

STAVELEY IN CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th February 2018
at the Church Hall – Staveley-in-Cartmel

The Meeting opened at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs D Crabtree (Chair), M Lealman-Howden (Vice-Chair) S Lawler, A Gorse,
J Addison, N Chaloner (Clerk)

1. **Apologies**

County/District Cllr Sue Sanderson

2. **Declaration of Interest**

Nil

3. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 4th December 2017**

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

Actions: Nil.

4. **Forestry Commission Update**

Joe Daniels from the Forestry Commission provided an update on the active management of forestry and the felling planned in the Chapel Woods area. From August 2018 the Forestry Commission will be carrying out the thinning of some trees in Chapel Woods as part of a 10 year plan. The PC was assured that a full survey of the forest for European Protected Species and in particular Red Squirrels had been undertaken and that the Forestry Commission would ensure the protection of all such species identified in the area.

5. **Police Report**

PCSO 5186 Howard Firth was unable to attend the meeting but provided a report that in the last 30 days in the Parish there had been:

Suspicious incidents x 2
Burglary from a caravan x 1
Drugs – Newby Bridge x 1
Highway Disruption x 2

6. **Data Protection/Registration of PC Data Controller**

The Clerk advise the PC that under new Data Protection regulations he was now registered as the Data Controller for the PC. A registration fee of £35 was payable to the Information Commissioner's Office.

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

Planning Applications:

7/2017/5749 - Construction of new boathouse with ancillary living accommodation at first floor

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.

7/20175786 – Chicken sheds, Fellview, Ayside

The PC has no objection to this application.

7/2018/5057- Additional pitches, seasonal pitches and office, Oak Head Caravan Park, Ayside

The PC has no objection to this application.

8. **Correspondence**

The list of correspondence had been circulated and reviewed by all members. There were comments as follows:

LDNPA Election of a Parish Member: The PC decided not to nominate a candidate.
SLDC Parish Remuneration Allowances: The PC decided to waive all remuneration allowances.

9. **Finance**

Details of the current financial position were presented and were in accordance with the agreed 2017/18 budget.

The Clerk asked for approval for the following payment:

Information Commissioner's Office £35

The Clerk reminded the PC that the annual audit of the PC accounts would fall due after 31 March and that an internal auditor would be required as part of the process. Cllr Lawler agreed to help identify a potential internal auditor. **ACTION: Cllr Lawler**

10. **Staveley United Charity - Report**

The Clerk advised that all three recipients of Christmas bonus cheques had cashed their cheques and that grateful thanks had been received.

The remaining balance on the account stood at £147.91 and would be retained since no incumbent has been appointed to St Mary's Church.

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on 18th June 2018.

11. **Community Items**

Broadband: Nothing further to report. BT have still not undertaken the survey of the Cartmel area.

Defibrillator Project: The Clerk advised that regular checks of the defibrillator need only be undertaken on a monthly basis and felt that he could probably undertake these.

Cllr Gorse reviewed the Community Heartbeat Trust proposal for the supply of a defibrillator and agreed that it was appropriate for the PC's requirements.

Cllr Crabtree confirmed that she would make a final approach to the Newby Bridge Filling Station to confirm their support before proceeding any further with the project.

ACTION: Cllr Crabtree

Local Area Partnership: Nothing to report.

12. **County Councillor and District Councillor reports**

County Council Report

The Council has been inspected by Ofsted. The focus is on Children's Services particularly children involved with social care.

The inspectors were in County for four weeks. We think we will have a more positive outcome, staff have worked very hard and there has been assistance from other LAs, Ofsted and the DfE.

As a Cabinet member for Schools and Learning I have continued to visit schools, meet M.P.s, go to meetings with Headteachers. We are focusing on finance: National Funding Formula, Special Educational Needs (SEN) funding, issues relating to curriculum, developing future SEN provision, sorting out admissions, and future builds. I also attend the virtual governing body, corporate parenting and Children's trust board.

Vince Cable visited Cumbria a few days ago and we were able to ask him questions about his thoughts for the future.

I continue to deal with residents' issues mostly relating to Cumbria Highways.

You will have noticed in the budget that there was no additional funding for adult social care or Children's Services two areas of County responsibility where there is increased demand. An extra care facility is planned for Flookburgh but the community are not supportive so that may result in being placed elsewhere.

It is very challenging improving services in a shrinking financial situation and with increasing demand.

I accompanied Dot on a visit to the Service Station where we met Mr Hocking who was very helpful about supporting the defibrillator.

11. **Urgent and other matters**

Cllr Gorse stated that he felt the PC website needed improvements and links could be added to provide more local information. It was agreed that advertising on the site was inappropriate. Cllr Gorse and the Clerk will meet to review.

ACTION Cllr Gorse/Clerk

Cllr Gorse advised that he had identified an online supplier of benches to replace the bench at Barber Green. It was agreed that Cllr Lawler would review Street Furniture Direct and select an appropriate replacement bench.

ACTION: Cllr Lawler

Cllr Gorse raised the matter of April Cottage, Staveley-in-Cartmel, and the owner's request to advertise the need for a suitable parking space on the Parish Noticeboards. It was agreed that this was not suitable content for the Noticeboards.

Dual Carriageway speed limits were raised by a member of the public attending the meeting. He was advised that this was a matter for Highways England and that he should contact County/District Cllr Sue Sanderson with his concerns.

The meeting ended at 7.40pm

Next meeting: AGM at 6.30pm on Monday 16th April 2018

SIGNED:

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Chairman

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Clerk

DATE: