

CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

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Minutes of the meeting of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council held on the 14 December 2015 in Crosby Ravensworth Parish Archive at 7:30pm

- Present Mr Gavin Wilkinson (Chairman), Mrs Joan Raine (Vice Chair) – *joined for last item having given apologies*, Mrs Alison Robinson, Mr Andrew Beatham, Mr David Hewitt, Mr Mike Archer, Mr Christian Barnes (Clerk).
Cllr Neil Hughes (CCC) Attending.
Five members of the public were present.
- 123/15 **Apologies** Mr John Wood, Mrs Joan Raine (EDC Business) Clerk to enquire as to John Wood’s intention to remain on the Council. Email 15/12/2015
- 124/15 **Minutes** of the previous meeting held on the 2 November were approved as a true record (subject to the correction of a typo in 99/15).
- 125/15 **Ghyll Cottage Licence/Complaint.** Advice had been circulated from Minehan McAlister. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the vendor enclosing the advice in full and asking if in the light of this he wished to pursue a complaint. Advice sought from the monitoring officer as to complaints procedures not involving the code of conduct had not been received prior to the meeting. The clerk advised that he had written to the vendor to express his doubts as to whether there was any basis for a complaint, specifically whether the council had acted beyond its powers Minehan McAlister’s advice, confirmed in a phone call, was that the council had not. The previous decision was unanimous and the matter was regarded as a dispute rather than as a complaint. Co/15/0034
- 126/15 **Ghyll Cottage Licence.** It was further agreed that the Clerk would write to the buyer enclosing the advice in full and ask for a response within two months as to how the matter would best be settled. It was agreed that if the matter was not settled at least in principle with a timescale for agreement set out along any of the lines set out in the letter the gates would be removed after four months. Co/15/0035
- 127/15 **Complaints procedure.** It was established that the council did not have a procedure for dealing with complaints out-side the code of conduct. It was agreed that the clerk would circulate a draft complaints procedure with the papers for the next meeting based on the sample policy (Salhouse PC) presented for discussion at this meeting. It was further agreed that the paper would be taken as read and the resolution on the next agenda would be for approval/adoption.
- 128/15 **Planning.** 15/0946 Mr & Mrs Wood, 5 Riverside Cottages, Maulds Meaburn, Proposed Extension and alterations. The council opposes the application on the grounds that it is overbearing Email 16 December 2015

(too large), of a design character that is incongruent with neighbouring property and has a very prominent site in relation to the green and in addition that the first story would take light from the rear garden of the neighbouring dwelling (No 4 Riverside).

- 129/15 **Public Participation.** Cllr Hughes reported that Haberwain Hill was included in the council's major list priorities for resurfacing and that the Post office would operate 1 day a week for a couple of hours and therefore not provide an equivalent level of service. A similar service existed at Askham and Penruddock.
- 130/15 **Flooding,** It was decided to hold a special meeting in February to deal with this issue and to address parishioners concerns. Correspondence from Helen Kenyon was read regarding assistance and the clerk would circulate advice on compensation to individuals affected by flooding and post information on the public notice boards. The matter would be pursued with Tony Burns re Footpaths, specific problems were noted with the culvert at Blasterfield and the Cattlegrid at Meaburn Edge. No EA warnings were available for this area because no measurements were taken. The help of Mike Tuer, Alistair Strong, Nick and Hilary Tithecot and the Meaburn Institute in helping with Sandbags was gratefully acknowledged. The Chair introduced a prepared paper seeking the views of councillors in the light of recent events on whether to take a more active position on Climate Change and how it might be mitigated through the use of renewable energy. After brief discussion the paper was withdrawn.
- 131/15 Date of Next Meeting PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE to 26 January 2015.