

8 STAVELEY-IN-CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th October 2021 Held at 6.30 pm in the Church Hall, Staveley in Cartmel

Present: Parish Councillors A Gorse (Chair), D Crabtree (Vice Chair), J Addison, K Lee, County Councillor S Sanderson, Parish Clerk L Prescott and 3 members of the public.

1/21 **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor A Newby and District Councillor G Gardner.

2/21 **Requests for Dispensations**

None received.

3/21 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

4/21 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2021 was agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

5/21 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced as follows:

- a) He considers the Council should meet more frequently and suggested meeting 6 weekly rather than alternate months. This will be added to the next meeting's Agenda for consideration.
- b) He advised that he and former Councillor Mr R Rhodes, together with Councillor colleagues from the Gilpin Bridge area, had sent a letter to the newly-appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary for the Department of Transport (Cumbrian MP Trudy Harrison) in relation to the issues experienced in relation to the A590 and a reply is awaited.
- c) He advised that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated in June 2022 when there will be a 4 day bank holiday. Ideas to mark the occasion in the Parish would be welcome. This will be added to the next meeting's Agenda for consideration.
- d) He considers additional defibrillators in the Parish would be beneficial, in addition to the one installed at the Service Station. This will be added to the next meeting's Agenda for consideration.
- e) He considers the new website has improved communication by the Parish Council but there is currently no editorial structure and also no presence on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter). This will be added to the next meeting's Agenda for consideration.

6/21 **Public Participation** (at the Chairman's discretion)

- a) A resident advised that the BT transmitter on Bower Bank was lit 24 hours/day.
- b) A resident advised that there was a pop up campsite on Palace Lane.
- c) A resident advised that he has reported potholes and blocked gulleys on Hazelrigg Lane to Cumbria Highways (reference 18494). He asked whether multiple items can be reported on a stretch of road in one report and the Clerk confirmed this was the case.
- d) A resident requested that potholes on Seatle Lane and also on Palace Lane were reported to Cumbria Highways.
- e) Residents advised their concerns about the illegal site near Seatle, where a hardcore base has been installed, plus a septic tank and barking dogs are causing disturbance to other local residents.

7/21 **Councillor Matters**

- a) Councillor Crabtree reported that the varnishing on the bus shelters are not in good condition and asked for information on when they were last varnished. She also reported that the mural prepared by the school children had been moved from inside one bus shelter and attached to the outside of the other shelter. Councillor Lee suggested a competition for a replacement to mark the Platinum Jubilee. These items will be added to the next meeting's Agenda for consideration.
- b) Councillor Addison reported that no action appears to have been taken by the Lake District National Park Authority regarding the illegal placement of lodges and caravans near Seatle. An update from the LDNP will be requested to be reported to the next meeting.

8/21 District and County Councillors

- i) County Councillor S Sanderson reported
 - a) She continues to meet weekly with Headteachers, College Principals, County staff and Public health. The number of cases is still very high - 122 schools have incidents. This is causing great difficulties in staffing the schools and also providing an education as teachers in front of classes is a priority not always subject specialists. Cumbria has reinstated earlier Covid measures in schools in relation to isolation for children in contact with confirmed cases. Some children at Sandside Lodge have had their first Covid infections within the last week. There is also a projected deficit of £20 million for Special Needs children.
Councillor Lee asked whether schools had written contingency plans. Councillor Sanderson confirmed they had as well as risk assessments.
 - b) The process of Local Government reform has begun. Currently councillors will stay on until elections May 22 when 2 shadow authorities will be set up but then all Councillors have to continue until March 23. It gives Councillors 18 months to set up two new unitaries and close down 6 district councils and a county council. The council has asked for a judicial review as it was felt that the Minister had not dealt with the issue properly. There is a feeling that the accusation could be upheld in court but even this would not stop the process. Most of the decisions will be made by Ministers and we are expecting the Structural Change Order which will give us some idea on numbers of elected members to be sent shortly. Work is being undertaken by the County and District CEOs and they are moving to the mobilisation stage. Vesting day is on April 1st 2023 and is a major milestone as it marks the end of the implementation stage. It really is a marathon and not a sprint and the process will span the next seven years at least.
 - c) She has been working hard with local residents, Highways England and the two MPs about the A590 which was at a standstill with long tailbacks on many occasions, some because of accidents and some because of the volume of traffic. Tim Farron and Simon Fell have made an appointment with one of the Transport Ministers. She met National Highways with Parish Council representatives in late September and there is a programme of work agreed to improve safety from Greenodd to Ayside. The Gilpin Bridge junction has also been under discussion and it looks like the roundabout may be progressing which was agreed some time. More locally she has seen the allocation for funding for signage prohibiting HGVs down Hazelrigg Lane, it is definitely on the work schedule. She has also raised the issue of 40mph limit on the A592 which was definitely discussed several years ago.
- ii) No report has been received from the District Councillors.

9/21 Police

The circulated online Newsletter was noted.

10/21 Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

a) **Planning Applications**

The following applications were considered:

- i) 7/2021/5735 & 7/2021/5738. Town Head, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NP. Change of use of existing lower ground floor store room into an office. Amendment to design to the lower ground floor store room to an office, Condition 2 (plans) on planning permission 7/2019/5837 for change of use of barn buildings previously used as an antique showroom and store, to wedding venue with associated parking.
Resolved No objections.
 - ii) 7/2021/5544 at Millerdale, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8ND. Proposed first floor bedroom extension over existing ground floor extension.
Resolved No objections.
- The following Planning Application responses were noted:
- iii) 7/2021/5665. Newby Bridge Hotel, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NA Removal of external storage area and area of untended garden. Locate 4 guest accommodation pods on prepared pad foundations. Introduce hard landscaping and parking (this follows refusal of application 7/2021/5223). Objection submitted.
 - iv) T/2021/0144. Hollin Head Wood, Canny Hill, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NT.
Fell 8 cypress trees (1 - 8), 1 Lawson cypress (9), 1 yew (10). No comments.

b) **Planning Decisions**

The following applications decisions were noted:

- i) 7/2021/5514. High Cark Farm, Field Broughton, Grange-Over-Sands, LA11 6HS. Stationing of a temporary agricultural worker's caravan and installation of foul water drainage system not in accordance with condition no. 1 previously attached to planning permission reference 7/2019/5233. Granted with conditions to 9/9/2023, occupancy only for agriculture or forestry employment and as submitted plans.
- ii) 7/2021/5361. Browside Cottage, Ayside, Grange-Over-Sands, LA11 6JE. Repair and rebuilding of workshop and use for ancillary residential purposes (retrospective). Granted with conditions relating plans and only occupation as ancillary annexed living accommodation by house residents.
- iii) 7/2021/5459. Tottlebank Farm, Wood Broughton, LA11 7SJ. Concrete farm yard. Prior approval not required.
- iv) 7/2021/5633. 2 Lane Cottages, Staveley, Ulverston, LA12 8NJ. Change of use of outbuilding to form residential dwelling. Refused.

11/21 **Finance**

- a) Current Financial Status & Cash Book:
The Financial Report has been circulated.
Resolved To accept the Financial Report.
- b) Expenditure:
Resolved To authorise the following expenditure:
St Mary's Church Hall Rent (13/8/21 & 24/8/21) £60.00

12/21 **Councillor Code of Conduct**

A new Councillor Code of Conduct as recommended by CALC and NALC has been circulated.
Resolved To adopt the new Councillor Code of Conduct.

13/21 **Training**

Details of current CALC training that is being delivered online has been circulated. Councillors should contact the Clerk to arrange course bookings.

14/21 **Highways England Route Strategy**

The proposed Highways England Route Strategy for the A590 was considered.

Resolved To respond as follows:

- i) The approach to the A590 route between the M6 and A590 has been piecemeal, it has a major impact on the communities on the route and should be considered as a whole route instead of section by section.
- ii) An alternative solution would be to install a barrage with a road across Morecambe Bay which would bypass the small communities impacted by the A590 road and provide a direct route to Barrow and the west coast from the M6. The infrastructure now connecting the M6 to Heysham could be utilised. Cardiff Bay barrage (completed in 1999) is a successful example of this type of construction.

15/21 **Highways Matters**

- a) Highways matters to be reported

Resolved To report the following Highways matters to the appropriate authority:

- i) Potholes on Seatle Lane and Palace Lane (Cumbria Highways)
- ii) Road surface at Newby Bridge roundabout (Highways England)

- b) The following highways matters reported were noted:

Reference	Details	Response
EI/11950	Road sign fallen over at junction between Staveley and Fell Foot	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/12393	Large Pothole at junction between Field Broughton and Grieves Farm	Completed
EI/12394	Two sets of Give Way Markings faded (junction of Barber Green & Ayside Roads)	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/12395	Narrowing road sign fallen off post at entrance to Ayside from west	Assigned to Highways Team
EI/12396	Give Way road markings in Ayside faded	Assigned to Highways Team

16/21 **Meeting Reports**

- a) **Report from the Highways England meeting**

Councillor Gorse reported that he and former Councillor Mr R Rhodes have attended the Highways England meetings for the last 5 or 6 years. Highways England reported that they had measured the speeds travelled

on sections of the A590 and compared to the specified speed limits. The average speed on most sections was 44 to 48 mph. Plans to manage traffic more safely are being prepared.

b) Report from the CALC District Association meeting

The Clerk reported that the SLDC presentation to the CALC meeting focussed on the changes to unitary councils. Parish Councils can choose to take on additional responsibilities during this process but they will not be required to. Any existing arrangements will be transferred to the new authority.

17/21 **Updates**

Updates were received on the following matters:

a) Staveley Pop Up Campsite

Councillor Gorse reported that he had visited the Campsite and there was an overflowing bin. He reported this to the owners and this was dealt with.

b) National Trust management of Fell Foot

Councillor Lee reported that nobody appeared to be overseeing the campervan parking situation.

c) Newby Bridge Filling Station

The Clerk received a reply from Greggs advising their Area Manager would raise the matter regarding littering with the concession. Councillor Gorse reported that a large number of drivers were using the new takeaway service causing congestion. The Entrance and Exit Signs are not effective in directing traffic (one has recently been demolished by a vehicle). A 24 hour off licence service is being advertised.

Resolved

i) Councillor Gorse will take photographs of the site early morning to illustrate the situation.

ii) The Clerk will contact SLDC in relation to licences currently issued for the site, in particular in relation to 24 hour off licence and takeaway licence.

iii) The Clerk will write to the CEO of Shell in relation to the issues raised.

d) Speed Limits on A592

Councillor Sanderson has invited Highways Engineer Peter Hoskins to attend the December meeting. Action on this issue had been agreed by his predecessor.

e) Hedges on A592 from Newby Bridge to Staveley

Councillor Sanderson is chasing this.

f) Routing of traffic during accidents on the A590 at Newby Bridge

The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from the Police in relation to diversions when the A590 is closed which do not include Staveley village, although individuals do use Sat Nav which may direct them through the village.

18/21 **Correspondence**

The correspondence already distributed was noted.

19/21 **Staveley United Charities**

CLlr Gorse asked Councillors to consider if they were aware of any needy residents that might require support from the Charity as the next meeting is in December.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.30 pm

Next Meeting date is Monday 6th December 2021 from 6.30pm in the Church Hall.

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Chairman

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Clerk