

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council
held online on Tuesday 12 May 2020 at 7.30pm

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Roger Smith (Chairman)

Cllr Robert Sykes (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Evelyn Brookes

Invited :

Cllr John Holmes

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District Council Representative

9 Members of the public present.

MINUTES

1. Apologies

Cllr Matthew Dobson, Cllr Tracy Johnson

The Clerk announces that Mrs Jo Harris (director of Wynlass) had notified the Council the Mr Peter Harris (director of Wynlass) had had a stroke and passed away.

The Chairman asked the Council send condolences to Mrs Harris

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 05 May 2020

a. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

b. Monthly business for May

It was **proposed** (RSy prop, RSm sec) that the minutes for both meetings should be accepted as a true and accurate.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal

4. Chairman's Announcements

- The Chairman asked that speakers in Open Forum limit their comments to two minutes.
- Cllrs Roger Smith and Robert Sykes welcomed SLDC Cllr John Holmes back to meetings following his illness, and invited to update the Council on SLDC matters.
- John Holmes reported that SLDC were preoccupied with processing grants at the moment; the green bin collection had resumed, and that SLDC are working with business leaders and others on the best way to recover.

5. Open Session

- Written comments had been received from Alan Gerrard, and Ruth Grace, which had been forwarded to Councillors
- John Holmes - he supports the paper written by Alan Gerrard and that the main concern is the maintenance of what is a sophisticated and complex system.
- Charlotte Robinson – the Council objected to the original plans for this site so feels that the Council should object to these plans.
- Ruth Grace – genuine concerns regarding her system during construction of this system and whether or not it will be safe for everyone.
- Alan Gerrard – lives at Wateredge and will receive the outflow from this system through his garden. He has concerns for the safety of his family and whether or not the system is adequate. He has written to the EA and also has concerns because he has an obligation to maintain the ditch.

6. Consultation on environmental permit application- Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council

a. Application reference: EPR/LB3891WZ/A001

Operator: Wynlass Limited

Facility: Land north of Cross Howe

There was a brief discussion by councilors resulting in the sharing of a document by the Chairman as a proposed response, as follows :-

COMMENTS ON DISCHARGE APPLICATION

The discharge under consideration will issue into a small ditch which is a tributary of the River Gilpin. The Parish Council is concerned about the impact that this discharge will have on the quality of the water in this ditch. This could have unacceptable consequences for the occupants of Wateredge, downstream of the discharge, and also on the water quality of the River Gilpin.

In dry weather, the flow in this ditch is practically non-existent. That is a fact. It is likely that, what little flow there is, originates from the septic tanks and package treatment plants that serve the 14 houses and 6 flats upstream of the proposed discharge point. Bedrock is very close to the surface and the opportunity for effluent to soak away must be limited.

This means that, often, the proposed discharge will not be diluted by surface water when it enters the ditch. Therefore, the discharge needs to be of the highest quality.

The developer proposes that treated effluent, from 3 houses upstream of the new development (Hill Cottage, etc.), will be piped to the outlet of the proposed package plant where it will pass through the UV treatment stage. The developer has no control on the quality of this effluent. It may, or may not, be acceptable. But it will flow into the ditch. Further, it may contaminate, and it may compromise the effectiveness of, the UV treatment stage. Surely it would be better to pipe this effluent to the inlet to the proposed new package plant, to ensure its quality before reaching the UV stage.

We believe that there is a substantial risk in using UV as a final stage treatment. Too many things can go wrong and the result will be an unacceptable discharge. We would much prefer, instead, to see a drainage field installed as a final treatment stage, before the effluent enters the ditch. This is a much more reliable backstop.

We ask the Environment Agency to confirm to the Parish Council that the facility for treating waste water will be adequate to prevent pollution of the open ditch, and subsequently the River Gilpin, under all circumstances. We would ask you to consider aesthetics, human health and environmental damage.

It was **proposed** that the above comments are a fair reflection of the opinion of the Council and that the Clerk send this to the Environment Agency.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal

7. Communications

- Minutes to go to the Web Site, and sent in Newsletter
- Mrs Jo Harris had asked for a copy of the minutes and the Chairman confirmed that she should receive a copy.

8. Date of Next Meeting

- a. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 02 June, on line, start 7:30pm

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Cllr Roger Smith (Chairman)

Dated:- 02 June 2020