



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 05 December 2016 in the
Sedgwick Room, Dent**

Present: Councillors Graham Dalton, Rita Corpe, Geoffrey Woof, Chris Evans, Ian Mitchell, Danny Smith, Martyn Knapton, Jenny Pilgrim, Tom Stafford

District Councillor Mel Mackie

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on 06 February 2017

1	<p>Apologies: RESOLVED to receive apologies from and the reason be noted County Councillor Nick Cotton and District Councillor Kevin Lancaster.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED to accept the following declarations of interest:</p> <p>Rita Corpe in respect of Dent with Cowgill PCC grant application Ian Mitchell in respect of Dent Pre-School grant application Tom Stafford in respect of Dent Pre-School grant application Martyn Knapton in respect of planning application at Low Chapel, Dent</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 07 November 2016: RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 07 November 2016 subject to the following alterations:</p> <p>Item 6 – The £50000 grant from YDNPA was in fact in respect of the entire National Park area and was actually £60000. YDNPA had in fact loaned the Dentdale and Garsdale B4RN project £11300.</p> <p>Item 15 – Typographical error plpledged be amended to pledged.</p>	
4	<p>Outstanding Bridge Repairs: RESOLVED to accept apologies offered by David Lang of Cumbria County Council. A written report will be circulated to all members once received.</p>	ST
5	<p>Clerk's report: RESOLVED to accept the Clerk's Report. Further discussion took place regarding Item 9 - it was suggested that this was not a new problem but had been happening for a long time. Item 16 – It was decided that the Parish Council had not power to act on this matter as the land is owned by Cumbria County Council.</p>	
6	<p>Chair and Member Announcements: The chair advised that there had been some uncertainty about whether the National Parks would be exempt from the Right to Buy scheme. However, the National Parks are now of the opinion that this is not the case, however any planning restrictions</p>	

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	<p>already in place will remain in place if the property is then sold. (I.e. Local Occupancy). It was asked if the restriction would be a YDNPA restriction or SLDC if the housing was coming from SLDC. The chair advised it would be the YDNPA restriction.</p> <p>Lyon Equipment site at Rise Hill Mill has now been sold, however no further details were available at the time.</p> <p>Gritting – It was noted that the gritter was passing at least once per day when required and was going all the way up to Newby Head. This work is being done by the same local contractor who has now bought a wagon for the job.</p> <p>The chair had received a response from Tim Farron MP regarding his question about VAT on car park ticket receipts. A written response from Jane Ellison (the minister responsible) was read out and it was noted that Local Authorities are subject to a special VAT regime as most activities are outside of the scope of VAT. VAT is only payable on certain activities. Supplies of “Off Street Parking” are subject to VAT as decided by the Court of Appeal.</p> <p>It was questioned why there was not an exemption for small authorities as there is for small businesses under £80k turnover. The chair agreed to write again to pose this question.</p> <p>At a recent meeting of the East ICC it was suggested that Telemedicine should be more widely used to help relieve the workload at surgeries.</p> <p>There has been a food donation basket in church for some time which is regularly donated to Manna House. There is concern that the general public do not know it is there. A notice will be put on the noticeboard to bring attention to it.</p> <p>The parish vicar Peter Boyles is moving to Appleby in the new year. There will be a celebration (Jacob’s Join) in the memorial hall on Sunday 15 January at 12 noon to thank him for his work in the parish.</p>	
7	<p>County and District Councillor Announcements:</p> <p>Mel Mackie wished to note that John Hyde had been extremely helpful in taking him around the parish and pointing out some locations which may be of interest. Councillor Mackie also wished to note that he and Kevin Lancaster are keen to be involved in getting the work on the bridges pushed through. They may wish to meet with David Lang and the clerk will provide David’s contact details.</p>	ST
8	<p>Public Forum:</p> <p>It was questioned whether the letter from the Minister regarding VAT charges should be shared with CALC.</p> <p>The 20mph and Car Park markings on the road require repainting. The clerk will contact the relevant authority.</p> <p>A member of the public wished to make the council aware of the dog fouling problem. It seems that a dog has been allowed into his garden to foul on two occasions.</p>	ST

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9	<p>Hyperfast Broadband for Dentdale and Garsdale: RESOLVED to accept the report provided by David Pilgrim and to note the excellent progress that has been made. In particular the successful connection at the school and to properties in Gawthrop.</p>															
10	<p>Playing Field Committee: RESOLVED to accept the playing minutes from 17 November 2016. Noted that the main order of business was the grass cutting tender. It was felt that the current number of cuts (20) was probably too many as the grass was often cut too often and too short. This should be reduced to 15 with a later start date with the option to ask for ad hoc cuts if required. It was further noted that contractors should keep a log of when the grass is cut and any special treatments that they make so that a fair tender can be offered, this should be submitted to the clerk or the Chair of the Playing Field Committee. RESOLVED to offer a 3 year tender for 15 cuts with the option to ask for ad hoc cuts if required. There should be a review at the end of each year with the option to terminate early if not satisfactory.</p>	ST														
11	<p>Budget & Precept – Financial Year 2017/18: Three options were offered by the budget working group regarding the car park budget. Option 1 – No changes to the current ticket price Option 2 – Increase the price of the 3 hr ticket to £2.20 Option 3 – Introduce a 1hr ticket at £1.50 and increase the 3hr ticket price to £2.50 After much discussion regarding each of the options it was agreed by 5 votes to 4 that Option 3 should be used. Discussion then moved to the main budget. The main proposals were to freeze the precept for one year and to allocate £5000 to the renovation of the public toilets. RESOLVED to accept the main budget and the Car Park budget Option 3.</p>															
12	<p>Finance: RESOLVED to note the account balances at Current Account £25848.36 Savings Account £7045.61</p> <p>RESOLVED to authorise the following payments</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>MyCharityBoxes.com (Honesty boxes for public toilets)</td> <td align="right">£56.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerks Expenses)</td> <td align="right">£49.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>United Utilities (Car Park Water and Wastewater 27 July – 28 October 2016)</td> <td align="right">£156.65</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON (Car Park Electricity October and November 2016)</td> <td align="right">TBA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CALC (CiLCA course Module 2)</td> <td align="right">£39.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CALC (Local Council Finance Course)</td> <td align="right">£35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hyde (New keys)</td> <td align="right">£13.00</td> </tr> </table>	MyCharityBoxes.com (Honesty boxes for public toilets)	£56.97	Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerks Expenses)	£49.55	United Utilities (Car Park Water and Wastewater 27 July – 28 October 2016)	£156.65	EON (Car Park Electricity October and November 2016)	TBA	CALC (CiLCA course Module 2)	£39.50	CALC (Local Council Finance Course)	£35.00	John Hyde (New keys)	£13.00	
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14	<p>Parish Council Grants 2016/17: Councillors Corpe, Mitchell and Stafford left the room at this point.</p> <p>The meeting was reminded of the criteria for awarding grants and that the amount budgeted for grants was £2000.</p> <p>RESOLVED to award the following grants</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Organisation</th> <th>Amount Requested</th> <th>Grant Given</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Dent CE Primary School</td> <td>£1000</td> <td>£1000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dent Pre-School</td> <td>£150</td> <td>£330</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dent with Cowgill PCC</td> <td>£320</td> <td>£320</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Western Dales Bus</td> <td>£350</td> <td>£350</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cancer Research Foundation</td> <td>Not stated</td> <td>None</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It was decided that not enough was known about the Cancer Research Foundation and since it had not been running long enough to supply a set of accounts it was impossible to see whether any money would make a difference. Further the application had requested a volunteer be appointed who would be managed by the council and this is not within the councils remit.</p> <p>It was suggested that as the Pre-School receives little statutory funding to award the remaining £180 from the budgeted amount to them as it was felt that they provide a vital service to the community.</p> <p>Councillors Corpe, Mitchell and Stafford were invited back into the meeting.</p>	Organisation	Amount Requested	Grant Given	Dent CE Primary School	£1000	£1000	Dent Pre-School	£150	£330	Dent with Cowgill PCC	£320	£320	Western Dales Bus	£350	£350	Cancer Research Foundation	Not stated	None	
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15	<p>Planning: RESOLVED to support all of the applications.</p>																			
16	<p>Next Meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting be on Monday 06 February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Sedgwick Room.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.23pm.</p>																			

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