



**Meeting of Dent Parish Council**  
**01 February 2016 at 7.30pm, Memorial Hall, Dent**

*To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council Meeting on 07 March 2016*

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<p><b>Present:</b>  Councillors Graham Dalton, Chris Evans, Rita Corpe, Scott Thornley, Geoffrey Woof, and Jenny Pilgrim.</p> <p>District Councillor Mel Mackie.</p> <p>The meeting opened at 7.30pm.</p>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Apologies:</b>  Councillor Tom Stafford.  District Councillor Kevin Lancaster.  County Councillor Nick Cotton.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b>  Councillor Jenny Pilgrim in connection with her relationship with David Pilgrim as lead for the NEWCO / B4RN proposal – Item 3.</p> <p>Councillor Graham Dalton in respect of being a resident of Flintergill, an investor with Fibre Garden and a holder of less than 1000 British Telecom shares - Item 3.</p> <p>Councillor Scott Thornley as a resident of Dent village – Item 3 and as Chair of the Dentdale Run Committee – Item11.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Superfast Broadband in Dentdale:</b>  <b>3.1</b> Barry Forde, Chief Executive, Broadband 4 Rural North (B4RN), was welcomed to the meeting. A presentation was received relating to B4RN's superfast broadband service generally and specifically in relation to potential delivery in Dentdale and Garsdale. The presentation commenced at 7.36pm and included:  <b>3.2.1</b> B4RN delivers a 1Gbs symmetrical service to all properties within a community. The connection fee for each property is £150 with a monthly fee of £30 including VAT.  <b>3.2.2</b> B4RN is registered under the Industrial and Provident Society Act 1965. It is answerable to the community rather than shareholders.  <b>3.2.3</b> B4RN issues shares for effort where £1.50 (share value) is awarded per metre of duct installed. Workers who are willing to take shares rather than cash reduces the funds needed to install the scheme. This approach helps the community now but rewarded later when the project has the finance.  <b>3.2.4</b> Landowners digging their own land are entitled to a free connection fee and free 12 months service to B4RN.  <b>3.2.5</b> Shares with B4RN can be withdrawn but not transferable which means that they can only be sold to B4RN. Share holders from Year 4 onwards will have 5% of their current holding added to their account.  <b>3.2.6</b> Costs for the B4RN installation project to both Dentdale and Garsdale are estimated to be in the region of £450,000. This includes covering a distance of 57km with materials at a value of £238,000, labour £114,000, together with 650 spurs to properties totaling £97,500.  <b>3.3</b> Questions and comments were invited from members of the Council and the public including:</p>



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- 3.4.1** Concern was raised how B4RN would enter properties in Dent village which has a large cobbled area. In response it was stated that entry to properties in Dent village would be either through fields or rear gardens which would avoid the need to disturb the cobbles.
- 3.4.2** The B4RN model makes the assumption of free wayleaves being granted by landowners but how important is it that landowners are supportive?  
It was stated that 99% of landowners within the current B4RN area had been supportive and given permission to access their land. If a landowner should object the route would be changed.
- 3.4.3** Who arranges the wayleaves with landowners?  
In response it was clarified that B4RN is a community project with the community taking responsibility for the wayleave arrangements.
- 3.4.4** What are NEWCO getting out of the project?  
It was explained that NEWCO was the initial name given to the community effort, therefore, NEWCO is purely a community group and not a company.
- 3.4.5** Can microwave technology be used?  
It was emphasised that B4RN does not utilise microwave technology as it is not future proofed. B4RN's 1Gbs fibre solution is future proofed ensuring that all users get the same level of service.
- 3.4.6** The terrain in the area can be difficult to negotiate. Will B4RN be able to overcome the problems related to rocky terrain?  
It was stated that B4RN had overcome similar problems in Yealand, Wray, Silverdale and many other areas. Inevitably there will be some areas where the route will need to be changed to go around rock rather than through it.
- 3.4.7** In respect of Gawthrop where would the fibre service be received from?  
In response it was stated that the service would be received from Dent.
- 3.4.8** Is it possible that money raised from a particular area can be spent specifically in that area?  
It was confirmed that finance raised in a specific area could be ring-fenced for use in that area.
- 3.4.9** BT relies on copper, satellite suffers from the weather. Has B4RN suffered from the very wet weather this winter?  
It was confirmed that the B4RN service has not suffered any problems due to the extreme wet weather this winter.
- 3.5** On conclusion of the presentation and questions session Barry Forde was thanked for attending the meeting and for his presentation of the B4RN initiative. He then left the meeting.
- 3.6.1** Members considered an offer from British Telecom to deliver a superfast broadband event later in the month presenting its solution for Dentdale through the Connecting Cumbria programme.
- 3.6.2** **Members agreed that British Telecom had already forwarded its proposal for Dentdale, therefore, there would be nothing to gain from a formal presentation. The offer was declined.**
- 3.6.3** The Council further considered its resolution at the Parish Council meeting on 14 December 2015 where its desire is to support a scheme that would give superfast broadband equality for all properties throughout the Parish ensuring that properties in outlying areas are not disadvantaged. **It was resolved that this could clearly not be achieved by the Connecting Cumbria project and its contractor British Telecom.**



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	<p><b>3.6.4</b> The Council considered the B4RN scheme which appeared viable, sustainable and capable of achieving the Council's objective of delivering superfast broadband equality throughout the Parish. <b>It was resolved:</b></p> <p><b>(i) The Council should not make application for Dentdale to be re-scoped into the Connecting Cumbria programme, and,</b></p> <p><b>(ii) The Council would support the B4RN superfast broadband community initiative to deliver superfast broadband throughout the Parish.</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes:</b>  Minutes of the meetings of Monday 07 December 2015 and Monday 14 December 2015 were presented and signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b> The Clerk's report was presented and accepted. Further information was given on:-</p> <p><b>5.2. (item 3)</b> The annual tree survey at Dentdale Car Park had been undertaken by the Tree and Woodland Officer from The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA). Some overhanging branches were found to be in need of attention and a large Sycamore tree in the south west corner was recommended to be removed. All highlighted work had now been undertaken and completed by a local contractor.</p> <p><b>5.3 (item 7)</b> Following the closure and subsequent reopening of Barth Bridge the Clerk had contacted Cumbria Highways requesting a summary of the Bridge Engineer's Report for the purpose of making the Parish Council and community aware of the extent of damage sustained to the Bridge caused by Storm Desmond. A response from Cumbria Highways has since been received stating that bridge reports would not be made available to the public at this time. This response was contrary to the public information released concerning Victoria Bridge in Kendal. <b>It was resolved that District Councillor Mel Mackie would make contact with Cumbria Highways seeking clarification of its policy and make a request for information concerning outstanding damage sustained in respect of Barth Bridge to be released to the Parish Council.</b></p> <p><b>5.4 (item 22)</b> The Clerk had received two signs from the YDNPA for the eastern gate entrance to St Andrew's Churchyard, as a reminder to pedestrians to 'please mind the steps'. Arrangements would now be made for erection of the signs.</p> <p>Information received since the publication of the Clerk's report included: -</p> <p><b>5.5</b> The YDNPA had submitted its Local Plan 2015-30 to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on Friday 29 January 2016. The Secretary of State will now appoint an Inspector to conduct an examination of its soundness and compliance with legal regulations. This is likely to include a series of public examination hearings.</p> <p><b>5.6</b> The Cumbria Association of Local Councils (South Lakeland District) will hold its next meeting on Thursday 04 February 2016, from 7pm at The Gilpin Bridge Inn, Levens. The meeting will be hosted by Cumbria County Council with a presentation entitled, 'implementing a health and social well-being system in South Lakeland'.</p> <p><b>5.7</b> The contractor undertaking the Parish work on drain clearance in respect of the C5101 road between Dent Head and Peggleside conducted an initial inspection of the project on Tuesday 26 January 2016. The work which is being financially supported by the Local Area Partnership will take place shortly.</p>



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<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Chair and Member Announcements:</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b> Councillor Rita Corpe announced that the Parochial Church Council is looking at options on how it can appropriately celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Her Majesty the Queen on 21 April 2016. In response the Clerk informed the meeting that the National Association of Local Councils was promoting the use of beacons which will be lit at night across the United Kingdom on 21 April 2016, to mark this unique moment in history.</p> <p><b>6.2.1</b> Councillor Chris Evans made reference to item 15.1 of the agenda concerning the demise of the application in respect of Rise Hill Mill. It had been reported that the applicant has made alternative arrangements for his business which would now be located elsewhere due to conditions which were to be imposed on the application. Members were united in the view that the loss of the opportunity of establishing a new business in the Parish was a devastating blow to the community.</p> <p><b>6.2.2 It was resolved that a joint letter should be sent to David Butterworth (Chief Executive – Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority) and Lawrence Conway (Chief Executive – South Lakeland District Council) for their observations and comments on the application and the impact the outcome will have upon the community of Dentdale.</b></p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>County and District Councillor Announcements:</b></p> <p>District Councillor Mel Mackie made reference to his communication with an officer from South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) concerning support for the Parish Council's project of erecting two visitor notice boards. Councillor Mackie expressed his disappointment that the officer had not contacted the Council to discuss the project and as a consequence he would make further inquiries with SLDC in this regard.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Public Forum:</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Local area Partnership:</b></p> <p><b>9.1</b> Councillor Graham Dalton had attended a meeting of the Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale Local Area Partnership on Monday 25 January 2016. Issues arising included:</p> <p><b>9.2</b> There had been a general review of the affects of flooding within the area. It had been noted that Barth Bridge had been subject to a temporary closure for suspected structural damage but had now been re-opened. A bridge at Killington had been damaged and closed which had subsequently received a low priority (one year to 18 months) for repair from Cumbria County Council (CCC). Residents had considered this unacceptable with local businesses and farmers asking CCC if the Parish can complete the repairs under supervision if they agree to fund it.</p> <p><b>9.3</b> There had been a general review meeting with Cumbria Highways in November 2015 in which Parishes had been requested to report highways issues via the Cumbria Highways Hotline.</p> <p><b>9.4</b> Cumbria County Council had stated that it had no plans to review the policy on post 16 student transport arrangements.</p> <p><b>9.5.1</b> Cumbria Youth Alliance had made visits to Sedbergh and Dent where free support has been offered to help with their Youth Clubs which includes funding, training volunteers, governance, health and safety together with quality standards.</p> <p><b>9.5.2</b> Councillor Scott Thornley stated that letters had been sent to parents of potential youth club attendees in the Parish requesting a registration of interest in their children attending youth club activities. The Youth Club Committee is awaiting replies where it is</p>



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	<p>seeking at least 10 positive responses to make the future of the Youth Club in Dent a viable proposition.</p> <p><b>9.6</b> Concern had been raised about the cost of parish lighting within the LAP area. Contact details of Dent's Parish Clerk had been circulated in order that parishes could obtain further information on the lighting project recently undertaken in Dent village.</p>						
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Playing Field Committee:</b>          Councillor Chris Evans reported that the scheduled meeting on Thursday 14 January 2016 did not take place. Councillors Chris Evans and Tom Stafford were the only members present therefore the meeting was unable to proceed. Apologies had been received by Peter Moorby and John Hyde.</p>						
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Dentdale Run 2016:</b>  <b>11.1</b> A request was received from the Secretary of the Dentdale Run Committee for free parking at Dentdale Car Park for those involved with the event on Saturday 12 March 2016.  <b>11.2 It was resolved that those involved with the Dentdale Run would be granted provision of free car parking on Saturday 12 March 2016.</b></p>						
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Car Park:</b>  <b>12.1</b> Members considered whether or not the Council should introduce a discretionary monetary 'donation box' at Dentdale Car Park Public Conveniences for users of the facilities. Contributions received by the public could then be used towards the increased costs of running the car park and toilets.  <b>12.2 It was resolved that the Council should introduce a discretionary donation box for users of the toilet facilities at Dentdale Car Park with donations allocated to support the cost of operating the Car Park and public conveniences.</b></p>						
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>YDNPA Parish Forum:</b>  <b>13.1</b> The YDNPA has arranged a second meeting for its northern Parish Forum. The purpose of the Forum is to offer an opportunity for better liaison and joint working between the YDNPA and Parish Councils. The initiative is led by the Authority's four Parish-appointed Members who will chair each Forum and be responsible for the agenda at each meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 March 2016 at the National Park Offices in Bainbridge.  <b>13.2 There were no volunteers to attend the event and therefore it was resolved that Dent Parish Council would not be represented at the meeting.</b></p>						
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>Finance:</b>  <b>14.1 Finance Monitoring:</b>          A report and statement of the Council's financial position detailing income and expenditure from 01 April 2015 to 31 January 2016 was received and accepted.</p> <p><b>14.2 Payments made since 07 December 2015:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">HMRC (PAYE – third quarter)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£896.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC (VAT – third quarter) REFUND</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£58.38 (R)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E.on (electricity – Car Park December 2015)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£22.39</td> </tr> </table>	HMRC (PAYE – third quarter)	£896.98	HMRC (VAT – third quarter) REFUND	£58.38 (R)	E.on (electricity – Car Park December 2015)	£22.39
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	<p>United Utilities (water &amp; waste water November &amp; December 2015)      £58.09  E.on (street lighting Quarter 3 – 2015/16)      £27.99</p> <p><b>14.3. Payments authorised:</b></p> <p>E.on (car park electricity – January 2016)      £22.39  A. Stephenson (admin. &amp; Clerk's expenses 12/15 &amp; 01/16)      £52.70  Ian Middleton (car park tree maintenance)      £355.00  S. Bansor (car park relief)      £20.00  Dentdale Memorial Hall (room hire Q3 - 2015/16)      £32.00</p>
<p><b>15.1</b></p>	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>15.1 Applications:</b>  <b>S/01/30C - Rise Hill Mill</b> – For change of use of business premises to a micro-brewery with ancillary office accommodation; visitor centre and café; workshop and warehouse unit. <b>Update on the application process received and resolved at minute reference 6.2.</b></p> <p><b>15.2 Decisions:</b>  <b>S/01/67/D - Arqiva Site on Whernside Shoulder, Deepdale, Dent</b>, for works to existing communication relay station comprising: replacement of 2 no. wooden poles with an 18m slim-line lattice mast and re-location of 4 no. antennas to the new mast – <b>Granted with conditions.</b>  <b>S/01/100A/LB - West View, Main Street, Dent.</b> Listed building consent for internal works – <b>Granted with conditions.</b></p> <p><b>15.3 Withdrawn:</b>  <b>S/01/273 – Pearl Hill Farmhouse, Dent.</b> To re-build stone barn/outbuilding to provide space for biomass boiler, store and hobby room and erection of draught lobby house.</p>
<p><b>16.</b></p>	<p><b>16.1 Close of Meeting:</b>  The meeting closed at 9.46pm.</p> <p><b>17.2 Next Meeting:</b>  Monday 07 March 2016, 7.30pm, in the Sedgwick Room.</p>