

**CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY**

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**Notes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council held on the 26 May 2015 in Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall at 7:00pm**

**All Councillors and three members of the community were present.**

**The meeting received a Chairman's report and a presentation from Patrick Neaves of Shap Community CIO on the future of the Shap Courthouse/Library building.**

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**Joan Raine, Chairman's Report 26 May 2015**

Since the 12th of May 2014 we have had 7 scheduled PC meetings plus 6 extra meetings to consider planning applications where the deadline fell outside the PC scheduled bimonthly meetings. A total of 24 planning applications have been considered throughout the year.

CRPC Applied to become a Neighbourhood Planning Area, there were 4 objections from two households to this proposal, EDC executive committee, dismissed the objections and passed the application. PC members didn't have an appetite to become the steering committee although they would be supportive of a NHD plan. A consultation on developing a NHD plan is still to take place, if a steering committee can be found. Gavin Wilkinson is a keen supporter of the initiative and had agreed to undertake training towards delivering the plan.

Twinning. Savignone, Italy. The invitation had not been pursued due to a number of reasons.

Site Visits: Gavin Wilkinson and I accompanied EDC portfolio members and officers when they assessed the street lights. Gordon Bowness, Christian Barnes and I were accompanied by Will Cleasby from Eden Rivers Trust, when we assessed the Oddendale beck to explore ideas to address the problem of flooding. All councillors visited Maulds Meaburn to look at the site of a proposed double garage. Gavin Wilkinson and Gordon Bowness have undertaken a number of site visits as members of the PC tree sub-committee.

A presentation from Eden Rivers trust ('Why are we wiggling the rivers') looking at work completed within the parish, at a cost of £200,000 was also on the PC agenda.

Two grants given totalling, £344-60 Playgroup for new toys £257-00 and The Fell runner bus £87-60 Two grants received totalling £1,150 for the repair of the playground wall £450-00 from EDC community fund, and CCC local committee £700-00.

Thanks: Thank you to Jill Winder and Stuart Smith for keeping Crosby Ravensworth tidy and the numerous litter pickers within the parish, footpath clearers David Graham and Gordon Bowness, and all the other good citizens whose names I have not included.

Thank you for your work on behalf of the PC Sass Robertson who resigned at last year's AGM Karen Winder and Keith Golding who were co-opted last year and who sadly didn't stand for re-election. Special thanks to Gordon Bowness, Gordon was first elected in 1976 and has served a total of 35

years as a PC member, 12 of those years as Chairman. Gordon recently attained the age of 78, 3 years past the recommended age for parish councillors, therefore he did not seek re-election. Christian Barnes our clerk for all his work and for giving up his time and volunteering to give a presentation to all persons interested in becoming a parish councillor prior to the election.

The wait goes on for news of two major initiatives which will affect the parish, Tata Steel quarry and The National Park boundary extension; we also await an update on Superfast Broadband whose long anticipated arrival must be imminent!

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**Patrick Neaves, Shap Community CIO Shap Library Courthouse, Special Presentation.**

Patrick gave a brief verbal presentation.

Key facts:

#1 The Library had recently only been opened for 13 hours a week.

#2 CCC treated the building as a community asset and had offered to transfer it to Shap Community CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) which had been established for the purpose.

#3 Planning and discussion was ongoing with the transfer being expected in July.

#4 The CIO which had a core of 25 volunteers wanted to make a wider offering to neighbouring parishes and would be looking at the following options for use: Unmanned Library, Events, Tourism Info, Courses, Gym, Cycle Hire, base for employment use (Incubators) small rural business meeting facility. In addition Eden Credit Union and Cumbria Action for Sustainability could use it as a hub.

#5 An adjacent site on which the former sports hall had stood has also been transferred to the CIO.

#6 There was an outline business plan into which there had not been professional input.

#7 EDC had been supportive with the Tourism offer and the community fund was a prospect for investment.

An open day would be held in June details were available on the website and via facebook and twitter.

<https://shapbuildinggroup.wordpress.com/>

Facebook: Shap Community Building Group

Twitter: @shapcbgroup

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**Public Participation.**

A member of the public raised concerns about the state of the foot paths in the area calling for signage and maps to be made available. The sign in Morland was mentioned as being a particularly

good example. Cllr. Hughes suggested that this might fit well with Cumbria County Council priorities from a Health and Wellbeing perspective.

The refurbishment of finger posts linked to Appleby Heritage Centre was commented on. Cllr Hughes had a member's fund of £5000 from which he offered £500 to the first eight applications.

Cllr Hewitt raised an issue regarding the Chery Tree at Greyber noting that recent publicity was obtained without the landowner's knowledge or consent and the photography had taken place which had involved trespass.

A member of the public raised an issue over the condition of the side path running along the beck between the Archive and Weston House as to whether this could be cleared. This was discussed as a highways issue.

Tata Steel Dewatering of Hardendale quarry. It was noted that entire year had passed with this issue being determined. Cllr Hughes confirmed that he thought it would be two to three months before there was any progress.

<ends 7.50pm>