

Minutes of a meeting of Cartmel Fell Parish Council held at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre on Thursday 8th February 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Alan Telford (Chairman), Helen Smith, Marian Smith and Mike Smith, County Councillor Bill Wearing, three residents and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Sue Sanderson.

18/1 Public participation:

- a. A considerable number of problems are being experienced on the A592 with the present road closure, resulting in ever-worsening damage to Birks Road and Ghyll Head Lane. These were reported by both Councillors and members of the public. Councillor Wearing immediately reported this to CCC Highways and said he would be visiting their Kendal office on Monday as the situation is totally unacceptable.
- b. There are serious concerns regarding planning application 7.2017.5830 Curfield, Ghyll Head. Replacement dwelling. These were outlined by both Councillors and members of the public. As the application arrived too late to be included on the agenda for this meeting, an additional meeting will be called in order to make official comments. The Clerk agreed to alert the LDNPA Enforcement Office the following day, as work has already commenced without planning permission.

18/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

18/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

18/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2017, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

18/5 Council Vacancy:

Chris Cannon was co-opted to the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

18/6 Reports:

- a. **Police.** None.
- b. **County Councillor.** Councillor Wearing described the new SLDC Ward boundaries as from May this year, when Cartmel Fell would be in the Bowness and Levens Ward. He said that the increase in Council Tax is likely to be (for CCC) around 3.99%, including 2% for adult social care. He plans to attend a meeting tomorrow regarding issues surrounding the Windermere Ferry.

- c. **District Councillor.** Councillor Sanderson had emailed her report and this will be appended to these minutes in the file. The report included updates on the recycling rollout, housing and economy, the upgrade of parks and playgrounds, and an Action Plan which is being written in conjunction with LDNPA for the future management of Windermere with a focus specifically on what the two organisations deliver.

18/7 Finance:

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

K M Price	£102.22	Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel.
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- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

18/8 Planning:

- a. *The following applications were considered:*

7/2018/5012 Bracken Dale, Birks Road. Amend condition no 2 on approval ref 7/2017/5287 to allow for design amendments. Refusal - overdevelopment of the site will be reiterated.

7/2018/5013 Gil Cottage, Ghyll Head. Interior alterations to provide an additional bedroom together with a window on the south elevation. Approval recommended, providing the building's listed status remains the same.

7/2017/5816 Hollinfield, Newby Bridge Road. Replacement dwelling. Refusal - overdevelopment of the site will be reiterated.

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

7/2017/5614 Pool Garth, Cartmel Fell. Conversion of outbuilding to short term holiday let accommodation. Refused.

7/2017/5508 Foxfield Farm, Cartmel Fell. 2 single storey rear extensions and one two storey extension. Granted.

- c. *The following comments, submitted to the Planning Authority by the Clerk under his delegated authority since the last meeting, were noted:*

7/2017/5857 Ghyll Crag, Newby Bridge Road. Demolition of existing boathouse and erection of replacement boathouse. Demolition and replacement of existing jetty. This would be yet another overdevelopment of the lakeshore. The artist's illustration of the proposed new boat house appears to be somewhat of an upmarket Nissen hut type structure on top of an elongated garage and not visually attractive or in keeping with traditional Lakeland style. No objections in principle, though.

7/2017/5750 Calm Waters, Newby Bridge Road. Extensions and alterations to boathouse. Again another overdevelopment of the lakeshore, particularly in terms of the height. Both structures would impact considerably to the lakeshore appearance and are a creeping overdevelopment of the eastern side of the lake with the impact of creating almost a linear lakeshore town from Bowness to Newby Bridge. The proliferation of new boathouses appear to be becoming additional residences.

The Parish Council recently raised some observations about building work taking place here. The applicants claimed that it was 'ground stabilisation' and wasn't for building work. Also they say it cannot be seen from a public place. This is incorrect as The Beech Hill car parks are public and can see the gardens and hence the building. Refusal recommended.

7/2017/5773, Bracken Dale, Birks Road. To erect a swimming pool/gym/spa annexe building. Again, this is an over development of the site and the overall area. This is going to be another Louper Weir where having gained permission once they intend to keep adding to it! Refusal recommended.

18/9 Correspondence:

- a. Letters of thanks had been received from the North West Air Ambulance and the Great North Air Ambulance, following the Council's recent donations.
- b. The Annual Malcolm Wilson Rally is due to take place on Sunday 3rd March 2018. It is not thought this will pass through the parish.
- c. Claire Cornish, Species Restoration Officer at the University of Cumbria, regarding a five-year conservation and community engagement project around species restoration. It was agreed to ask for details to be sent, for consideration.

18/10 A592:

This had been dealt with earlier in the meeting, under 'Public Participation'.

18/11 General Data Protection Regulation:

There is still not a lot of information available regarding this but the new regulation will affect all Parish Councils. A Data Protection Officer will need to be appointed and further details are awaited shortly from CALC. A training course is being arranged on 7th and 8th March for Councillors and Clerks.

18/12 New Audit arrangements:

The Clerk explained that, from 1st April 2018, the Council will be able to declare itself exempt from the requirement for an External Audit. Under the Transparency requirements, further financial details will be available on the website and the Internal Audit of the Council's accounts will continue as at present. Further details will be available at the next meeting.

18/13 Outstanding Parish Council requirements:

The proposed Publication Scheme, under the Freedom of Information Act, was agreed and this will be added to the documents on the website.

18/14 Parish Council website:

Councillor Marian Smith continues to update the website with material to enable compliance with the Transparency requirements.

18/15 Local Area Partnership (LAP):

The LAP Newsletter had been circulated to all Councillors. It was noted that there is a Flood Action meeting at Backbarrow on 14th March from 1 to 2pm and a Community Care meeting at the Marchesi Centre in Windermere on 15th February.

18/16 Parish Lengthsman:

The Clerk agreed to follow up the issues raised at the last meeting (minute 17/65 refers) as nothing appears to have been done yet.

18/19 Date and place of next meeting:

Thursday 3rd May 2018 at **7pm** at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre (The Parish Hall cannot be used due to this being Election Day) (This will be the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting).

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed:

Dated: