



Meeting of Dent Parish Council
04 April 2016 at 9.01pm, Memorial Hall

To be

presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on 09 May 2016

<p>Agenda Item</p>	<p>Present: Councillors Graham Dalton, Chris Evans, Rita Corpe, Tom Stafford, 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 9.01pm.</p>
<p>1.</p>	<p>Apologies: Councillor Geoffrey Woof - business commitments</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of Monday 07 March 2016 were presented and signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Declarations of Interest: Councillor Scott Thornley in respect of agenda item 7 – Appointment of Clerk</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Clerk's Report: 4.1 The Clerk's report was presented and accepted. Further information was given on:- 4.2. (Item 7) The road section between Dent Station and Lea Yeat had been reported to Cumbria Highways as dangerous. Large sections of the road surface have been washed away resulting in large pot holes. A request had been made for inspection and remedial work at the earliest opportunity - complaint reference: 62/1386525. The damaged road section had also been reported to Cumbria Highways by Jock Cairns on behalf of the Western Dales Community Bus Service. As the road still remained dangerous it was resolved that the Clerk would again report the matter to Cumbria Highways on the grounds of public safety. 4.3 (Item 11) It was announced that Councillor Scott Thornley had been selected as one of four parish / town councillors within Cumbria to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 19th May 2016. Councillor Thornley's nomination was put forward by the Clerk to the Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) and subsequently selected at random by CALC staff. He will represent Dent Parish Council at the event.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Chair and Member Announcements: 5.1 Councillor Rita Corpe highlighted that the previously reported defective road section at Deepdale had still not been repaired by Cumbria Highways and had deteriorated further. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact Cumbria Highways with an additional report for repair work to be undertaken as soon as is practicable. 5.2 Councillor Rita Corpe reported that a memorial is to be built for those who died during the construction of the Settle-Carlisle railway line almost 150 years ago. This follows research by Rev. Peter Boyles discovering 25 unmarked graves at St John's Church, believed to belong to the workers and their families. Contributions of £1,700 from the YDNPA and £500 from the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line will be allocated</p>



	towards the cost of the project.
6.	<p>County and District Councillor Announcements:</p> <p>6.1 County Councillor Nick Cotton reported that work on the temporary bridge at Middleton on the A683 road section would take place shortly. A tarmacadam surface would be applied to the surface of the bridge which will result in a reduction in the sharp incline from the road to the ramps at both ends of the bridge.</p> <p>6.2 District Councillor Mel Mackie made reference to his continued communication with South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) concerning support for the Parish Council's project of erecting two visitor notice boards. He stated that he would pursue the matter and report any developments in due course.</p>
7.	<p>Appointment of Clerk:</p> <p>7.1 Councillor Scott Thornley left the room for this agenda item.</p> <p>7.2 Councillor Graham Dalton reported that 3 interviews had taken place to secure a replacement Clerk to the Council. The interviews had been conducted by Councillors Graham Dalton, Rita Corpe and Tom Stafford. All three applicants had been of good quality, however, Councillor Scott Thornley had proved to be the best candidate and was recommended by the interview panel to be appointed to the post.</p> <p>7.3 It was formally resolved by the Council that Scott Thornley would be appointed as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council as from 01 May 2016.</p> <p>7.4 Councillor Scott Thornley returned to the meeting and was congratulated by members on his forthcoming appointment.</p>
8.	<p>Superfast Broadband in Dentdale:</p> <p>8.1.1 A report had been received from David Pilgrim on the development of the B4RN community broadband initiative containing the following information.</p> <p>8.1.2 Situation. Following three presentations to the residents of Garsdale and Dentdale over 40 volunteers had been recruited who are now at various stages of being organised into 7 area teams plus a central steering group. The Steering Group was now up and running with the other Area Teams at various stages of formation. Team leaders have been appointed to all but two of the teams and hopefully these will be completed over the coming weeks. B4RN is working on the initial "theoretical" network routes and has published the first sector connecting Barbon to Dent.</p> <p>8.1.3 Planning. The initial focus had been on delivering the service to Dent School where the main digital switch [Node] will be located. Approval had now been granted by the Governors and planning approval is being sought in the next few weeks. Tim Wood, the leader of the Backhaul Team had made much progress with the Barbon and Casterton B4RN planning groups following an actual ground survey with a potential digging team. The detailed network layout is in the process of being developed with the associated landowners, agents and farmers. B4RN is currently working on the initial Network layouts for the remainder of the two dales. It is anticipated that these will be published in the next two weeks.</p> <p>8.1.4 Implementation. At this stage there has been little actual implementation other than at Millbeck where Geoffrey Woof has already started to install ducting whilst laying</p>



	<p>his own water pipes. About 1 kilometre will have been laid by the end of April.</p> <p>8.1.5 Funding. The "B4RN Initiative" Business Plan has been completed and has already been used to support two funding applications that were submitted during March. Further grant and loan funding initiatives are currently under way within the steering group for submission in April and May. The BDUK "Basic Broadband Supplementary Scheme" is also being pursued with further meetings taking place this week. It has also just been announced by BDUK that B4RN has now been formally approved for the Receipt of such funds.</p> <p>8.2.1 A statement was made by a member of the public who was concerned about the cost of the B4RN project to individual households and how it will be received in Dent village.</p> <p>8.2.2 Councillor Graham Dalton responded by reiterating the Parish Council's decision to support the B4RN scheme with its objective of delivering superfast broadband equality throughout the Parish.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>YDNPA Parish Forum:</p> <p>9.1.1 A report was received from Councillor Jenny Pilgrim who had attended the YDNPA Parish Forum on Wednesday 23 March 2016. The report included:</p> <p>9.1.2 <i>The Wensleydale Project.</i> The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust had teamed up with local farmers and organisations in a new catchment-wide planning project to "transform the environment of Wensleydale and its tributary dales for the benefit of people and nature". Wensleydale's catchment area faces a number of pressures and issues in relation to the use of water. Engagement events have been held with local communities and representatives of the farming sector to discuss these issues and possible solutions. It is now hoped that a Catchment Action Plan — "Yore Past, Ure Future" — will be published in May 2016 and will be used by the partners to seek funding. Several important strands are already underway which includes new woodland planting to extend dormice populations; a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund by the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust for a project to get local people involved in measuring the quality and levels of water; and, a national pilot of a 'results-based agri-environment payment scheme' which is a three-year trial involving 20 local farms commencing in October 2016. It was suggested that these projects might be encouraged to involve local schoolchildren who will be the next generation of farmers.</p> <p>9.1.3 <i>Right to Buy and affordable housing.</i> Under the Government's expanded right-to-buy scheme, housing association tenants will have the opportunity to purchase their homes at a discount. The intention is that for every house sold a new house will be built; local authorities will be required to sell off a proportion of their remaining housing stock to cross-subsidise the policy. At present there are no exemptions for rural areas but Housing Associations, National Park Authorities and many other bodies (including the Local Government Association) have lobbied for exemptions for communities of less than 3,000. There is evidence that Housing Associations are now retreating from rural affordable housing schemes.</p> <p>9.1.4 <i>Affordable housing policy.</i> A new Local Plan was submitted to the Planning Inspector in January. It is expected that the Examination in Public will be in May. The</p>



	<p>Plan requires 50% affordable housing from sites with greater than 10 units; for those with between 6 to 10, there would be a payment in lieu. Sites of less than 6 units, still a requirement for local occupancy restrictions, although the definitions have been widened to help with availability of mortgages. The Government's Starter Home initiative will make new housing available to buyers under 40 at a 20% discount to open market value, however, after 5 years the discount is removed and can be sold on the open market. National Park Authorities and others are currently lobbying to have the discount remain in perpetuity in rural areas. There has been discussion around the potential for secondary legislation to enable housing association stock to be sold on the open market with s106 restrictions negotiated or removed.</p> <p>9.1.5 Boundary Extension. A summary was given of the National Park boundary extension by the Secretary of State at the end of last year, followed by details of additional funding through the grant settlement in recognition of the additional area. National Parks are currently "in favour" with Government and have been given powers of competence actively to seek additional sources of funding. At the YDNPA meeting in March this year, Members agreed to DEFRA's recommendations that the Board be increased by three Members, from Eden District, Lancashire County and Lancaster City Councils, with the caveat that the Authority would review its Membership within three years to look at size and representation. Authority Members are keen to have opportunities to listen to local communities in the new area to hear aspirations, hopes and fears and to create the time to understand and learn about the area. Physical presence and the location of offices will be reviewed; currently the Authority is looking at options for visitor centres, ranger base points and planning surgeries although it was confirmed there would be no change to main office sites.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Open Air Service:</p> <p>10.1 A request had been received from Peter Boyles, Vicar of Dent-with-Cowgill, to hold an open-air service at 10.30am on Sunday 10 July 2016, on the green area of the Dentdale Car Park Site. The event is being promoted by the Western Dales Mission Community which combines local churches in the area.</p> <p>10.2 The Clerk had made inquiries with the YDNPA as landlord of the site and no objections to the event had been raised.</p> <p>10.3 It was resolved that the request by the Western Dales Mission Community should be granted and the event allowed to proceed.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Parish Seating:</p> <p>11.1 A report had been received from Roger Sharples concerning the position and condition of the Parish seat at Flintergill Close which had been dedicated in the memory of his father, Geoffrey Sharples, for his service as a Councillor within the Parish from 1962 – 1984. The seat had been dedicated in appreciation of his work to secure for Dent the housing project at Flintergill Close.</p> <p>11.2 It was resolved that the position of the seat in Flintergill Close was appropriate considering the reason for which it had been dedicated, however, work should be undertaken to refurbish the seat in order to maintain its longevity and to help preserve the memory of the work achieved by Councillor Sharples.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>12.1 Banking:</p> <p>It was resolved that the banking administration arrangements for Scott Thornley</p>



	<p>as the new Parish Clerk from 01 May 2016 was a technical matter and appropriate arrangements would be made following the meeting.</p> <p>12.2 Payment made since 07 March 2016:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>HMRC (PAYE Quarter 4 - 2015/16)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£897.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC (VAT Quarter 4 - 2015/16)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£775.43</td> </tr> </table> <p>12.3 Payments Authorised:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>E.on (car park electricity March 2016)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£22.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E.on (street lighting Quarter 4 – 2015/16)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£27.69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A. Stephenson (Clerk’s expenses – March 2016)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£32.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>United Utilities (car park toilets water & waste water – March 2016)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£34.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cumbria Association Of Local Councils (subscription fees 2016/17)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£177.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S. Bonsor (car park relief)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£12.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>YDNPA (rent – Dentdale Car Park 2015/16)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4,200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SLDC (car park rates – 10 monthly installments 2016/17)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,626.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SLDC (M6 'Yorkshire Dales' signage project)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dent Stores (car park consumables)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£48.50</td> </tr> </table>	HMRC (PAYE Quarter 4 - 2015/16)	£897.38	HMRC (VAT Quarter 4 - 2015/16)	£775.43	E.on (car park electricity March 2016)	£22.39	E.on (street lighting Quarter 4 – 2015/16)	£27.69	A. Stephenson (Clerk’s expenses – March 2016)	£32.49	United Utilities (car park toilets water & waste water – March 2016)	£34.18	Cumbria Association Of Local Councils (subscription fees 2016/17)	£177.00	S. Bonsor (car park relief)	£12.00	YDNPA (rent – Dentdale Car Park 2015/16)	£4,200.00	SLDC (car park rates – 10 monthly installments 2016/17)	£1,626.24	SLDC (M6 'Yorkshire Dales' signage project)	£500.00	Dent Stores (car park consumables)	£48.50
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<p>13.</p>	<p>Planning:</p> <p>13.1 Applications None.</p> <p>13.2 Decisions None.</p>																								
<p>14.</p>	<p>14.1 Close of Meeting: The meeting closed at 9.47pm.</p> <p>14.2 Next Meeting: Monday 09 May 2016, 7.30pm, in the Sedgwick Room.</p>																								