarifying certain points with Paula Allen (LDNPA) in December.

- b. Grant application
  Grant has been applied for of £5270 and payment has been confirmed
- c. Data base of parishioners

The Clerk has set up a Mail Chimp account to circulate a Newsletter. The NP Group and the Parish Council would like as many people in the Parish as possible to receive this electronic Newsletter.

• Action

o Clerk to ensure separate records for Neighbourhood Plan Group

## 12. Hubbersty Head

- a. Yves Leather Not present
- b. Others None

It was **proposed** that a councillor meet with Yves Leather to discuss the lease.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and Cllr Roger Smith volunteered.

- Action
  - Clerk to contact Ms Leathers to arrange a meeting

## 13. Redmond Review

It was **proposed** that the Council will not respond to this Review.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

## 14. Village Walkway

a. An update on progress

Cllr Roger Smith reported that the LDNPA has approved the scheme and will adopt it as a Public Footpath. The Parish Council will be responsible for maintenance of the path and wall. Negotiations are ongoing with regard to the footpath in the two fields. The LDNPA will design and construct the path, funds to be provided by grant application through the Parish Council.

## 15. United Utilities

- a. An update on the situation The Clerk is awaiting a response from United Utilities.
  - Action
    - o Clerk to follow up on letter

## 16. Wood Yeat – the road edge

Comments were received regarding the edge of the road surface which has become dangerous. County Councillor Jim Bland said that he would look into the matter, but the area in question was owned by a parishioner.

#### **17.** Tree cutting at Camel Cross

Hedges at the Junction of Mill Lane and the A5074 are in need of cutting back. The Clerk was asked to write to the land owners.

- Action
  - o Clerk to contact land owners

#### 18. St Mary's Green update

SLDC Councillor John Holmes reported on this. Support has been given to the purchased of one house and SLDC are looking into the occupancy of two other houses.

#### **19. Jubilee Wood name plate**

John Holmes had secured a rough estimate for the sign of £5 per letter plus additional costs for erecting.

It was **proposed** that a sign 'JUBILEE WOOD 2012' in 2½" letters on blue slate is purchased, and erected at a maximum cost of £200.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

- Action
  - o John Holmes to arrange for purchase of slate sign

#### 20. Communications

The Clerk will communicate to :-The Two Valley News The Westmorland Gazette via Anne Douglas Via a Newsletter

- Action
  - o Clerk to update those listed above

## 21. Date of Next Meeting

a. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 03 December 2019 in Parish Rooms start 7:30pm ..... Cllr Robert Sykes (Chairman) Dated:- 03 December 2019