



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 07 November 2016 in the Sedgwick Room, Dent**

**Present: Councillors Graham Dalton, Rita Corpe, Geoffrey Woof, Chris Evans, Ian Mitchell, Danny Smith, Martyn Knapton**

**County Councillor Nick Cotton**

**District Councillors Kevin Lancaster, Mel Mackie**

*To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on 05 December 2016*

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence:</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the meeting receive apologies from and the reason be noted, Councillor Jenny Pilgrim and Councillor Tom Stafford</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b>  None</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Chairman be authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 03 October 2016.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Outstanding Bridge repairs:</b>  David Lang from CCC Highways was welcomed to the meeting again and gave a report on the progress made with bridge repairs.  Stonehouse Bridge – One of three sample panels has been approved but no indication as to which one. Planning officer now on leave so once back work will commence. It was noted that YDNPA approve of the stonemason being used and a good relationship has been established. The stonemason has 3 samples of coping stone being produced and hopefully one will be approved quickly so that this work can be completed before Christmas.  David has also involved the highways department to look at the signage leading up to the bridge. He hopes to be able to present a package to the council at the December meeting for approval.  Barth Bridge – A sample of pointing has been done and is awaiting approval. David hopes to have this work completed by the end of November and is also intending to rebuild the substantial amount of wall that has collapsed into the field.  Cowgill Bridge – This bridge is being repaired by a contractor named Coffey’s and the first sample of pointing has been declined. This has been changed and will hopefully be approved once the planning officer returns from leave.  Church Bridge – Negotiation still ongoing with YDNPA regarding Listed Building Consent.  Millthrop Bridge – Whilst not within our parish boundary, Millthrop Bridge is the only link with Sedbergh and is therefore vital. The repair work was</p>	

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	<p>originally classed as minor and therefore the Environment Agency had said that it could wait until 2017. However David considered that a small amount of work now could prevent the bridge having to be closed if we saw weather like last year. The work has now been re-classified as a priority and is awaiting YDNP consent.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to note the excellent work done by David and the good progress made so far.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Clerk's report:</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the Clerk's report and the further information offered on Item 1 – Yorkshire Dales Local Plan is proceeding with new rules with regard to barn conversions which are at the roadside. Applications are now being accepted and indeed 6 out of 20 have so far been approved. Applications are being granted for local occupancy dwellings and holiday lets.</p> <p>Item 5 – LAP Flooding Conference. Councillor Dalton will attend and will ask for clarification on the criteria for road closure and will also mention the condition of the two back lanes in the dale and what happens if Barth Bridge were to be closed again.</p> <p>Item 8 – Electoral Review of South Lakeland – It was confirmed that there was no change in the South Lakeland area.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Chair and Member announcements:</b></p> <p>Councillor Dalton advised that he had spoken to Tim Farron regarding the claiming back of VAT on car park charges. Tim Farron has agreed to take up the issue with the Chancellor of the Exchequer and report back.</p> <p>Cllr Dalton attended the YDNP forum meeting and reported that the YDNPA had granted £50000 to B4RN for the provision of Hyperfast Broadband to the whole of the national park area. The Dent and Garsdale project has been loaned £11300 by YDNPA.</p> <p>New Housing Act – It looks like YDNPA will be exempt from the Right to Buy scheme but this is not absolutely clear.</p> <p>It was noted that the current vicar has been transferred to Appleby and will leave on 06 January 2017. No information as yet about a replacement.</p> <p>Cllr Evans wished to thank County Councillor Nick Cotton for digging holes to find drains.</p> <p>There have been several complaints about a car seeming to have been dumped on the land opposite the Sun Inn. It was agreed that the clerk should make some enquiries.</p> <p>It was noted that there has been an increased amount of bags of dog faeces left on the path between Church Bridge and Barth Bridge, possibly because there is no disposal bin. It was agreed that the clerk make some enquiries as to</p>	<p align="right"><b>ST</b></p> <p align="right"><b>ST</b></p>

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		the possibility of a bin or a sign informing the position of the nearest bin.	
<b>7</b>		<b>County and District Councillor announcements:</b> County Councillor Nick Cotton advised that he had been in regular contact with YDNP regarding the situation with the bridges. He has spoken to the CEO at YDNP who has agreed to ensure that a timetable for completion of the works is put in place.	
<b>8</b>		<b>Public Forum:</b> It was suggested that highways should be asked to inspect the road surface at Laning which appears to be deteriorating. The clerk will report this to highways.	<b>ST</b>
<b>9</b>		<b>Drains and Gullies:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the clerk would examine some areas of note to see if there is a gully and what state it is in before reporting back at the next meeting. Two photos to be taken of each location, one of the problem and one of the wider location for easier identification.	<b>ST</b>
<b>10</b>		<b>Hyperfast Broadband for Dentdale and Garsdale:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the report provided by David Pilgrim and to note the excellent progress made so far.	
<b>11</b>		<b>Verge Cutting:</b> The clerk and Cllr Mitchell had a meeting with Alan Little of CCC Highways regarding the verge cutting. It seemed that budget cuts were the main reason for the seemingly poor state of the verges in the dale. There was much discussion regarding taking the job in house using our own contractor. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the clerk would find out from CCC how much money we would get if we were to take it in house and to contact CALC to see if there are any other parishes who have already been through this procedure who could advise us.	<b>ST</b>
<b>12</b>		<b>Noticeboards:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that District Councillor Mel Mackie would find out whether there is a grant available for 50% of the costs of a new noticeboard. A new board should be ordered once Cllr Mackie's findings are reported.	<b>MM</b>
<b>13</b>		<b>CCTV:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that no further action should be taken in pursuing the possibility of CCTV in light of information received from Cumbria Constabulary.	

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<b>14</b>	<p><b>Meeting dates for 2017:</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the list presented be agreed as the meeting dates for 2017.</p>															
<b>15</b>	<p><b>Signage at Dragon Croft:</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to go ahead with the recommendations made by CCC in light of the fact that County Cllr Nick Cotton and District Cllr Kevin Lancaster had both pledged £500 towards the project.</p>	<b>ST</b>														
<b>16</b>	<p><b>Shingle removal from the River Dee:</b>          After some discussion surrounding the areas where shingle needed to be removed it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the clerk would take advice from Hilary Deighton regarding the approach of the Environment Agency and ask highways whether they would be prepared to pay for the equipment as they did last time. It was noted that the purpose of the removal was flood prevention.</p>	<b>ST</b>														
<b>17</b>	<p><b>Parish Council Grants 2016/17:</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to place notices on all noticeboards giving 21 days notice that applications for grants are being accepted. Closing date set as 28 November 2016.</p>	<b>ST</b>														
<b>18</b>	<p><b>Budget – Financial Year 2017/18:</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllrs. Jenny Pilgrim, Ian Mitchell and Martyn Knapton would make up the budget working group.</p>															
<b>19</b>	<p><b>19.1 Account Balances before expenditure below:</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the balances below be noted:</p> <p>Current Account £26270.32          Savings Account £7042.63</p> <p><b>19.2 Payments for authorisation:</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the payments listed below be authorised:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Dentdale Memorial Hall (Room Hire August and September 2016)</td> <td align="right">£14.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON (Car Park Electricity July to September 2016)</td> <td align="right">£69.93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON (Street Lighting Q2 2016)</td> <td align="right">£32.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerk's Expenses)</td> <td align="right">£49.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CALC (CiLCA Course Module 1)</td> <td align="right">£39.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CALC (Clerk Induction Course)</td> <td align="right">£55.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>United Utilities (Car Park Water and Wastewater Q2 2016)</td> <td align="right">TBA</td> </tr> </table>	Dentdale Memorial Hall (Room Hire August and September 2016)	£14.00	EON (Car Park Electricity July to September 2016)	£69.93	EON (Street Lighting Q2 2016)	£32.51	Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerk's Expenses)	£49.00	CALC (CiLCA Course Module 1)	£39.50	CALC (Clerk Induction Course)	£55.00	United Utilities (Car Park Water and Wastewater Q2 2016)	TBA	
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<b>20</b>	<p><b>Planning:</b></p>															

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		<b>RESOLVED</b> that no planning matters were presented this month.	
<b>21</b>		<b>RESOLVED</b> that the next meeting be held on 05 December 2016 in the Sedgwick Room, Dent Meeting closed to the public and press at 21.13.	
<b>22</b>		<b>Confirmation of Clerk's appointment:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the clerk be appointed permanently at point 26 of the pay scale for 50 hours per month.	

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