

STAVELEY IN CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 30th April 2018 at the Church Hall – Staveley-in-Cartmel

The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs D Crabtree (Chair), A Gorse (Vice-Chair), J Addison, P Jackson, R Rhodes, N Chaloner (Clerk), County/District Cllr S Sanderson

1. **Apologies**

None

2. **Declaration of Interest**

None

3. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 21st February 2018**

Approval: The minutes had been circulated to the Council; they were approved and signed as a true record.

Actions: Nil.

4. **Police Report**

No report was given. It was noted that the Parish PCSO is now Mr. Jonny Gios.

5. **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

Planning Applications:

- 7/2017/5749 – Alloa - Newby Bridge - New boathouse and living accommodation
The PC object to this proposal to construct a new boathouse on the River Leven in Newby Bridge.
The PC has been concerned for some time about developments on this land. It is a very important location in terms of a "gateway" to the southern end of Lake Windermere and provides visitors and locals with a first, stunning view of outstanding beauty to the north. A substantial building of the scale proposed would seriously compromise that vista.
The PC is also worried that the day accommodation incorporated in the upper storey of the boathouse could easily be used for overnight stays or even full residential use, without the necessary planning approval. For these reasons, the PC believes that the application should be refused.
- 7/2018/5155 – Predator Experience, Ayside. New live/work units
Staveley-in-Cartmel Parish Council (PC) remains an objector to this proposal for the following reasons.
 1. The PC still considers that the application site is in open countryside and, in line with Policy CS02, therefore requires an essential need to be established before permission could be granted for housing.
In this and previous applications, Predator Experience (PE) has stated that because the wolf hybrids consider themselves part of a pack with the applicants, then their welfare requires the pack to be resident together. There is no doubt that the hybrids' current housing at the rear of Barn Close is very unsatisfactory. At a recent meeting with Mr & Mrs Ashman, the PC was informed that Defra is now insisting that they be re-housed –

and that this also applies to the other animals housed in Barn Close. The applicants told the PC that it was therefore necessary for all the animals to be moved to the site and for them to live there as well for pack and security reasons.

While sympathetic to the welfare needs of all the animals, the PC does not believe that the planning process should be dependent on those needs nor on the insistence of a Government Department. The PC does not feel that an essential need properly consistent with Policy CS02 on planning grounds has been established for housing on this site.

The PC also considers that the location of the demolished Black Beck Hall farm does not create a precedent for allowing similar development outside the village envelope. The Hall was built centuries before the introduction of Town and Country Planning Acts and the creation of the National Park. Its removal should not allow for a like-for-like replacement, albeit of a very well designed and landscaped nature.

2. The PC remains concerned about traffic movements and vehicle parking on Ayside's narrow lanes. PE informed Councillors at the recent meeting that it now hopes to employ 5 people on site. Their daily return journeys will add significantly to the up to 15 daily visitor trips. But of most concern is those movements that cannot be controlled, i.e. people without appointments visiting the site in the hope of spotting exotic animals. It will take only one carelessly parked car blocking emergency vehicle access to cause a potentially serious situation. The only certain way of avoiding that is to refuse development.

3. Over the years that PE has been seeking permission for further development on its land in Ayside, the PC has been made aware of only one other Parishioner in support of the principle. Many more local residents have voiced objections either at Council meetings or through correspondence. The PC is required to try to reach a balanced view when commenting on planning applications, weighing the various factors that are presented to it. It is also tasked to concentrate its focus on the local area, i.e. the Parish, and not necessarily to concern itself with wider geographical or economic interests. In that light, the PC believes that the amenity and wellbeing of the residents of Ayside should take precedence over the wishes of the applicants and that the application should be refused.

- 7/2018/5235 – Tall Pines, Canny Hill – Remodel property, roof alterations and new porch
There are no objections to this application
- 7/2018/5133 – Hollin Head, Canny Hill – New dwelling
PC comments still to be submitted, a local ownership clause to be included.

Planning Granted: None

Planning Refused: None

Planning Withdrawn: None

Planning Other: None

6. Correspondence

The list of correspondence had been circulated and reviewed by all members.

CALC - District Association Meeting 14th June 2018. Cllr Crabtree agreed that she would try to attend.

7. **Finance**

The Clerk confirmed receipt of the annual precept and Parish Grant for 2018/9 from SLDC totalling £5,505.48.

The Clerk advised Cllr's that the current financial position was in line with the agreed budget for 2018/19 and that he would be preparing a new presentation of the budget and spend for the next PC meeting.

The Clerk asked for approval for the following payments:

£294.22 – Clerk's wages
£73.40 – HMRC payment for Clerk's wages
£58.50 – Payroll services
£165 – CALC Membership 2018
£75 – Internal Auditor's fee
£198 – new bench for Barber Green

The Clerk is to update the signatories for the PC accounts and Cllr Gorse has agreed to become the second signatory. **Action: Clerk**

8. **Staveley United Charities - Report**

The Clerk advised Cllr's that the Staveley United Charities account currently stood at £147.91 following three payments of £100 each made to local parishioners at Christmas.

The Clerk to check if Mr Lawler wishes to remain a Trustee. **Action: Clerk**

10. **Community Items**

Local Area Partnership: Nothing to report.

Defibrillator Project: Clerk is waiting for confirmation from Nat West of the transfer of funds to cover the defibrillator costs from the Reserve Account to the Main Account.

Broadband: Mr S Lawler has agreed to remain as Broadband Champion. He reported that BT has now done a preliminary survey for its fibre-to-premises solution. It has concluded that a combination of pole-hung overhead, existing underground ducting and roadside verge mole ploughing for fibre cables is possible from the new cabinet in Cartmel to Barber Green and Seattle. Landowners are being contacted for wayleave permissions. The money is 99% secure and should be committed in a month or so.

Election of a Parish Member to LDNPA: Cllr's voted for their chosen candidate, Clerk to submit return. **Action: Clerk**

11. **County Councillor and District Councillor reports**

Cllr/DClr Sanderson covered this during the AGM

12. **Urgent and other matters**

Cllr Addison raised concerns about the state of the A590 at Newby Bridge as the carriageway is cluttered with rubbish, as are the verges. CClr/DCllr Sanderson advised that this was a Highways matter and that she would report it. She also advised that long term improvements are planned for the A590 which should alleviate many of the current problems associated with the road. However there is no firm date for when these improvements will be made.

Cllr Gorse would like the Lengthsman to clear the gulleys and tidy the area around the triangle at Staveley-in-Cartmel. Cllr Gorse has also noted the daffodil growth in the area and it was agreed that this will be addressed later in the year.

Action: Clerk

CCllr/DCllr Sanderson advised that there was currently a review underway regarding responsibility for Health and Safety and insurance issues regarding Lengthsmen.

It was noted that the Parish website needed to now be updated with the details of the new Councillors.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Gorse mentioned the recent press articles about the benefits of building a bridge across Morecambe Bay. He recommended that the PC should support such an initiative.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm

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Chairman

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Clerk

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