

**STAVELEY-IN-CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17th February 2020**  
**at the Church Hall – Staveley-in-Cartmel**

The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs R Rhodes (Chair), A Gorse, D Crabtree, J Addison, A Newby, County Cllr S Sanderson, N Chaloner (Clerk), Mark Kidd (LDNPA), Charlotte Upton (NT), Sean Fletcher (NT), Members of the Public.

1. **Apologies**

District Cllr G Gardner

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None

3. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

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

Matters Arising: The following points were noted from the last meeting:

1. Cllrs Rhodes and Gorse still to review the state of the bus shelters and possible locations for 'gateways' into Staveley-in-Cartmel. In addition a conversation was to be had with the Chairman of Haverthwaite PC on the matter.

**Action: Cllrs Rhodes/Gorse**

2. Dog fouling letters have been distributed to parishioners in Staveley-in-Cartmel and this had resulted in some improvement in the situation.

3. Cllr Rhodes has gained approval for a sign to be displayed by the PC sponsored defibrillator at Newby Bridge Filling Station. Cllr Gorse to advise on the cost of producing a suitable sign.

**Action: Cllr Gorse**

4. **Fell Foot Update**

Charlotte Upton from the NT provided an update on progress at Fell Foot:

- Further works on the boathouse and landscaping in general to be undertaken. NT have noted PC comments regarding the jetties.
- More work to be done to engage schools.
- Phase 3 of the base works being fully planned over the next 18 months to include a new café, enlarged car park (70 new spaces) and new southern entrance to the park with central turning lane. Possibility of NT land being made available to facilitate this. Highways to be consulted over 40mph limit from Newby Bridge and past Fell Foot.

- Drop in session for local residents on Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> for feedback and comments.
- NT to actively monitor car parking problems and now yellow lines in place can report cars illegally parked to the police for ticketing.
- The NT would welcome any local input to an oral history of Fell Foot.
- There will be several major events at Fell Foot during the year including:
  - May – Fell Foot Festival
  - June – Outdoor Theatre
  - October – Dance in the Landscape

5. **Police Report**

PCSO Firth provided a written report to the meeting advising that there had been no specific incidents to report in the Parish but advising that there appeared to be an increase in domestic burglaries in the South Lakes. There has also been a spate of aggressive doorstep traders who have verbally abused elderly residents in the Cartmel Peninsular area. A rural crime task force has been established assisted by Farm Watch to combat rural thefts, in particular of quad bikes.

6. **LDNPA/Mark Kidd**

Mark Kidd (MK) is Parish Representative at LDNPA and sits on the Planning Control Committee (PCC). He advised Cllrs of the LDNPA Trails project to create walking, bridleway and bicycling trails around Windermere.

Cllr Rhodes observed that the PC felt that LDNPA tended to ignore PC comments on any planning applications. MK advised that PC comments could be sent direct to him as well as the LDNPA planners. He noted that the PCC often get shortened PC statements.

Cllr Rhodes raised the issue of affordable housing and developments which went from a relatively small original building to something much larger. MK advised that unfortunately there is nothing in planning law to stop over development where an old property is demolished and replaced by something much larger. MK also acknowledged that there is sometimes ‘planning creep’ in subsequent applications.

MK said that for PC comments on applications to carry more influence they should include details of:

- Materials used considerations
- Landscape considerations
- Neighbours amenity
- Breach of LDNPA policy

At this point parishioners raised the issue of caravans being located on farmland neighbouring their property and associated waste and other items in the watercourse that supplies the water to their property.

It was agreed that this is a complex issue to do with ownership of the land. Any eviction notice must come from the landowner.

Cllr Rhodes raised the issue of ‘Planning Drip’ by which, after an initial application further applications seemed to receive approval from the LDNPA resulting in the design and construction of a building that was very different from the original conception. MK agreed and advised that when a subsequent application was

received those considering it did not have access to the original application. Planning Consultants were known to advise their clients about the use of this 'tactic' which was perfectly legal.

Parishioners were advised to contact the SLDC Environmental Agency with regards the waste.

The PC's attention was drawn to the section of old road leading from Staveley-in-Cartmel and running alongside the A590 which appeared to be used as a dump for various agricultural items. The PC will aim to visit the location.

**Action: Cllr Rhodes**

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

### **Planning Applications:**

#### **7/2020/5080, Predator Experience, Ayside**

The PC have no comments to make regarding this application.

#### **7/2019/5837, Town Head, Newby Bridge**

The general concept of the application is acceptable, however, the PC view is that this should be conditional on a satisfactory arrangement regarding access from the site on to the A592. The PC note from personal experience what a very difficult process this is and if the venue is to become one for large scale functions it is absolutely essential that the facility for access is looked at and rendered totally safe.

#### **7/2019/5831, Fell Foot Park**

The Council's reservations about the development of this site, and in particular the increased number and size of the newly proposed jetties and the consequential impact on the environment have already been noted.

The proposal for a new jetty to accommodate greater access for Lake District Cruises forms and additional part of those reservations. Specifically the method being proposed to facilitate a 'floating jetty' is a cause of concern and the Council seeks amendments to the proposals before giving its full approval.

Under these proposals, in order to enable the jetty to "float", it requires the erection of a large pole which in view of the council is an eyesore which is not necessary.

Having taken soundings from an expert the PC have submitted documents –one of which is a general comment on the proposed structure and the other is an explanation of an alternative method of allowing the jetty to float which does not require the projection of a large pole vertically from the jetty.

If this concern can be accommodated the Parish Council has no objection to these proposals. CU advised that the NT was looking into the suggestion from the PC.

### **Planning Granted:**

**7/2019/5764, Fiddlers Yard, 7/2019/5827, Town Head, 7/2019/5820, Brookmead**

**Planning Refused: Nil**

**Planning Withdrawn: Nil**

**Planning Other: Nil**

8. **Correspondence**

The list of correspondence received to 15<sup>th</sup> February had been circulated and reviewed by Cllrs. It was noted that the proposed Waterbird project should be supported by the PC. The letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner on council tax increases was noted and supported. The PC will aim to attend the Highways Agency drop in event to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

9. **Finance**

9.1 The Clerk presented the Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation figures for the period to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

9.2 The Clerk advised Cllrs that at the next meeting in April he expected to be able to present the results of the annual audit for their review.

9.3 The Clerk asked for approval for the following payments:

£651.24 – Second and final instalment of Clerks wages for the year

£162.80 – PAYE for above

£40 – Information Commissioner Fee

10. **Staveley United Charities - Report**

The Clerk advised Cllrs that the Staveley United Charities account now stood at £417.91. One 'Christmas Bonus' cheque had been returned due to the decease of the recipient.

11. **Community Items**

- **Broadband Report:** Seatele duct now completed and cabling to be carried out shortly. There are no further plans to extend the coverage. Any additional requests will have to go through the Community Fibre Partnership scheme.
- **A590 Safety:** Issues to be considered with regards improving road safety on the A590 include average speed cameras, compulsory left turn at the Swan Bridge, reduced speed limits and reduction of dual carriageways at Haverthwaite and Newby Bridge. Village entrances along the A590 could also help with traffic calming. To be discussed at Highways Drop in Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

12. **County Councillor's Report:**

We have set up a drop in on February 24<sup>th</sup> at Leven Valley Primary School between 2 pm and 7pm where future possible improvements to the A590 between Greenodd and Ayside will be shared and discussed. The meeting is hosted by Highways England. This is an outcome from years of discussions led by County and District councillors and Parish Councils. Our local MP Tim Farron has also been involved. I have brought posters and leaflets and would ask the members of the Parish Council if they can deliver them to Staveley, Canny Hill, Newby Bridge and Ayside. We have been supported by Andy Slattery the Assistant Chief Constable who attended our last

meeting. This has always been a community initiative and I place on record my disappointment that people have been trying to make it political.

Many conversations at Parish Councils are about Cumbria Highways. As you will be aware we have faced storms both last weekend and this. Highways were out all the time working hard to deal with accidents, flooding, snow and water problems including the incident at Shap where they worked alongside United Utilities dealing with a water main under a river in the snow. They have been thanked by members. Budgets remain an issue and education especially SEND provision is adding additional stress. Hopefully the result of the election may assist in resolving this, children looked after, adult social care, housing and many other issues that remain outstanding, especially for local authorities. No mention of education so far and we have visited the DFE in Darlington for our termly visit. They had no idea what I was talking about when I raised the issue of the Dedicated Schools Grant and the High Needs Block.

The other burning issue of our time is unitary all the leaders were called to a meeting with Jake Berry. No reply was given to a question about Education, however the proposals were for two unitaries north and south but the south were not allowed to include Lancaster which is a shame as they are already working with us and Barrow very effectively. There would also have to be agreement on one elected Mayor despite having two unitaries and it would operate as a combined authority.

13. **District Councillor's Report**

No report provided.

14. **Urgent and other matters**

- The Clerk advised Cllrs that the Parish was due to hold Parish Elections on 7th May. The Clerk will be attending a briefing at the SLDC in March and will advise Cllrs further by email or at the next meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.20pm

Next Meeting and AGM to be held on **Tuesday 21 April 2020** from 6.30pm.

SIGNED:

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Chairman

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Clerk

DATE: