



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 06 March 2017 in the Sedgwick Room, Dent**

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

**District Councillor Mel Mackie**

*To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 03 April 2017*

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence:</b> Apologies were received from Councillor Danny Smith, County Councillor Nick Cotton and District Councillor Kevin Lancaster and the reasons were noted.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Councillor Jenny Pilgrim declared an interest in Agenda Item 16.2 regarding Cowgill Barn.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>The Bath House:</b> The meeting received a presentation from the Bath House who have recently purchased the old Lyon Equipment site at Rise Hill Mill. The presentation was interesting and the following points of note were recorded: Currently have 72 employees. Have 5 of their own outlets and supply 1600 other UK outlets and have a large market in the US. They have struggled for storage and production space at the site in Sedbergh and so have purchased this site. The 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of work at the site is well underway and includes removing the first floor and installing pallet racks for storage. Some landscaping to the front of the site. It should be noted that there will be no HGV deliveries to this site. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will see some production move to the site and could create employment. This will probably be mid-summer 2017. Longer term more production will be moved to the site and the offices at the rear will be split up into small units which will be available to let at reasonable rates. Exterior works will include wood cladding to the front of the building and enlarging some windows to allow light in.  The meeting agreed that this was a positive move for the dale and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to welcome Bath House and to help in any way possible.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Outstanding Bridge Repairs:</b> David Lang from Cumbria highways was present and gave an update on the repairs to the bridges.</p>	

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	<p>Church Bridge – The small repair to the upstream wall had now been completed.</p> <p>Stonehouse Bridge – The walls have been rebuilt and pointed. Approval is still required on the latest coping sample. It was hoped that this will come quickly and there is then a 4-6 week lead time on the stones.</p> <p>Barth Bridge – David is hopeful of some flexibility on the part of the Environment Agency and hopes to have the parapet repaired by the end of March.</p> <p>Cowgill Bridge – There has been no progress here due to this bridge being included in the flood recovery programme and the use of different contractors. David has asked for permission to allow the stonemason employed on Stonehouse Bridge to get on with Cowgill Bridge and is awaiting a response.</p> <p>The maps showing the planned new lining on the approach to the bridges were not available at the meeting and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to add this to the agenda for the April meeting.</p> <p>David asked for the grid references for several areas of concern regarding the road being compromised. The clerk is to send these to David.</p>	<b>ST</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 06 February 2017:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 06 February 2017 were agreed as a correct record and duly signed by the Chair.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Clerk’s Report:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the clerk’s report and to note the following extra information: Item 1 – The Pre-Election Guidance document was handed to all councillors present. Item 2 – <b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Graham Dalton will attend the Rural Crime and Policing LAP meeting. Item 5 – It was queried whether the timber transport would continue to come through the village and why it was necessary for it to do so. The clerk will find out further information and report back. Item 10 – Councillor Knapton reported that he had found the Good Councillor course provided by CALC useful.</p>	<b>ST</b>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Chair and Member Announcements:</b> It was noted that there was to be a change of ownership at Dent Stores in the coming week. It was agreed that the contribution made to the dale by Eddie and Rita Smith should be recognised.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>County and District Councillor Announcements:</b> None</p>	

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<b>9</b>		<p><b>Public Forum:</b>            The apparent lack of response from Cumbria Highways regarding faults reported at Laning and Stone Rigg Outtake was queried. It was agreed that the clerk should make further enquiries and report back.            It was queried whether County Councillor Nick Cotton is able to access the list of scheduled highways works? The clerk will follow this up.</p>	ST ST
<b>10</b>		<p><b>Hyperfast Broadband for Dentdale and Garsdale:</b>            A report from David Pilgrim was circulated at the meeting. It reported that good progress was being made with the laying of duct in the ground for the ring around Dent village. A further ten houses in Gawthrop were connected last week and nine of these have taken service from B4RN.            Two “blowing and splicing” teams have now been recruited for the project which will hopefully avoid delays in blowing the fibre once the duct is in the ground.            It was noted that several large stones had been unearthed during the laying of duct in the car park. These could potentially damage the mowing machine. The clerk will contact Ray Newport to have these removed.</p>	ST
<b>11</b>		<p><b>Renewal of Car Park lease:</b>            The question was asked whether YDNPA would consider a longer term lease to secure the investment in the refurbishment of the toilet block. It was considered that a 10 year lease might be appropriate. Concern was raised about where the money for the toilet refurbishment would come from and it was agreed that the Clerk would draft a tender document detailing all of the work and send it to all councillors before any further decisions were made.</p>	ST
<b>12</b>		<p><b>Verge Maintenance:</b>            A response had been received by the Clerk from Cumbria Highways regarding the amount of money that would be received if the Parish Council took control of the verge maintenance in the dale. This sum is £1,258.52.            It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to set up a working group consisting of Councillors Dalton and Woof along with the Clerk to pursue this further.</p>	
<b>13</b>		<p><b>Cumbria Dyslexia Project:</b>            It was noted that we are unaware of what provision is made in school regarding Dyslexia and it was agreed that we should find out before making any decision on this. Councillor Corpe to speak to the head teacher and report back.</p>	RC
<b>14</b>		<p><b>Blea Moor:</b>  <b>REOLVED</b> that the clerk makes further enquiries regarding the transport routes</p>	ST

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<b>15</b>		<p><b>Finance:</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to note the account balances as:            Current Account - £9637.07            Deposit Account - £22055.72</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to authorise the following payments</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>EON (Street Lighting January 2017)</td> <td align="right">£25.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerks Expenses)</td> <td align="right">£34.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON (Street Lighting February 2017)</td> <td align="right">£23.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>United Utilities (Car Park Water and Wastewater January 2017)</td> <td align="right">£42.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CALC (Good Councillor Course – Martyn Knapton)</td> <td align="right">£35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CALC (Local Council Finance Course – Scott Thornley)</td> <td align="right">£35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hyde (Car Park Expenses)</td> <td align="right">£8.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dent Stores (Car Park Consumables)</td> <td align="right">£9.50</td> </tr> </table>	EON (Street Lighting January 2017)	£25.99	Scott Thornley (Admin and Clerks Expenses)	£34.20	EON (Street Lighting February 2017)	£23.48	United Utilities (Car Park Water and Wastewater January 2017)	£42.85	CALC (Good Councillor Course – Martyn Knapton)	£35.00	CALC (Local Council Finance Course – Scott Thornley)	£35.00	John Hyde (Car Park Expenses)	£8.19	Dent Stores (Car Park Consumables)	£9.50	
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<b>16</b>		<p><b>Planning:</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the following applications:</p> <p>S/01/288A/LB at Moser Hill Farm, Moser Hill, Dent - listed building consent to rebuild walls and roof and enlarge west entrance into detached barn</p> <p>S/01/288/LB at Moser Hill Farm, Moser Hill, Dent - listed building consent for replacement of front door and central and extreme left first floor windows on front of house and retention of back door</p> <p>S/01/155A at White House, Flintergill, Dent - full planning permission for erection of replacement conservatory; removal of dormer window; removal of 7 No. uPVC windows and replace with 5 No. painted timber windows, replace double doors on east elevation with single door; block up door to road and re-instate former door to rear</p> <p>S/01/250A at Hainingrigg, Dent - full planning permission for erection of two storey extension to rear</p> <p>It was noted that a website known as Pip’s Patch was a good source of information regarding planning etc. along with other information regarding Rural communities.</p>																	

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<b>17</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b>          It was noted that the next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting where the speaker would be Carole Marsden of the Western Dales Mission.          It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following reports would be prepared before the meeting and forwarded to the clerk for circulation:          Chairman’s Report – Graham Dalton          Planning Report – Jenny Pilgrim          Playing Field Report – Tom Stafford          Grammar School Foundation Report - Graham Dalton          Memorial Hall Report – TBC          Dent Combined Charities – TBC          Library Link – Rita Corpe          Dentdale.com Website – Tom Stafford          Sedbergh Surgery – Kate Cairns          Hawes Surgery – Jenny Pilgrim          Car Park Committee – John Hyde</p> <p>The clerk is to ask the school and pre-school for short reports.</p> <p>The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 03 April at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.17pm.</p>	<b>ST</b>
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