



**Meeting of Dent Parish Council**  
**03 October 2016 at 7.30pm, Sedgwick Room, Dent**

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

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<p><b>Present:</b>          Councillors Graham Dalton, Chris Evans, Tom Stafford, Geoffrey Woof, Rita Corpe, Jenny Pilgrim, Tom Stafford, Danny Smith, Martyn Knapton and Ian Mitchell.</p> <p>District Councillor Mel Mackie.</p> <p>The meeting opened at 7.30pm.</p>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence:</b></p> <p>District Councillor Kevin Lancaster</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b>          The minutes of the meeting on 05 September were received and approved. Councillor Dalton duly signed a copy.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b>          Councillor Jenny Pilgrim regarding Item 19.1 – Planning application for Cowgill Barn.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Outstanding Bridge Repairs:</b>          David Lang from Cumbria County Council was again in attendance and gave the meeting the following update:</p> <p><b>Stonehouse Bridge</b> – A sample panel on the parapet had been completed two weeks ago but the person at YDNPA who needs to approve it had been on leave          The coping stones had received a negative response from YDNPA. These had been placed on the upstream parapet which is 9” tall. Despite David having taken them to YDNPA HQ for inspection and them being approved, once put on the wall YDNPA have decided they are not to be approved as there is some confusion about whether the salvaged coping stones are in fact original. David believes he has enough salvaged coping stones to complete the downstream parapet but must get approval for 11 metres of new stones on the upstream parapet. David had received a suggestion that the coping stones could be chamfered to try to prevent further vehicle strikes but that this would again need further approval.          Members of the council expressed their continuing annoyance that this matter is still dragging on after some 4 years and it was suggested that we should write to David Butterworth and Carl Lis at the YDNPA to put some pressure on them.          David intends to ask Nick Cotton to put pressure on them to get this approved also.          It was noted that whilst all this is going on the cost to the taxpayer is going up and it was suggested that we get an idea of how much this is costing.</p> <p><b>Barth Bridge</b> – David is awaiting Environment Agency approval for erecting scaffolding in the river so that this repair can be completed. Any work will then require the approval of the YDNPA.</p> <p><b>Cowgill Bridge</b> – A sample panel was due to be completed on 04 October which would then require the approval of YDNPA. There is also one coping stone to be made once they have been approved.</p> <p><b>Church Bridge</b> – This work will be completed ASAP.</p> <p>David advised that he intended to invite Gaby Rose from YDNPA to inspect all three of the bridges that require approval in one go. It was suggested that members of the council should also attend in order to put pressure on YDNPA. David will advise Scott Thornley when this meeting will be and Scott will notify the members.</p> <p>David also advised that the landslip just West of Barth Bridge (reported at September meeting by John Ashton) had been inspected and considered to be non-priority.</p> <p>David was thanked for his continued support and attendance and he left the meeting.</p>



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<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Clerks Report:</b>  The clerks report was submitted and accepted.</p> <p>Further discussion took place surrounding:  Item 1 – It was queried whether this walkway was the council’s responsibility? It was agreed that it was and that some years earlier the council had paid to have the walkway re-paved.</p> <p>Item 2 – It was noted that District Councillor Kevin Lancaster had offered to support the re-signing of Dragon Croft from his allowance. District Councillor Mel Mackie had already used his allowance for this year but offered support from his 2017/18 allowance of £500. County Councillor Nick Cotton had also pledged £500 from his allowance.</p> <p>Item 13 – The grass on the play area had now been recut but this was again done when the grass was soaking wet and the result was no improvement. District Councillor Mel Mackie asked for copies of the email correspondence to be sent to him so that he could investigate this.</p> <p>Item 18 – It was agreed that the council should apply for some funding from the Transparency Fund.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Chair and Member Announcements:</b>  It was noted that thanks had been received from Casterton Parish Council for the information regarding street lighting bills. As a result they had managed to reduce their electricity bill from £450 to £83.</p> <p>It was advised that Cumbria County Council highways department are about to begin an exercise asking parishes to identify all drains and gullies within their parish.</p> <p>It was noted that there was a standing offer for councils to take on their own verge cutting. The council could employ its own contractor to complete this work and then receive an amount from the County Council equivalent to what they would have spent doing the same work. It was noted that the council had considered this a few years ago but were unable to obtain a suitable price.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>County and District Councillor Announcements:</b>  None.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Public Forum:</b>  A question was asked whether the gravel in the river at Wood Bridge (West of Dillicar) could be removed as it was causing the river to divert and undermine the road. <b>It was resolved that the clerk would ask the Environment Agency about this.</b></p> <p>It was suggested that we ask County Councillor Nick Cotton to attend next month’s meeting so that he can be asked to link all of the authorities involved in the repair of bridges together. <b>It was resolved that Councillor Dalton would speak to Nick Cotton once a report from David Lang had been received.</b></p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Hyperfast Broadband for Dentdale and Garsdale:</b>  The report from David Pilgrim had been circulated to everyone advising of the progress that had been made since last month.  It was noted that Dent Primary School was still scheduled to be live at the end of October.</p> <p>It was noted that there were still 2 places left on the “Fibre Blowing” course.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Audit for year ending 31 March 2016:</b>  The audit return had been received back from the external auditor BDO LLP approving the councils accounts and practices. <b>It was resolved to accept this report.</b></p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Music and Beer Festival 2017:</b>  A request had been received from the Music and Beer Festival committee for use of the car park field</p>



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	for the 2017 festival. <b>It was resolved to grant the use of the field for the festival with the same conditions as in 2016.</b>																
12.	<p><b>CCTV Cameras:</b> It was noted that a number of members of the public had raised the issue of installing CCTV cameras in the dale. There was some discussion about the perceived intrusion that cameras bring but it was noted that they would be installed on the entrances and exits to the dale away from private properties. It was noted that there had been previous discussion on this subject approximately 4 years ago when it was decided that there were too many restrictions on what cameras can be used for. It was further noted that Kirkby Lonsdale had investigated this possibility recently and decided not to proceed. <b>It was resolved to get a quote for the installation and to speak to the local police force to find out what restrictions are in place.</b></p>																
13.	<p><b>Drain Clearance:</b> The meeting considered Bill Hartley's proposal to inspect and clear all drains once a year with a view to keeping them well maintained to reduce surface water. It was apparent that the proposal did not contain enough information and that further information should be sought. <b>It was resolved to contact Bill Hartley for further information and to postpone any decision until after the budget had been set.</b></p>																
14.	<p><b>Verge Cutting:</b> It was noted that an offer had been received from CCC to allow the Parish Council to take on the verge cutting itself. A member of the public in attendance who cuts verges was asked for his opinion and he advised that another Parish had also complained at the standard of the recent verge cutting. It was agreed that the clerk would find out what the rules are for verge cutting and find out how much would be paid to the council if it were to take on the verge cutting. <b>It was resolved that in the meantime a site visit with Alan Little of CCC should be arranged to discuss the standard of cutting.</b></p>																
15.	<p><b>Finance and Budget monitoring:</b> An income and expenditure report (to the end of Q2) was submitted to the council and was compared to last year's position. <b>It was resolved to approve this report.</b></p>																
16.	<p><b>Working Groups and Committees:</b> It was noted that Councillor Danny Smith was not able to represent the council on the Memorial Hall committee. No other Councillors were able to take his place and so Councillor Dalton would revert back to his position on this committee.</p>																
17.	<p><b>Car Park ticket machine:</b> It was reported that issues had been experienced with the operation of one of the coin collection boxes for the ticket machine. John Hyde was organising for the machine to be serviced and he hoped that this would cure the problem. If however it didn't there would be a need to purchase a new coin box and this was not covered by the maintenance contract. <b>It was resolved to purchase a new box if the service did not resolve the problem.</b></p>																
18.	<p><b>Finance:</b> The following payments were approved:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Bombers Bin Wash (Cleaning Walkway Queens Square)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Burton Turf Care (Maintenance of Sports Field 2016)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2558.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Burton Turf Care (Maintenance of Car Park Picnic Area 2016)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1041.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">BDO LLP (External Audit Costs 2015/16)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£276.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerk's expenses)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£19.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Sally Bansor (Car Park Relief)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£56.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">HMRC VAT (Q2 Vat Payment)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1127.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">HMRC PAYE (Q2 PAYE Payment)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£141.00</td> </tr> </table>	Bombers Bin Wash (Cleaning Walkway Queens Square)	£60.00	Burton Turf Care (Maintenance of Sports Field 2016)	£2558.40	Burton Turf Care (Maintenance of Car Park Picnic Area 2016)	£1041.60	BDO LLP (External Audit Costs 2015/16)	£276.00	Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerk's expenses)	£19.00	Sally Bansor (Car Park Relief)	£56.00	HMRC VAT (Q2 Vat Payment)	£1127.26	HMRC PAYE (Q2 PAYE Payment)	£141.00
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<b>19.</b>	<p><b>Planning:</b> <b>19.1 Applications</b> S/01/49H at Cowgill Barn, Cowgill, Dent - full planning permission for conversion of existing garage into residential. <b>Supported</b></p> <p>S/01/36J at Walnut Bungalow, Dent - variation of Condition 2 of planning permission S/01/36H relating to design of porch. <b>Supported</b></p> <p><b>19.2 Decisions</b> S/01/241A at Wherside Great Allotment, Dent – full planning permission for laying of bog mats on moorland edge. (Granted with conditions). S/01/277 at Land at Helmside, Dent - full planning permission for erection of agricultural building for housing stock and for storage of feed and machinery. (Granted with conditions). S/01/187A at Hill Farm, Cowgill, Dent - full planning permission for installation of EE telecommunications apparatus; ancillary equipment cabins; fenced compound; area of hard standing and new 30m access track (Granted with conditions)</p>
<b>20.</b>	<p><b>Close:</b> The meeting closed at 21.03.</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on 07 November 2016 at Sedgwick Room, Dent</p>