



**Meeting of Dent Parish Council  
06 June 2016 at 7.30pm, Sedgwick Room**

*To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council Meeting on 04 July 2016*

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<p><b>Present:</b> Councillors Graham Dalton, Chris Evans, Tom Stafford, Geoffrey Woof, and Jenny Pilgrim.</p> <p>District Councillors Kevin Lancaster and Mel Mackie.</p> <p>The meeting opened at 7.30pm.</p>
1.	<p><b>Election of Chair:</b> The clerk opened the meeting and asked for nominations for Chair for the coming year 2016/17. Discussions had already taken place between councillors. <b>It was resolved that Councillor Dalton take the chair again for the coming year with Councillor Jenny Pilgrim taking special responsibility for B4RN and the Lyon Equipment site.</b></p>
2.	<p><b>To receive the Chair's declaration of acceptance of office:</b> Councillor Dalton duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office.</p>
3.	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Councillor Rita Corpe.</p> <p>County Councillor Nick Cotton.</p>
4.	<p><b>Minutes:</b> Minutes of the meeting on 09 May 2016 were presented and signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
5.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None recorded.</p>
6.	<p><b>Election of Vice Chair:</b> <b>It was resolved that Councillor Tom Stafford continue as Vice Chair for another year.</b></p>
7.	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b>  <b>7.1</b> The clerk's report was presented and accepted. Further information was given on:-  <b>7.2</b> Bridge Repairs – The clerk had invited both YDNPA and Cumbria Highways to a meeting to resolve the ongoing problems with bridge repairs. YDNPA had responded saying that they considered a meeting unnecessary as they had given all the necessary permissions around 2 years earlier and that they were waiting for Cumbria Highways to make the repairs. No response had been received from anyone at Cumbria Highways. District Councillor Lancaster offered the name of Stan Collins as Chair, South Lakeland Area Highways and Transportation Group, as someone who might be able to help. <b>It was resolved that the clerk would write to Stan Collins to try to progress the matter.</b>  <b>7.3</b> Milk Platform area in Gawthrop – After making enquiries the clerk advised that only one of the benches in Gawthrop belonged to the council and that Councillor Evans had found it beyond repair. Councillor Dalton advised that he had been contacted by the Parrington family, who now lived down South but had long connections to Dent. They had a recent bereavement and the ashes were to be scattered in Dent. The family had asked if a plaque could be put up somewhere to commemorate the family member. Councillor Dalton suggested a memorial bench could be installed at Gawthrop to replace the broken one. Further discussion took place around who was responsible for cutting the grass in this area. <b>It was resolved that Councillor Dalton would contact the Parrington family to enquire about a memorial bench and that the clerk would make contact with the residents at Hobstones Cottage to see if they would keep the grass mowed in that area.</b>          Whilst discussing benches, the clerk had been handed a note that the memorial bench for Alan Meakin had not been painted for some time and Councillor Evans also advised that Haycote bridge had now been repaired after some 18 months.</p>



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8.	<p><b>Chair and Member announcements:</b> Councillor Dalton advised that he had been informed that BT had decided to bring Superfast Broadband to Dentdale on a commercial basis. It is hoped that this will be live in August.</p> <p>Councillor Pilgrim advised that she had been approached by various members of the public regarding the lack of information on the dentdale.com website. Councillor Stafford advised that there is a working party in place but that developments to the website had seemed to stall and needed restarting. The clerk advised that he has been unable to get Steve Brammall to respond to questions about more training and gaining information from the old dentdale website. It was advised that Sedbergh Parish Council seem to have a very good system for keeping their calendar of events etc. up to date. <b>It was resolved that Councillor Stafford and the clerk will continue to try to arrange further training and that the clerk will contact the clerk at Sedbergh PC for information about their system.</b></p>
9.	<p><b>County and District Councillor announcements:</b> District Councillors Lancaster and Mackie advised that Giles Archibald had been appointed the new leader of South Lakeland District Council in place of Peter Thornton.</p>
10.	<p><b>Public Forum:</b> <b>10.1</b> A member of the public raised the matter that the YDNPA were asking businesses for money to help to do certain work despite it having been only a short time since the park had expanded. Had the YDNPA expanded the park knowing that it did not have the money to do so. Also, in their opinion, the YDNPA had never been helpful to businesses and so why should businesses be helpful to them.</p>
11.	<p><b>Banking arrangements:</b> The clerk advised that to gain full access online to the councils bank accounts he needed to be a signatory on the account. <b>It was resolved that the clerk become a signatory to the account in order that he can properly administer the accounts.</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Parish Council vacancies:</b> The statutory notice of casual vacancy had been given and had lapsed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016. There are currently 3 vacancies and 3 interested parties. There was some concern that Cowgill was not represented by anyone living there other than Councillor Pilgrim, however in the absence of any candidates from the residents of Cowgill and after a short discussion about the 3 interested parties, Danny Smith, Ian Mitchell and Martyn Knapton, it was agreed that they were all suitable candidates, being well known and prominent in the community. <b>It was resolved to co-opt all 3 candidates.</b></p>
13.	<p><b>Internal Audit report:</b> The report from the Internal Auditor, Colin Robertshaw, was presented and approved.</p>
14.	<p><b>Parking at Dragon Croft:</b> Concerns had been expressed by members of the public regarding car parking around Dragon Croft. It had been reported that several households (some of which were not full time residents) were parking 3 or 4 cars which resulted in other residents not being able to park there. Also, the way in which some of the vehicles were parked was causing a hazard in that emergency service vehicles as well as the refuse collection vehicle, would not be able to reach properties at the bottom end of Dragon Croft. Further, there had been several incidents of vehicles driving down Dragon Croft only to find it was a dead end and then performing a turn in residents driveways to enable them to go back. Finally it was noted that the pathway between the play area and number 3,4,5 and 6 Dragon Croft had a serious flooding problem and that this was causing the garden at number 5 to flood. It was noted that this pathway had in fact been a road at one point and it was asked if it could be returned to a road.</p> <p>Discussion followed that the car parking spaces were for full time residents only and that parking was only to take place in marked bays, thus allowing access to all properties. It was noted that the signs advising that parking was for residents only were too low as they were being obscured by cars once parked and that the signs at the entrance to Dragon Croft advising it was a cul-de-sac were too small.</p> <p>Several possible solutions were discussed including larger signs at the entrance to Dragon Croft, Resident Access Only signs at the entrance, raising of Resident Only parking signs around Dragon Croft and</p>



	<p>widening of the pathway. <b>It was resolved that the clerk would write to the owners of second homes asking them to park in the public car park and apply for a parking permit to do so. Further, the clerk would invite Victoria Upton of SLDC to visit the area again to review the current arrangements and signage.</b></p>																						
15.	<p><b>Transport arrangements for QES:</b> Rosie James offered a progress report since the last meeting. The parent group had decided to keep things as simple as possible and had formed a Community Group. They were in the process of opening a bank account and had spoken to the Cumbria Voluntary Service. They were following up several leads on grants but were finding some people were reluctant to offer a grant for what they felt should be a statutory requirement. The group wished to ask the council for support in the form of a grant with the possibility of it being made every year. Councillor Stafford advised that whilst the council would probably be able to offer a grant in this first year to help the group get started, the council was not in a position to commit itself to offering a sum of money every year. <b>It was resolved that the parent group would present the council with a schedule of costs for the coming year at the July meeting so that the council can decide whether to make a grant available.</b></p>																						
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17.	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>S/01/276 at Overdale, Deepdale Lane, Dent</b> – full planning permission to create one off-road parking space within part of the existing garden, by removing section of boundary wall, lowering part of lawn, surfacing with limestone chippings and installing access gates – <b>Support subject to the approval of Highways department.</b></p> <p><b>S/01/58V at Dent CE Primary School, Laning, Dent</b> - full planning permission for installation of POP cabinet and associated enclosure for superfast broadband via fibre optic cable to serve Gawthrop, Dentdale, Millthrop, Garsdale (including Grisedale) and surrounding areas - <b>Support</b></p> <p><b>S/01/280 at Gillside, West Backstonegill, Dent</b> - full planning permission for internal rearrangement with elevation alterations - <b>Support</b></p> <p><b>S/01/108C/LB at Broadfield Farm Cottage, Dent</b> - listed building consent for replacement of eight windows on the south east facing aspect of the property with double glazed windows – <b>Support as the windows will not be seen from the road.</b></p> <p><b>Diversion of footpath 516005, Dent</b> – Application to divert the footpath approx. 70 metres onto new parallel path – <b>This was considered to be an administration exercise and was therefore supported.</b></p> <p>Councillor Dalton advised that YDNPA wish to place an advert in the community with regard to the planning application at Deepdale Chapel. This was to ensure that there are no community groups wishing to use the chapel for meetings etc.</p>																						



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<b>23.</b>	<b>23.1 Close:</b> The meeting closed at 20.52 <b>23.2 Date of Next Meeting:</b> The next meeting will be on Monday 04 July 2016 at 7.30pm in the Sportsmans Inn, Cowgill.