

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Cartmel Fell Parish Council held at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre on Thursday 3rd May 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Alan Telford (Chairman), Chris Cannon, Marian Smith and Mike Smith, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Helen Smith, and noted from County Councillor Bill Wearing, District Councillor Sue Sanderson, and PCSO Johnny Gios.

**18/20 Election of Chairman:**

Councillor Alan Telford was elected Chairman for 2018-19.

**18/21 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:**

Councillor Helen Smith was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2018-19.

**18/22 Election of Officers:**

- a. Footpath Group - Councillor Helen Smith.
- b. Parish Hall Representative - Councillor Mike Smith.
- c. CALC Representative - Councillor Telford
- d. Highwayman - Councillor Mike Smith
- e. Cartmel Fell Educational Foundation - Councillor Helen Smith
- f. LAP Representative - Councillor Marian Smith.

**18/23 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**18/24 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

**18/25 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meetings held on 8th February 2018, 15th February 2018, and 27th February 2018 having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**18/26 Finance:**

- a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

CALC	£137.00	Annual subscription
Community Lincs. Insurance Services		
	£144.59	Insurance premium
K M Price	£104.31	Quarterly expenses to 31st March, including use of home office and travel.
K M Price	£3.66	Balancing payment.

- b. The provisional accounts for 2017-18 were presented and noted.

- c. It was resolved that the 'Certificate of Exemption' be signed by the Chairman and Clerk. This exempts the Council from the External Audit. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign The Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements.
- d. The new salary scales for Clerks were noted (there is an increase of 2% agreed nationally). The Clerk is currently on SCP27 and is contracted to work 18 and a quarter hours each month.

### **18/27 Planning:**

- a. *The following applications were considered:*

7/2018/5200 Bracken Dale, Birks Road. Erection of swimming pool/gym/spa annexe building without complying with condition 2 of approval ref 7/2017/5773 - amendments to design.

*The following comments were agreed:*

'The plans and details we have received are incomplete - there are no details of the amendments to the garage plans - one of the Councillors has already visited your office and seen these. He is aware the new plans show a 2 bed flat over the garage instead of the original store room, yet the Council was not sent these. How can sensible comments be submitted on something the Council is not made aware of?

The Parish Council realise that there is not a good reason for refusal but are not happy about the extra accommodation when there is already a 7 bed house - the Council's opinion is there is not a need for this.

However the Council is extremely concerned about the new vehicular access onto Birks Road. It is a blind entrance , there is very poor visibility in both directions when coming onto Birks Road.

On the north side there is a substantial wall with large fir trees forming a hedge and to the south there will be the proposed swimming pool building .

It is believed a meeting between Cumbria Highways , yourselves (planners) and the owner has been arranged , when hopefully you will address this issue and the desired outcome of moving the proposed swimming pool a safe distance away from the carriageway will be achieved. This will also stop the road being narrowed due to the building being too close to the carriageway.

The Council has no objections to the swimming pool building alterations - only the position it occupies on the plot.

It is sincerely hoped that the meeting with Cumbria Highways is a successful one in terms of sorting out the dangerous new access - perhaps they should have been consulted sooner.

There is a question of where the boundary is , it appears there is encroachment onto Highways land and according to Land Registry details the building is over Highways land at the point of the existing access.

Also the proposed position of swimming pool building will severely affect 2 local long standing businesses due to the narrowing of Birks Rd'.

7/2018/5212 Hill of Oaks Caravan Park. Construction of new boat house - amendments to approval 7/2014/5296 and re-submission of 7/2017/5658. Approval recommended.

7/2018/5198 and 5199 Bracken Dale, Birks Road. Relocation of existing vehicular access from Birks Road leading to new triple garage with store over not in accordance with condition no 2 previous attached to planning permission ref 7/2017/5468; amended design to provide annexed accommodation to main dwelling. (see above)

7/2018/5170 Calm Waters, Newby Bridge Road. Landscaping of garden including terracing. Approval recommended, although a question has raised

'In the application form Section 24 - Can the site be seen from a public road etc, NO was ticked, however, it is quite a raised area of land and can be seen from the A592 road also from the lake (a public highway). There is also a right of way adjoining.

Overall the Council would have appreciated more detailed description other than just landscaping and terracing, given that this is a prominent site along the lake shore within a world heritage listed area'.

*b. The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted:*

7/2018/5011 Birket Houses, Winster. Proposed new kitchen garden, garden store, pool house and associated landscaping. Granted.

7/2017/5879 Birks Wood, Newby Bridge Road. Extensions, dormers and modified access drive. Withdrawn.

7/2017/5830 Curfield, Ghyll Head. Proposed replacement dwelling. Refused.

7/2017/5750 Calm Waters, Ghyll Head. Extensions and alterations to boathouse. Withdrawn.

*c. The Council had been asked to expand on its 'refusal' recommendation for the following application:*

7/2017/5816 Hollinfield, Newby Bridge Road. Replacement dwelling.

*The following further comments were agreed:*

'A proper set of plans for this application has not been received - nothing that shows the present dwelling. The plans seem incomplete as several other buildings appear to be outlined in red but giving no details of what they are.

The proposed building is excessive in size - it appears to be three and a half storeys in height. The design and appearance is not in keeping with other properties in the area and it seems more like a Swiss chalet than a Lakeland house.

It has far too many windows and too much glass. The Lake facing view seems to be all glass with the design being aimed at seeing the Lake - so this will be very visible from the Lake.

The Council's overdevelopment opinion is due to its excessive size and height, and the Council does not believe the design is appropriate for the area, so Refusal is still recommended'.

- d. A short report was given on the recent meeting with Tim Farron MP to discuss planning concerns in the parish. Discussion had centred on recent applications at Curfield, Bracken Dale and Louper Weir. Tim is to report back to the Council in due course and it was felt to have been a useful meeting.

#### **18/28 Correspondence:**

Voting for a Parish Member on the LDNPA - details of candidates had been provided by CALC and Councillors all completed the voting slips.

#### **18/29 A592:**

There had been many problems and concerns during the winter months when the A592 had been closed. Mr Phil Woolley of United Utilities, has expressed a willingness to attend a Parish Council meeting and will contact the Clerk to arrange this.

#### **18/30 Parish Council website:**

Councillor Marian Smith continues to place material on the Council's website, in order to ensure the Council is compliant with the Transparency requirements.

#### **18/32 General Data Protection Regulation:**

There is still some uncertainty as to whether Parish Councils will be required to appoint a Data Protection Officer or not. It was agreed the Clerk would liaise with the Chairman and any required material would be available on the Council's website by 25th May 2018 when this Regulation becomes law.

**18/33 Local Area Partnership (LAP):**

Councillor Marian Smith had no specific report but pointed out that some of the local LAPs have closed down and that a date has not yet been set for the next Cartmel and Grange LAP meeting.

**18/34 Parish Lengthsman:**

No report, but Councillor Mike Smith had arranged for gritting of the roads during the recent spell of bad weather. CCC Highways had visited the site reported at the last meeting (minute 17/65 refers) but the problem remains. This problem had been brought to the Council's attention by a local resident and the Clerk had reported it on two occasions previously.

**18/35 Date and place of next meeting:**

Councillor Cannon suggested that the number of meetings held should be increased and it was agreed to increase the number from four to six meetings each year for a trial period. The Clerk will circulate possible dates for a meeting in July and consider dates for future meetings after that.

*The meeting closed at 9.40pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*