



**Meeting of Dent Parish Council  
07 March 2016 at 7.30pm, Memorial Hall**

*To be*

*presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on 04 April 2016*

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<p><b>Present:</b> Councillors Graham Dalton, Chris Evans, Rita Corpe, Tom Stafford, Geoffrey Woof, Jenny Pilgrim and Scott Thornley.</p> <p>County Councillor Nick Cotton</p> <p>District Councillors Mel Mackie and Kevin Lancaster</p> <p>The meeting opened at 7.30pm.</p>
1.	<p><b>Apologies:</b> None.</p>
2.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Councillor Graham Dalton in respect of agenda item 3 for reasons as stated at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 01 February 2016 – being a resident of Flintergill, an investor with Fibre Garden and a holder of less than 1000 British Telecom shares.</p> <p>Councillor Geoffrey Woof in respect of item 3 – offering voluntary assistance to the B4RN broadband community initiative.</p> <p>Councillor Scott Thornley in respect of item 3 – as a resident of Dent village and offering voluntary assistance to the B4RN broadband community initiative.</p> <p>Councillor Tom Stafford in respect of item 3 – as a resident of Dent village and offering voluntary assistance to the B4RN broadband community initiative.</p> <p>Councillor Jenny Pilgrim in respect of item 3 – in connection with her relationship with David Pilgrim as community lead for the B4RN broadband community initiative.</p>
3.	<p><b>Superfast Broadband in Dentdale:</b>  <b>3.1</b> Councillor Graham Dalton summarised the Council's position on the delivery of superfast broadband to Dentdale and the resolutions made at the Parish Council meeting on 01 February 2016.  <b>3.2.1</b> David Pilgrim was welcomed to the meeting and gave a presentation and development update on the Broadband 4 Rural North (B4RN) community project initiative. The presentation commenced at 7.36pm.  <b>3.2.2</b> It was stated that the objective of the B4RN project is to provide a world class broadband service that is: physically and technically upgradable for the next 50 years, able to provide a symmetrical service at 1 to 10 Gbit/s, affordable by all households and businesses, equitable to all in terms of the level and quality of service, made available to 100% of premises in Dentdale and Garsdale, able to provide static IP numbers to all, and, no capacity limitations or rate limiting.  <b>3.2.3</b> Areas covered within the presentation included: the history of B4RN and the communities it currently serves, the B4RN concept and how shares are purchased and earned for effort.</p>



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	<p><b>3.2.4</b> Charges for the B4RN service would be: Households at £30 per month (inc VAT), Microbusinesses (1 to 5 site staff) at £30 per month (inc VAT), Small Businesses (6 to 15 site staff) at £60 per month (inc VAT), Medium businesses (16 site staff and above) at £150 per month (inc VAT). The Primary School in Dent would receive the service free of charge. All customers would pay a once only connection charge of £150. There would be a free connection offer when investing £1,500 cash for shares. Free connection would also apply to landowners digging their own or neighbours land if the work attracted a share value of at least £1,500.</p> <p><b>3.2.5</b> The B4RN community initiative in Dentdale had been organised into separate areas with Area Teams working autonomously building their own network sector.</p> <p><b>3.2.6</b> A Steering Group will be responsible for directing and managing the project covering the areas of; overall project management, procurement &amp; materials control, funding and budgeting, technical training, network build co-ordination, external communications and administration.</p> <p><b>3.2.7</b> Current activities include; organising the planning and implementation teams, raising 'start' money to get the project off the ground, sourcing the optimal and least cost route and obtaining approvals &amp; wayleaves on the route from Barbon to Dent. Securing funding for the scheme will continue.</p> <p><b>3.2.8</b> The total cost of the project is estimated at £450,000 which intends to service 600 properties covering a distance of 70 kilometres. At a unit price of £5 per metre the cost will be £350,000 leaving £100,000 as a contingency to include property spurs. This means the average cost per property will be £750.</p> <p><b>3.2.9</b> Financing targets to fund the project are based on the following sourcing areas: Community involvement with digging, Social Bank funding (£25,000 grant and £75,000 loan), 'Power to Change' grant funding, Local grants to fund capital equipment, EU-National &amp; Regional Grants, Local investment and Commercial investment.</p> <p><b>3.2.10</b> The presentation was completed at 8.17pm.</p> <p><b>3.3.1</b> Questions were invited from Councillors and the public which included:</p> <p><b>3.3.2</b> Question: Assuming that the system can be delivered can your ordinary broadband hub be utilised? Response: New equipment would be provided from B4RN digging directly to your home at an installation cost of £150.</p> <p><b>3.3.3</b> Question: How will B4RN get to somewhere like the George and Dragon? Response: Routing to all properties will be managed and has not stopped B4RN delivering to any property requiring service in the 41 communities already being served.</p> <p><b>3.3.4</b> Question: What are the timescales for delivery? Response: That depends on community support and the level and speed of raising funds.</p> <p><b>3.3.5</b> Question: It was noted that the Primary School would receive a complimentary service. What would the annual saving be for the School? Response: Around £3,000 per year.</p> <p><b>3.4</b> Council and public questions ended at 8.36pm and David Pilgrim was thanked by Councillor Graham Dalton on behalf of the Council for his presentation and attendance at the meeting.</p>
4.	<p><b>Minutes:</b> Minutes of the meeting of Monday 01 February 2016 were presented and signed as a</p>



	true and accurate record.
5.	<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.</b> (<i>Item 4</i>) The Clerk had spoken with the Steward for Cumbria Highways who stated that repairs to the pot holes in Deepdale would be undertaken later this month dependent on the availability of tarmacadam.</p> <p><b>5.3</b> (<i>Item 10</i>) Cross border criminals are still prolific in and around the rural area of South Lakeland. Kendal Police are looking for volunteers from Dentdale to assist in targeting rural crime. This is a multi-force operation held 4 times a year including Eden, Brampton and Kendal police. It will include the following police forces: Durham, North Yorkshire, Northumbria, Lancashire and Cleveland. The intention is to gather intelligence, identify and arrest any offenders. Volunteers will assist and have direct contact with the police via radio taking up static observation points in the area that volunteers know well. Volunteers will be trained how to use a radio and be able to pass any suspicious activity direct to all the officers involved. Further information is available from: <a href="mailto:amanda.coleman@cumbria.police.uk">amanda.coleman@cumbria.police.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:kyle.bateson@cumbria.police.uk">kyle.bateson@cumbria.police.uk</a></p> <p><b>5.4</b> (<i>Item 5</i>) Following the Parish Council meeting on 01 February the Clerk had made arrangements for the parking signs at Beech Hill to be re-furbished. They will be re-erected shortly together with the two new health and safety signs for the Churchyard steps adjacent to Beech Hill.</p> <p><b>5.5</b> (<i>Item 11</i>) An update to the damage sustained at Barth Bridge had been received from Cumbria Highways. It stated that the Bridge has parapet wall damage that predates the December floods but there is now evidence of some abutment scour. A more detailed inspection was carried out recently which determined that this was only minor scour and that no further closures were required. The work to repair the damage is still to be programmed but it is expected to be completed by the end of June.</p> <p><b>5.6</b> (<i>items 3 &amp; 19</i>) The street lights at Flintergill Close and Church View had been found to be defective. A contractor had been contacted to undertake repairs. Councillor Graham Dalton reported that the light at Flintergill Close was now once again operational but a further light was now unlit at the Church porch for which the Clerk would make arrangements for repair.</p> <p>Information received since the publication of the Clerk's report included:</p> <p><b>5.7</b> The February police report for Dentdale had been received. It included: Cold callers being reported in Dent village on 08 February. Councillor Scott Thornley stated he had made the report and that the caller had been particularly aggressive. On 17 February a domestic incident was reported in the Dent area. Theft of 2000 litres of domestic fuel had been stolen from a residence on 19 February. On 23 February a vehicle was reported where the occupants had been selling carpets locally. The incident had been logged for intelligence. On 26 February a Ford Focus had been stolen from Cowgill and in a separate incident the theft of wellingtons and waterproofs had also occurred at Cowgill.</p> <p><b>5.8</b> The contractor undertaking the drainage work on behalf of the Parish Council on the C5105 road between Dent Head and the Parish boundary at Peggleside is due to carry out the contract between 08 and 11 March.</p> <p><b>5.9.1</b> Monica Cleasby on behalf of St Andrew's Church had reported that the trees in the open and closed Churchyard sites had been inspected by an officer from South</p>



	<p>Lakeland District Council. The Officer had since made a request to the YDNPA for an ash tree to be felled in the open section together with one tree for pruning and another to be removed for safety reasons.</p> <p><b>5.9.2</b> It was also reported that the Kendal Community Payback Depot was due for closure which means that the practice of offenders undertaking community service by cutting the grass in the Churchyard at St Andrew's would cease.</p>
6.	<p><b>Chair and Member Announcements:</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b> Councillor Rita Corpe reported that due to redundancies within the Council's Library Service the Library Link in Dent was not receiving a regular exchange of books. This was an unacceptable situation which had demanded representation to the Library Service. Representation had resulted in a dedicated officer being allocated by the Library Service to ensure that books are once again exchanged on a regular basis in Dent.</p> <p><b>6.2</b> Councillor Chris Evans highlighted the demise of the bridge at Hatycote, Gawthrop, which still awaits repair by Cumbria Highways. The Clerk had been informed by the Cumbria Highways Steward that the work had been passed to the Highways Construction Team as it was not a matter that could be undertaken by the regular pot-hole repair team. County Councillor Nick Cotton stated that he would investigate the matter with Cumbria Highways.</p>
7.	<p><b>County and District Councillor Announcements:</b></p> <p><b>7.1</b> County Councillor Nick Cotton informed the meeting that the new Lakes and Dales Cycle route was being officially opened on Tuesday 08 March. The route would include Barbondale and Gawthrop with signs being erected for the guidance of cyclists throughout the route.</p> <p><b>7.2</b> District Councillor Mel Mackie had received confirmation from South Lakeland District Council that the replacement Yorkshire Dales tourist information signs for the M6 motorway had been purchased and should be erected for the Easter holiday period to promote tourism in the dales.</p> <p><b>7.3</b> District Councillor Mel Mackie made reference to his continued 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 stated that he would once again contact the Officer requesting her to make contact with the Parish Council to discuss the matter to include the possibility of grant funding for the project.</p>
8.	<p><b>Public Forum:</b></p> <p><b>8.1.1</b> Concern was raised by a member of the public who stated that British Telecom should have been given the opportunity by the Parish Council to present its case for delivery of superfast broadband in Dentdale. He believed there was support for British Telecom within the village.</p> <p><b>8.1.2</b> In response it was outlined that Connecting Cumbria presented its case for superfast broadband in Dentdale by its supplier British Telecom, at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2014. Connecting Cumbria and British Telecom had also been involved in a broadband meeting with the Parish Councils of Sedbergh, Dent and Garsdale in September 2014. Additionally, British Telecom had presented its written proposal for members to consider at the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on Monday 14</p>





	<p>December 2015. At the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 01 February 2016 members had agreed that there would be nothing to gain from a further presentation.</p> <p><b>8.1.3 Members once again resolved that as British Telecom's case for superfast broadband delivery in Dentdale was clearly known there would be nothing to gain from a further presentation.</b></p> <p><b>8.1.4</b> The Parish Council's decision to support the B4RN initiative was restated as it was the Council's desire to support a scheme that would give superfast broadband equality to all properties throughout the Parish. This could not be achieved by the Connecting Cumbria project and its contractor British Telecom.</p>
9.	<p><b>Dent Youth Club:</b></p> <p><b>9.1.1</b> A position statement on the Youth Club was provided by Councillor Scott Thornley.</p> <p><b>9.1.2</b> The Youth Club Committee had written to parents seeking interest from their children in attending a reformed Youth Club in Dent. The Committee required at least 10 positive expressions of interest to justify the cost of mandatory training, staffing and running the Club. Unfortunately the response had been disappointing with very few positive replies. As a result the Club would not be a viable proposition at the present time.</p> <p><b>9.1.3 Members were disappointed to learn of the low interest level which would not sustain the Club's viability and agreed that no further action was necessary.</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Appointment of Clerk:</b></p> <p><b>10.1.</b> The Clerk had tendered his resignation as from 30 April 2016. Arrangements were therefore considered for the appointment of a new Parish Clerk from 01 May 2016.</p> <p><b>10.2 It was resolved that a working group should be formed to deal with the arrangements for the appointment. Councillors Graham Dalton, Tom Stafford and Rita Corpe volunteered to form the working group.</b></p> <p><b>10.3 It was agreed that the vacancy should be advertised within Dentdale, Sedbergh and registered for circulation by the Cumbria Association of Local Councils. The vacancy would be advertised immediately with applications to be submitted no later than Monday 21 March 2016.</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Internal Audit:</b></p> <p><b>11.1</b> It was reported that Colin Robertshaw had undertaken last year's internal audit. His experience in the financial services industry and a former parish clerk complimented the required skills and had helped to provide a robust internal audit on behalf of the Council. He had expressed an interest in undertaking the 2015/16 internal audit review.</p> <p><b>11.2 It was resolved that Colin Robertshaw should be appointed to conduct the internal audit for the financial year 2015/16.</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Annual Parish Meeting – Annual Report:</b></p> <p><b>12.1.1</b> Consideration was given to the format for the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 04 April 2016.</p> <p><b>12.1.2 It was agreed that the main subject area for this year's meeting would be Health and Developments within the Clinical Commissioning Groups and that Dr Lumb from the Sedbergh Medical Centre should be invited to give a presentation on the subject together with Lynn Urwin, Practice Manager, Central Dales Medical Practice. Arrangements would be subject to the availability of professionals from</b></p>



	<p><b>both medical establishments.</b></p> <p><b>12.2</b> Production of the Annual Report was agreed together with the submission to the Clerk of relevant material for the report by 23 March 2016.</p>																
13.	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p><b>13.1 Payment made since 01 February 2016:</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>United Utilities (car park toilets water and waste water – January 2016)</td> <td>£22.03</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>13.2 Payments Authorised:</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>E.on (car park electricity February 2016)</td> <td>£20.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A. Stephenson (Clerk’s expenses – February 2016)</td> <td>£5.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>United Utilities (car park toilets water &amp; waste water – February 2016)</td> <td>£23.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dent Reading Room (room hire 2015/16)</td> <td>£21.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cali Briparc (car park ticket machine rolls)</td> <td>£85.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Philip Middleton (replacement of street light bulbs 2015)</td> <td>£93.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City Electrical Factors (LED bulbs for street lights)</td> <td>£41.70</td> </tr> </table>	United Utilities (car park toilets water and waste water – January 2016)	£22.03	E.on (car park electricity February 2016)	£20.94	A. Stephenson (Clerk’s expenses – February 2016)	£5.00	United Utilities (car park toilets water & waste water – February 2016)	£23.66	Dent Reading Room (room hire 2015/16)	£21.87	Cali Briparc (car park ticket machine rolls)	£85.94	Philip Middleton (replacement of street light bulbs 2015)	£93.50	City Electrical Factors (LED bulbs for street lights)	£41.70
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14.	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>14.1 Applications</b></p> <p><b>S/01/36G – Walnut Bungalow, Deepdale Lane, Dent.</b> Variation of Condition 6 of application S/01/36/D to allow the private domestic workshop to be used as annex accommodation – <b>Support.</b></p> <p><b>S/01/272 – Conder Farm, Dent.</b> Demolition of existing shed and erection of new building for storage and garaging – <b>Support.</b></p> <p><b>14.2 Decisions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>14.3 Withdrawn</b></p> <p><b>14.3.1 S/01/30C – Rise Hill Mill, Dent.</b> For change of use of business premises to a microbrewery with ancillary office accommodation; visitor centre and café; workshop and warehouse unit.</p> <p><b>14.3.2</b> Responses were received from Richard Graham, Head of Development Control at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) and Lawrence Conway, Chief Executive Officer of South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) concerning the Parish Council's recent representation specifically relating to the Rise Hill Mill application. Both communications made reference to the Environmental Health Officer Team (EHOT) at SLDC which could not support permission that did not include any protection for the residents living next to the site. This would necessitate conditions to be attached to the application. The EHOT had to take into account that the application was for a general industrial use for the site which was a permission that would allow the site to be used for a wide range of industrial processes and activities and not solely for the use of a micro-brewery. Richard Graham considered it a perfectly reasonable view to take and entirely justified in planning terms. Lawrence Conway noted that as part of the application process the EHOT met the applicant on site to talk through the issues face to face. Both respondents expressed their disappointment that the application had now been withdrawn.</p>																
15.	<p><b>15.1 Close of Meeting:</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 10.05pm.</p> <p><b>15.2 Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 04 April 2016, 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall.</p>																



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