

STAVELEY-IN-CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 7th June 2021
in the Church Hall, Staveley in Cartmel**

The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr A Gorse (Chair), Cllr D Crabtree (Vice Chair), Cllr A Newby, Cllr K Lee, County Cllr S Sanderson, N Chaloner (Clerk). One member of the public.

1. **Apologies**

District Cllr G Gardner, Cllr J Addison.

Cllr Gorse welcomed Cllr Lee to the meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None

3. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 20th April 2021**

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

4. **Police Report**

The Clerk advised that the Police Report is now provided via an online 'Community Newsletter', with a link to local crime figures. This had been forwarded to Cllrs but provides minimal information that was specific to the Parish. Cllr Lee queried what criteria were being used by the Police to judge success or failure with regards the various crimes reported as this was unclear, and Councillors expressed their concern about the lack of information being provided. The Clerk advised that the Police had been contacted on several occasions with regards the poor information provided but that unfortunately it is unlikely that the situation will improve.

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

Planning Applications:

7/2021/5177: Blakeholme Cottage, Newby Bridge, Extensions, alterations, and associated works.

Cllrs will conduct a site visit before making any comments. Clerk to print application details prior to the visit. **Action: Clerk**

Planning Granted:

7/2021/5272: Levensdale, Canny Hill, Newby Bridge. installation of a sewage treatment plant to replace the existing septic tank.

7/2021/5347: Field End Farm, Hazelrigg Lane, Newby Bridge, Demolition of farmhouse and like for like replacement including extensions.

Planning Refused:

7/2021/5223: Newby Bridge Hotel, Newby Bridge. Removal of external storage area and area of untended garden. Locate 4 guest accommodation pods on prepared pad foundations.

The Clerk is to contact LDNPA as the pods have not been removed. Action: Clerk

7/2021/5089 Gummers How House, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NP
Proposal: Demolition of existing boathouse and jetty. Construction of new boathouse, dayroom, jetty, and slipway.

Planning Withdrawn:

7/2021/5198: Newby Bridge House, Newby Bridge, proposed two storey side extension and two storey rear extension.

Planning Other:

It was noted that a lodge and other buildings had been established in a field outside Seatle. This had been reported to the LDNPA for action.

The issue of 'pop up' campsites was discussed. It was agreed that fortunately the site located on the edge of the Parish in a field next to the A592, called Sandfold Camp Site, was being well managed. It was agreed to continue to watch the situation.

6. **Correspondence**

The list of correspondence received to 4th June had been circulated and reviewed by Cllrs. There were no comments.

7. **Finance**

7.1 The cash book and account balances were reviewed. There were no comments.

7.2 Approval was given for the following payments:

- IH Media - £60 and £80
- Internal Audit fee - £75
- Clerks Homeworking - £200
- Clerks 6-month wage and HMRC payment £668.84/£167.20

8. **Staveley United Charities - Report**

The Clerk advised Cllrs that Staveley United Charities account stood at £480.02. Cllr Gorse asked Councillors to consider if they were aware of any needy residents that might require support from the Charity.

Action: All

9. **Community Items**

Cllr Lee raised concerns regarding Fell Foot and questioned if the National Trust was managing the site as it appeared that there were several occasions when users had been seen to drive onto the grass and take advantage of the fact that there appeared to be no NT staff on hand. The Clerk will contact NT to establish the situation.

Action: Clerk

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

The year has been dominated by COVID and its consequences. As my responsibility has been schools, I have been involved throughout supporting schools through interpreting guidance and ensuring communications are clear. We have also met weekly to support schools and colleges. Primary Schools opened on March 8th and feedback was positive. Secondaries had a week's grace to test pupils before admitting them. After a battle we managed to get all the special school staff teachers and teaching assistants vaccinated. North Cumbria Trust were willing to but South Cumbria Morecambe Bay Trust were not initially, but we persuaded them in

the end. Work has continued obviously on other issues like examinations, availability of college places and employment. We also took on responsibility for Free School Meals and holiday activities working with other partners.

I have been working with Highways England on the new layout at Newby Bridge. People agreed with the changes, but the signage has been woefully inadequate. Further work was undertaken in June and the police have been monitoring the situation and issued tickets. Newby Bridge garage becoming a Greggs that sells fuel is causing real concern and I know has been discussed at the CRASH meetings.

It has been finally confirmed that Local Government Reorganisation will go ahead in Cumbria, North Yorkshire, and Somerset. It is a Ministerial decision. The choices are one single Unitary for Cumbria and losing the District Councils or splitting it in two (in different ways) losing the County Council Tier. Either way there will only one tier of local government except more will be expected from Town and Parish Councils. Councillors now will have to be selected and elected again and there will need to be more of them to cover the area and responsibilities. This will take at least two years.

11. **District Councillor's Report**

No report was available.

12. **Urgent and other matters**

12.1 Cllr Gorse raised the issue of the mural in one of the bus shelters at Newby Bridge and questioned its origins. Councillors were unable to identify its source. Currently posters are being fixed to it and Cllr Gorse recommended that when the shelter is next refurbished consideration be given to providing 'pin boards'.

12.2 Councillors discussed the Newby Bridge Filling Station which is a matter of some concern now that Greggs are established in the shop section. This is attracting a lot more traffic in and out of the Filling Station and the Greggs signs are a potential distraction to drivers.

C/Cllr Sanderson agreed to follow up these concerns with Highways and reinforce the need for average speed limit cameras. **Action: C/Cllr Sanderson**

The speed limit on the A592 was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Bill Greenup at Cumbria Council Highways to see if the limit could be reduced to 40 mph. **Action: Clerk**

Problems regarding traffic being routed through Staveley-in-Cartmel when the A590 was blocked were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Deputy Chief Commissioner Slattery to clarify Police policy when the A590 is closed at Newby Bridge. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Gorse raised the issue of Broadband speeds in the Parish. There is currently no update on this matter, although some parts of the Parish do have access to a high-speed connection.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.30pm

Next Meeting date is Monday 2nd August 2021 from 6.30pm. This meeting will be held in the Church Hall.

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Chairman

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Clerk

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