

**Meeting of Dent Parish Council  
5 July 2010 at 7.30pm, Sedgwick Room**

Agenda Item	
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Ken Smith, Chris Evans, Jock Cairns, Ken McClurg, Graham Dalton, Geoff Woof; Jenny Pilgrim; Peter Knapton  <b>Also present:</b> Kevin Lancaster (District &amp; County Councillor); Peter Woof (District Councillor)  <b>Apologies:</b> Ian McPherson (District Councillor)                      The meeting opened at 7.31pm</p>
2.	<p><b>Minutes:</b> With one addition to those present at the last meeting, the minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
3.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b>                      Jock Cairns in relation to item 11b) Play Area (wife a member of the Play Area Committee); Jenny Pilgrim for planning application S/01/231 for the playing field.</p>
4.	<p><b>Clerks Report:</b>                      The Clerk's Report was reviewed. No further information was requested from the Parish Council. Three late items were tabled 1) an invitation to Yorkshire Day 2) A Planning Meeting in Bainbridge and 3) a general letter from SLDC inviting comments on the future of Councillor's expenses.</p>
5.	<p><b>Public Forum:</b>                      It was requested that the accurate legal position with regards to the camper van policy be clarified in writing. It was reported that camper vans have been staying overnight on the car park and this wasn't being policed.</p> <p>Sedbergh Health Centre - there appears to be a delay in the construction of Sedbergh Health Centre and it was requested that the Clerk make contact with the doctor's surgery to ascertain the current position.</p> <p>There are various areas where cobbles are becoming loose. The Clerk will write to the Highways to highlight the problem.</p>
6.	<p><b>Chair and Member Announcements:</b>                      Jenny Pilgrim had a meeting with PCSO Rachel Thomas regarding Neighbourhood Watch. It was stated that Neighbourhood Watch signs are an effective deterrant. There is currently no co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch and it is evident that one required. A job description will be requested before any further action is taken in filling the role. It has been difficult getting the Neighbourhood Watch signs out of Capita so far. The Clerk was requested to pursue this. For information, it was stated that the police offer a free service from the Kendal Station on house checks with regards to security and advising what can be done by house owners.</p> <p>A letter of thanks will be sent to the organisers of The Dent Music and Beer Festival.</p> <p>We have been invited to take part in the National Park Customer Service Excellence Standard. This is to give feedback on the National Parks entire service. It is a</p>

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	review which takes place every 5 years and goes on until December.
7.	<p><b>Parish Plan Committee:</b> The minutes from the meeting of 14 June 2010 were received. Suggestions were invited for a Parish Plan stand at the Dentdale Show. Any suggestions must be with Peter Knapton or Jock Cairns before next Monday's (12 June) Parish Plan meeting.</p> <p>Funding of Newsletter - feedback on the current format of the newsletter is positive. It was agreed that the newsletter in its current format should continue and would be funded by the Parish Council.</p>
8.	<p><b>Local Area Partnership:</b> Graham Dalton reported on the last LAP meeting. Kirkby Lonsdale were not represented so it was limited as to decisions that could be made. There is £15,000 available to LAP to utilise over the financial year. It was decided it should be spent on projects to benefit all parishes. Examples discussed were supply of gritting dispensers, free transport in school holidays for youngsters amongst others but nothing was finalised. Sedbergh Townscape Initiative Project were awarded £2000. The rest of the decisions were postponed until next meeting. Suggestions on how the money could be put to use were invited for next meeting.</p>
9.	<p><b>Housing:</b> A Housing Strategy Group was formed involving Ken Smith, Jenny Pilgrim, Peter Knapton and Jock Cairns. Kevin Lancaster expressed an interest in becoming actively involved in this. Four tasks need to be focused on immediately i.e. submit the Parish Council's comments on the housing needs survey; formulate the Parish Council's response to the consultation on the YDNPA Housing Development Plan; lobby for the Glebe Fold site to be added as a potential housing site; devise and implement a strategy to encourage the building of affordable and local needs in Dentdale as a whole.</p> <p>Housing Needs Survey - all households had been approached and a proportion of those responded to the survey. A paper returning comments to the organisers findings had been distributed amongst the councillor's prior to the meeting. This was read out at the meeting for the benefit of the public. All councillor's agreed that the points were valid and Jock Cairns would revert with these.</p> <p>Housing Development Plan - On average there have been 5 new dwellings a year in the last 10 years in the whole of the National Park. A draft response previously circulated to the Councillors for their consideration was read out and it was agreed that the Housing Strategy Group should include the following changes in their final version:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The case for including Glebe Fold on the list of possible housing development sites should be put more forcefully.</li> <li>b) Because Policy B16 is often a means of providing local needs housing, it should be incorporated into the Development Plan and be changed to include a presumption in favour of re-occupation.</li> </ul>

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<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Public Benches:</b> Photos were presented at the meeting of the Dales benches before and after maintenance work. Some seats are considered unserviceable and prices would be obtained to renovate these. This will be an Agenda item at the next meeting for consideration of costs to put these back into service.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> Mike Bellion - Members considered correspondence from Mike Bellion to the Chair and Clerk. As Mr Bellion had stated in one of his emails he did not wish to pursue the matter any further the Parish Council resolved to make no further comment. The emails from Mr Bellion had been sent from Sedbergh School and this attracted input from the public and was debated by the Councillor's. It was resolved that the school would be informed of their association with the emails.</p> <p>Dent Play Area Letter - A letter voicing concerns over the new play area was debated. Comments from Councillor's were that the public had been consulted and the children had been consulted. No planning application was required as it was replacing a play area that was already in situ. The Play Area Committee were consulted on the letter and their response was considered to be of great help. The council resolved to respond factually to the letter.</p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Dent Grammar School:</b> Ken Smith was formally appointed to the Dent Grammar School Educational Foundation.</p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Grants Policy:</b> Peter Knapton and the Clerk had drafted a policy which was presented to the Councillors for approval. Two minor amendments to the wording were made and the policy was adopted.</p>
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>Finance:</b> The following payments were approved: John Hyde (Plants) £7.00 Ken McClurg (woodstain) £15.28 Cale Briparc (ticket rolls) £82.98 PAYE £510.80 Picture Palace (newsletter printing) £217.38 E-on £16.41 Tracy Fletcher (Expenses) £150.35 United Utilities £88.21 P Woof (relief toilet cleaning) £36.00</p>
<b>15.</b>	<p><b>Planning:</b> Applications S/01/90C - Hill Farm, Cowgill - erection of a garage - approve S/01/231 - Laying of Grasscrete to the parking area and creation of two wheeled access track to the pavilion for Dent Playing Fields - approve</p> <p>Updates - The snow huts appeal has been upheld.</p>

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<b>16.</b>	<b>Close of Meeting:</b> The meeting closed at 10.12pm.
<b>17.</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b> Monday 2 August 2010 7.30pm, Sedgwick Room

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