

Minutes of a meeting of Cartmel Fell Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell, on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Alan Telford (Chairman), Chris Cannon, Helen Smith, Marian Smith and Mike Smith, County Councillor Bill Wearing, District Councillor John Holmes, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Kevin Holmes.

20/1 Public participation: None.

20/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

20/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

20/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 2019, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

20/5 Parish Defibrillator:

The Council was updated on the progress for a Parish Defibrillator to be provided. A quotation of £1,730 including the cabinet has been accepted. Insurance and costs of installation will be additional to this. Weekly monitoring will be required, in order to ensure reliability and Parish Hall committee members, aided by local volunteers, will be responsible for this. The First Aid course will be open to everyone involved.

20/6 Parish Council website:

The Clerk expects to meet A2A in Milnthorpe later this month to discuss the way forward, as regards the Accessibility Regulations. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

20/7 ACTION with Communities in Cumbria re; Emergency Planning, Community Resilience and Neighbourliness:

Witherslack Meathop & Upha Parish Council has invited Lorraine Smyth from ACT to address their next meeting. The Clerk will ensure Cartmel Fell Councillors are invited to attend.

20/8 Reports:

- a. **Police:** The report from PCSO Howard Firth was read. There had been a couple of thefts from domestic properties in the area, but not in this parish. A new rural task force has been established and is patrolling on a 24/7 basis. It is being assisted by both Farm Watch and the Police Community Team in the south of the county. As a direct result of this the number of incidents of rural crime have recently dramatically fallen.
- b. **County Councillor:** Councillor Wearing reported that the new Chief Constable had met with the full CCC recently. 50 new Police Officers will be in place by next year. A main problem at present is the county-lines drug issue, as well as digital online abuse. The Fire Service had been inspected last month and the result was very good, being third out of all areas. 80% to 90% of fire fighters in Cumbria are 'retained' and new recruits are sought.
- c. **District Councillor:** Councillor Holmes circulated his report, which will be appended to these minutes in the file. New regulations for septic tanks and SLDC's target for affordable homes were among the issues discussed.
- d. **Highwayman:** Councillor Mike Smith had produced a sizeable list of issues requiring attention. This will be passed to Councillor Wearing, who will ask CCC Highways for them to be dealt with. An additional grit bin will be requested for the Newby Bridge road and locations were suggested to Councillor Wearing. The Lyth Valley road is in a poor condition, despite having been resurfaced only last year, as is the A592. Councillor Wearing will bring this to the attention of CCC Highways. He will also request a full inspection of drains in the parish, some of which have been reported many times previously.

20/9 Finance:

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

HMRC	£159.40	PAYE (noted)
Crosthwaite PCC	£13.00	Parish Magazine subscription
Cartmel Fell Community Trust		
	£14.00	Hire of hall (two meetings)
K M Price	£92.74	Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Budget Report was presented by the Clerk and it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council in the sum of £6,307 for the financial year 2020-21. This means that there is no increase in the parish element of the Council Tax.

20/10 Planning:

- a. *The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, was noted:*

7/2019/5681 Beech Hill Hotel, Newby Bridge Road. Elevation works associated with the following: Conversion of 2 existing bedrooms to 1 large bedroom Spa suite. Conversion of 2 existing bedroom suites to Spa space. Granted.

- b. *The following application was considered and approval recommended:*

7/2019/5800 Hill of Oaks Caravan Park, Newby Bridge. Like for like replacement of existing jetty.

20/11 Date and place of the next meeting:

Monday 11th May 2020 at 7pm at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre - this will be the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed:

Dated: