



**Meeting of Dent Parish Council
09 May 2016 at 7.30pm, Sedgwick Room**

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council Meeting on 06 June 2016

Agenda Item	<p>Present: Councillors Graham Dalton, Chris Evans, Tom Stafford, Geoffrey Woof, and Rita Corpe.</p> <p>District Councillor Kevin Lancaster.</p> <p>The meeting opened at 7.30pm.</p>
1.	<p>Election of Chair: Councillor Graham Dalton indicated that he wished to continue as Chair. In her absence Councillor Jenny Pilgrim had asked the Clerk to nominate her. It was agreed that further discussion was required. It was resolved to elect Councillor Dalton to the Chair for the May meeting and then elect a more permanent Chair at the June meeting.</p>
2.	<p>To receive the Chair's declaration of acceptance of office: Postponed until June meeting in accordance with the above point.</p>
3.	<p>Apologies: Councillor Jenny Pilgrim.</p> <p>County Councillor Nick Cotton.</p> <p>District Councillor Mel Mackie.</p>
4.	<p>Minutes: Minutes of the meeting on 04 April 2016 were presented and signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
5.	<p>Declarations of Interest: None recorded.</p>
6.	<p>Election of Vice Chair: It was resolved to postpone this item until June when a new Chair will be elected.</p>
7.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>7.1 The clerk's report was presented and accepted. Further information was given on:-</p> <p>7.2 Parish Council Vacancies – Emails had now been received from all 3 interested parties.</p> <p>7.3 Milk Platform in Gawthrop – The Clerk explained that there seemed to have been a misunderstanding regarding the platform. The new residents had simply enquired about ownership of the benches next to the platform as they were in a state of disrepair. It was resolved that the Clerk would check which ones are owned by the PC and that they would be repaired. Councillor Chris Evans will liaise with the Clerk over the repairs.</p> <p>7.4 Barth Bridge – The Clerk had received an email just before the meeting from County Councillor Nick Cotton. Councillor Cotton had spoken to Cumbria Highways who had reported that they had placed a trial panel and were awaiting approval from YDNPA. A discussion took place regarding the length of time it had taken to make these repairs and that if they were not completed soon then the bridge wall was in danger of collapse.</p> <p>District Councillor Kevin Lancaster reported that he believed that if the repairs were essential then listed structure permission was not required. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to YDNPA to confirm that permission was not required and then speak to Cumbria Highways.</p> <p>Further discussion took place regarding other bridges in the dale, namely, Cowgill Church bridge, Church Bridge and Stonehouse Bridge. It was resolved to ask Cumbria Highways and YDNPA to meet with us to agree a resolution.</p>



8.	<p>Appointments: The following appointments were made to working parties and committees:-</p> <p>Car Park Committee Councillors Chris Evans and Tom Stafford</p> <p>Playing Field Committee Councillors Chris Evans and Tom Stafford Keith Burrow replaces Ian Mitchell as a member from the football club.</p> <p>Parish Plan Committee There has been no meeting for 2 years. It was resolved to form a committee when it was next required.</p> <p>Litter Collection Co-coordinator John Sibley had tendered his resignation and a replacement was yet to be found.</p> <p>Planning Working Group Scott Thornley had resigned his post as councillor to become clerk. Councillors Chris Evans, Rita Corpe and Jenny Pilgrim all agreed to continue.</p> <p>Highways Steward Liaison Councillor Scott Thornley (Clerk) will take on this role from the previous clerk.</p> <p>Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale LAP Councillor Graham Dalton agreed to continue in this role.</p> <p>Dent C of E Primary School Governors Councillor Tom Stafford</p> <p>Dent Combined Charities Councillors Graham Dalton, Chris Evans and Geoffrey Woof agreed to continue.</p> <p>Dent Grammar School Educational Foundation Councillors Chris Evans, Graham Dalton, Rita Corpe and Geoffrey Woof agreed to continue. Heather Fraser is a council appointee.</p> <p>Dent Memorial Hall Councillor Graham Dalton agreed to continue.</p> <p>Sedbergh Health Centre Patients Forum Kate Cairns is the council appointee</p> <p>Upper Dales Health Watch Councillor Jenny Pilgrim agreed to continue.</p> <p>YDNPA Ian McPherson of Sedbergh PC still has 2 years to run on his term.</p> <p>Sedbergh and District Community Heritage Trust Grants Sub Committee Councillor Graham Dalton agreed to continue.</p> <p>The whole council agreed all of the above appointments.</p>
9.	Chair and Member announcements:



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	<p>Councillor Graham Dalton advised that he had attended the LAP meeting in Barbon in April. Guest speakers were Mr. David Butterworth, CEO of YDNPA and Mr. Peter Charlesworth, Chair of YDNPA, who gave more information regarding the boundary changes of the National Park. It had been decided that total membership of the YDNPA will increase from 22 to 25 and that the 3 new members will come from Lancashire and Eden (1 from Lancashire County Council, 1 from Lancaster City Council and 1 from Eden). It was noted that Lancashire therefore has a much larger proportion of members on the authority than its population would suggest. Sedbergh, Garsdale and Dent ward will be extended to encompass surrounding parishes, such as Casterton, Barbon and Mansergh.</p> <p>There had been some financial good news for the YDNPA. After applying for £700k of extra funding, they had been awarded £500k.</p> <p>A response had been received to the YDNPA letter requesting exemption from the Right to Buy scheme. This had been turned down and so housing association tenants in the YDNPA area will now have the right to buy the homes they currently rent (in dent this affects Glebe Fold).</p> <p>There were no announcements from members.</p>
10.	<p>County and District Councillor announcements: District Councillor Kevin Lancaster advised that County Councillor Nick Cotton had been re-elected for a further 2 years at the recent elections. District Councillor Lancaster and District Councillor Mel Mackie will continue in their roles.</p>
11.	<p>Public Forum: 11.1 QES Bus – Sophie Chaplin and Rosie James presented a proposal on behalf of the parents of children attending QES. The proposal is to use a local taxi company to do the school runs at a cost of £150 per week. This equates to around £712 per child per year. Parents will be asked to pay £600 per year per child (equivalent to the amount paid by parents in Sedbergh) and grants will be sought for the remainder. The group will need a bank account and they hoped this could be done under the “umbrella” of the Parish Council with a sub-committee formed to administer it. Councillor Tom Stafford advised it might be better to set up an Industrial and Provident Society (such as the Music and Beer Festival have done) so that none of the parents would be financially liable. Councillor Rita Corpe advised that grants could be sought from The Hadfield Trust who are extremely generous and also a Grants in Cumbria website.</p> <p>11.2 It was resolved that the parents group would speak to Philip Ayers (Treasurer to the Music and Beer Festival) about the setting up of the Industrial and Provident Society and that Councillor Graham Dalton would check whether the Dent Grammar School Foundation would be a better organisation for administering this since it is an educational charity. It was further resolved that this be an agenda item at the June Parish Council meeting.</p>
12.	<p>Council Insurance and Assets Review: 12.1 The council's assets were reviewed and deemed to be unchanged. 12.2 It was resolved therefore to pay the premium to Zurich Municipal to continue to provide the council's insurance.</p>
13.	<p>Risk Assessment Review: 13.1 The risk assessment document for 2015/16 was reviewed and it was deemed that there were no new risks to the council. 13.2 It was resolved to amend the document to 2016/17 and adopt this assessment.</p>
14.	<p>Annual Financial Statement: 14.1 The 2015/16 Annual Financial Statement was presented to the council and adopted on the basis that the expenditure labeled “Elections” be moved from Car Park Expenditure to General Expenditure. 14.2 It was resolved that the Clerk would make the necessary amendment and the document would then be signed. 14.3 District Councillor Kevin Lancaster advised that George Osborne had announced in the most recent budget rate relief for small businesses. 14.4 It was resolved that the Clerk would talk to Finance Dept. at SLDC to see if the Parish Council qualified for this.</p>



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15.	<p>Annual Audit Return and Governance Statement: 15.1 The Annual Audit Return and Governance Statement were presented to the council. 15.2 It was resolved that the Chair and Clerk would sign the document once the amendment above had been made to the Annual Financial Statement.</p>												
16.	<p>Playing Field Committee: The minutes of the Playing Field Committee meeting on 14 April 2016 were presented to the council.</p>												
17.	<p>Parish Council Vacancies: 17.1 It was agreed that there are now 3 vacancies to fill on the Parish Council. 17.2 The Clerk has received emails from 3 interested parties giving a little detail about themselves and why they wish to join the council. 17.3 District Councillor Kevin Lancaster advised that the 14 day notice period for the original 2 vacancies had passed on several occasions and so only the new vacancy need be advertised. 17.3 It was resolved to put up the required notice of vacancy for the statutory 14 days and if no election was called then the council will co-opt at the June meeting.</p>												
18.	<p>Superfast Broadband in Dentdale: A report from David Pilgrim was circulated. Councillor Chris Evans confirmed that the route for the backhaul feed had been agreed and that all landowners had signed wayleaves. Councillor Graham Dalton advised he had received a message from BT that the decision to provide fibre to Dent on a commercial basis had been referred to Senior Staff.</p>												
19.	<p>Milkstand and Benches at Gawthrop: This item had been covered in the Clerk's report at item 7.3 above.</p>												
20.	<p>St. Andrews Church Graveyard maintenance: Councillor Graham Dalton advised that this item is not being pursued at this time due to the fact that the Community Payback team was in fact still maintaining the graveyard.</p>												
21	<p>Finance: 21.1 Payments authorised:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Dent Memorial Hall (Room Hire)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£24.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Information Commissioner (Renewal)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zurich Insurance (Annual Premium)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£788.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dent Stores (Car Park Consumables)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hyde (Plants and feed for Car Park)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£66.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Hartley and Sons (Drain Clearance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£811.20</td> </tr> </table> <p>21.2 A discussion followed about the success of the drain cleaning. Councillor Geoffrey Woof advised that the drain at the bottom of Millbeck track had not been cleared. Councillor Graham Dalton advised it would be good to know which drains had been cleared so that the council could check on the success of the clearing. 21.3 It was resolved that the Clerk would contact Bill Hartley to obtain a list of the drains that were cleared.</p>	Dent Memorial Hall (Room Hire)	£24.75	Information Commissioner (Renewal)	£35.00	Zurich Insurance (Annual Premium)	£788.74	Dent Stores (Car Park Consumables)	£4.50	John Hyde (Plants and feed for Car Park)	£66.45	J Hartley and Sons (Drain Clearance)	£811.20
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<p>22</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>22.1 Applications</p> <p>S/01/241a – Whernside Great Allotment, Dent, full planning permission for the laying of Bog Mats on the moorland edge, over existing rutted track (retrospective)</p> <p>S/01/36H at Walnut Bungalow, Dent - full planning permission for erection of extensions to existing house</p> <p>S/01/279 at Deepdale Chapel, Dent - full planning permission for conversion of Methodist Chapel to create a 3 bedroom dwelling</p> <p>22.2 Decisions</p> <p>S/01/272 at Conder Farm, Dent - full planning permission for demolition of existing shed and erection of new building for storage and garaging. Granted (with conditions)</p> <p>S/01/36G - Walnut Bungalow, Deepdale Lane, Dent. Variation of Condition 6 of application S/01/36D to allow the private domestic workshop to be used as annex accommodation. Granted (with conditions)</p> <p>22.3 District Councillor Kevin Lancaster advised that Colin Greenwood had to leave the meeting but had expressed concerns regarding the work being carried out at Whernside Great Allotment. District Councillor Lancaster agreed to liaise with Mr Greenwood regarding this matter.</p>
<p>23.</p>	<p>23.1 Close: The meeting closed at 21.20.</p> <p>23.2 Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday 06 June 2016 at 7.30pm in the Sedgwick Room.</p>