

STAVELEY-IN-CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 25th April 2022 **Held at 6.30 pm in the Church Hall, Staveley in Cartmel**

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

01/22 **Election of Chairman**

Councillor Rhodes proposed and Councillor Lee seconded the nomination of Councillor Gorse as Chairman. No other nominations were received.

Resolved To elect Councillor Gorse as Chairman.

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

02/22 **Election of Vice Chairman**

Councillor Gorse proposed and Councillor Lee seconded the nomination of Councillor Rhodes as Vice Chairman. No other nominations were received.

Resolved To elect Councillor Rhodes as Vice Chairman.

The Vice Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

03/22 **Apologies for absence**

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

04/22 **Minutes**

It was noted that the final paragraph of the Chairman's report in Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 7th 2021 should not be under the heading of Donations, but should be under Conclusion.

Resolved To sign the Minutes as a true record, having noted the above amendment.

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Chairman

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05/22 **Apologies for Absence**

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

05/22 **Minutes of Last Meeting**

None.

07/22 **Annual Parish Council Report**

Councillor Gorse reported:

Meetings

The Parish Council started the year meeting as previously during Covid-19 restrictions, online. We only resumed meetings in person in June 2021. A small number of Members of the public have attended meetings since then and have raised concerns regarding unauthorised developments, highways matters and several planning applications.

Councillors

Councillor Richard Rhodes stood down following the April 2021 meeting and we thank him for his service to the Council. The Parish Council Elections in May 2021 were uncontested and all Councillors, including a new Councillor Katie Lee, were elected unopposed. Councillor Gorse was elected as Chairman and Councillor Crabtree as Vice Chairman. Councillor Crabtree however

resigned in December 2021 and Mr Richard Rhodes was co-opted to fill the Councillor vacancy in February this year.

Parish Clerk

Nick Challoner's unexpected relocation to the south of England prompted his resignation, having served as Parish Clerk from September 2017. The post was advertised, and Lyn Prescott was appointed in September 2021, and she has become a very efficient and able adviser to the Council, and to me in particular. We thank her for her help throughout.

Highways matters

On-going concerns have been continually raised about the A590, particularly with Highways England, LDNPA Planning Department, Shell, Greggs and South Lakeland District Council regarding the road safety of the A590 especially at the Newby Bridge Service station due to increased business, the drastic increase in size of the supermarket, the installation of an unexpected and very busy Greggs fast food outlet and the removal of appropriate entrance and exit signage (which we had included as part of the planning consent).

We are pleased to report that the continued work by Councillors Gorse and Rhodes on 'County Councillor Sue Sandersons Action Group' have at last born fruit and many improvements to the safety of the A590, including averaging cameras are now being installed!

Other Highways matters relating to damaged signs, faded road markings, potholes, fallen trees and drainage issues are now being reported using the new online Cumbria Highways system (HIAMS). Highways issues are also reported to the County Councillor regularly at our meetings and by phone.

Local Government Reform

Two Unitary Councils are to replace the District and County Councils from 2023. Staveley-in-Cartmel Parish will be in the new Westmorland and Furness Council and 3 Councillors will be elected to serve in the Grange & Cartmel ward in May 2022. The new Councils will shadow the District & County Councils until they replace them in April 2023.

Planning Applications

The parish council has submitted responses in relation to many planning applications and highlighted the unauthorised developments at Seattle, which are now the subject of Enforcement Notices issued by the Lake District National Park Planning Department.

We welcome input from residents who often have concerns regarding certain breaches of planning. It must be said that despite our strongest of objections, many applications are allowed by LDNPA. Many due to the quite legal 'manipulation' of the planning laws by their Architects to the applicant's advantage.

Fell Foot

Concerns in relation to the site including overnight campervan parking and access points have been raised with the Fell Foot staff. Representatives from Fell Foot attended our February 2022 Parish Council meeting and outlined their plans for the future and answered Councillor's queries. It was noted and explanations given as to how many of the original planning details such as the 18 Pods and the Restaurant had been now scrapped. The Park was asked to keep us better informed of their 'current' plans.

Defibrillator

The Parish Council is to install a new defibrillator in the redundant BT phone box at Staveley. As in many areas, BT have discontinued with Telephone boxes throughout the country. We were given the opportunity to adopt the Box and we felt it would be an ideal position for a second Defibrillator in the Parish. The defibrillator is ordered, and it will be available 24/7. Training on the use of defibrillators for parishioners is to be arranged once it is installed. A site for a third Defibrillator south of the A590 is being sought.

Thanks

As we come out of Covid into more normal times we can now work easier for the benefit of Parishioners. The expediting of the A590 cameras spring to my mind immediately and safeguarding the narrow lanes of the village for everyone's benefit. Representation can be made I'm sure and perhaps should be a priority. Better use of the lengthsman might tidy up areas too, especially after Storm Arwen along roadside walls. I would like to see us more proactive if we can, but my thanks to Lyn and to all Councillors for their service and giving their time so readily.

08/22 Report from Staveley United Charities

The Clerk reported:

The Charity received rental income and provided two grants during the last financial year, totalling £250. The bank balance at the start of the year (1st October 2020) was £730.52 and at the close of the year (30th September 2021) was £876.52.

09/22 Report from County Councillor

Councillor Sanderson reported:

A major focus for the year has been the impact of Covid 19 on communities and because of my Cabinet responsibility for education on schools in particular. Schools have struggled because of the rate of absence for students and staff creating a great deal of pressure on Headteachers in terms of managing the school on a day to day basis and longer term the impact on the progress made by children. Work has been undertaken with communities e.g. volunteers delivering prescriptions, checking that residents are safe and well during Storm Arwen for example.

The A590 has also been a common focus of attention. After six years of working with both Haverthwaite and Staveley Parish Councils, Cumbria County Council, the police, National Highways and community representatives we are finally seeing progress mainly within the Backbarrow Gateway sections but the emphasis remains on Newby Bridge Service station and the high accident rate there. The pressure needs to continue.

A592 I have reported to Cumbria Highways about the need for a 40mph limit. It is being investigated. It was originally discussed when Fell Foot were looking at a middle entrance which is no longer the case. Mr Trevor Pollard from Atkinson Court has also written on the same topic. I have also reported the need for a sign indicating Staveley.

In all the villages I have received complaints about cyclists which has also been a point of discussion: one solution has been to sign that indicates the need to take care because of pedestrians.

It has been agreed to put a sign up on Canny Hill indicating the road is unsuitable for HGVs and the location has been agreed. There had been a flooding incident on Canny Hill too caused by a blocked gully this was reported to Highways and resolved.

The other major change has been the introduction of LGR : Local Government Reorganisation. This has come from the government and the decision was to create two unitary councils and split the County in half. The choice was a proposal from Allerdale and Copeland Districts for two unitaries : Allerdale, Copeland and Carlisle will make one authority called Cumberland and Barrow, Eden and South Lakeland called Westmorland and Furness. The biggest casualty has been the County Council whose major services like Highways, Adult Social Care, Childrens' Services, Education have to be organised and delivered through two authorities who have had no experience of doing that and within very tight timescales. Obviously this has had a major impact on staff. The elections are on 5th May but the new authorities do not take over until May 2023. I stay as a County Councillor until April 2023.

10/22 Report from District Councillor

None.

11/22 Reports and representations from local Organisations and residents

None.

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12/22 Apologies

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

13/22 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

14/22 Declarations of Interest

None received.

15/22 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2022 was agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

16/22 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman announced as follows:

- a) He suggests that signs indicating Staveley on the A590 should state 'Staveley-in-Cartmel' to avoid confusion with Staveley-in-Kendal.
- b) He is concerned about the pop up campsite in relation to the entrance from the road and will speak to the owner following the meeting.
- c) He reported that the handle on the Parish Council noticeboard in Staveley needs attention.
- d) He suggests that a Next Meeting Notice be displayed in the noticeboards so it is clearer for members of the public when the next meeting will be held.

17/22 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

- a) A resident asked for the Parish Council's support in relation to his Planning Application at Hazelrigg Farm to convert a barn into a dwelling for him and his family. The application is for the dwelling to have a local occupancy condition.
- b) A resident advised that there is a foul smell of sewage at the rear of the Newby Bridge Service Station, which may be due to the overflowing septic tank and/or people using the area as a toilet. Councillor Sanderson advised that Public Health is a matter for the County Council and she will raise it with them. The owners of the site will also be contacted.
- c) A resident advised that Openreach closed a local road for several hours on 2 days without notification to residents. Councillor Sanderson advised that road closures should be approved by Cumbria Highways.
- d) A resident advised that following a recent accident on the A590 vehicles were attempting to travel both ways on the one track Hazelrigg Lane.

18/22 Police

The Clerk reported that in the Grange and Cartmel area in February 2022 the following reports had been made to the Police: 9 violent and sexual offences, 5 criminal damage and arson, 3 thefts and 2 burglaries.

19/22 District and County Councillors

- a) County Councillor S Sanderson referred to her report to the Annual Parish Meeting (item 09/22)
- b) District Councillor G Gardner's circulated written report was noted.

20/22 Councillor Matters

Councillor Lee reported that a new gate into Fell Foot by the A592 has been padlocked and she has observed people climbing over with prams and bikes causing stones to fall off the walls.

Councillor Lee suggested that single lane roads through the village should have signs indicating they are single track and therefore unsuitable for larger vehicles.

Councillor Rhodes reported that a track to Levens Farm is being used not in line with the approved planning permission and he will provide the Clerk with 2019 Google Earth images. Councillor Lee reported that the layby by the lane exit onto the A592 has had a metal frame erected to stop parking.

21/22 Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

a) Planning Applications

The following applications were considered:

- i) T/2022/0053. Hollin Bank, Canny Hill, Newby Bridge, Cumbria, LA12 8NT. T1 Oak - Fell due to decay and evidence of Honey fungus at the base.
Resolved No objections.
- ii) 7/2022/5179. Fell Foot Park, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NN. Extension & alterations to Boathouse 1.
Resolved No comments.
- iii) 7/2022/5149. Gummars How House, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NP. Improvements to the middle driveway to Gummars How House, Newby Bridge, with construction of new wall and driveway access and associated site works.
Resolved No comments.
- iv) 7/2022/5098. Field off Back Lane, Easting, Seatle, Field Broughton, LA11 6HT Proposal for a polytunnel used for growing plants and vegetables.
Resolved No comments.
- v) 7/2022/5100. Hazelrigg Farm, Hazelrigg Lane, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NZ. Conversion of barn to dwelling.
Resolved To support the application as it has a local occupancy condition.
- vi) 7/2022/5056. Gummars How House, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NP. Extension of existing boathouse to construct new dayroom and stores, replacement of existing timber jetty to new position, construction of slipway with associated site works and localised dredging.
Resolved No comments.

b) **Planning Decisions**

The following planning decisions were noted:

- i) 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). Granted with conditions relating to plans, landscaping, fencing and lighting.
- ii) 7/2021/5997(8). Town Head, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NP. Alterations to parts of the main Town Head house, a single storey extension off the north gable of the western wing of the house, a standalone single storey pavilion building to the west of the house and a landscaped terrace, which connects the extension and pavilion and includes a separate, centrally located, open sided pavilion structure. Granted with conditions relating to plans, materials and render colour.
- iii) 7/2021/6034. 3 Prospect Cottages, Staveley-In-Cartmel, Ulverston, LA12 8NH. Extension and alterations. Granted with conditions relating to plans.
- iv) 7/2022/5132. Kaarmaville, Canny Hill, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NU. Single storey rear garden room extension. Approved with conditions relating to plans.
- v) 7/2022/5134. Hill View, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NU. Construction of a 1 1/2 storey extension to side of existing single storey dwelling. Approved with conditions relating to plans.
- vi) 7/2022/5102. Hazelrigg House, Hazelrigg Lane, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NZ. Expand living accommodation into remaining barn area including replacing existing barn doors with timber glazed bi folds, in addition include area for turning vehicles and bin store located in front of the house. Approved with conditions relating to plans.
- vii) 7/2022/5084. Stone Beck, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8NL. Erection of garden room. Approved with conditions relating to plans.
- viii) 7/2022/5029. Town Head Estate, Town Head, Newby Bridge, LA12 8NP. Formation of track. Prior approval not required.
- ix) T/2022/0002. Eastwood, Canny Hill, Newby Bridge, Nr Ulverston, LA12 8NT. Oak tree - Prune branches damaged by storms. Approved with conditions relating to works and replanting.

22/22 **Updates on Ongoing Issues and Actions to be considered**

a) **Newby Bridge Service Station**

The Clerk reported that the Lake District National Park Authority have advised that they have spoken to Highways England who said the In and Out signs were removed as they were blocking visibility of drivers entering and exiting the service station. Highways England are working with the operators to look at what improvements can be made to reintroduce the signs in a safer manner. No timescale has been given.

Resolved To ask for more information and a timescale.

b) **Seatle Enforcement Notices**

The Clerk reported that for E/2021/0160 at junction of Seatle Lane and Back Lane – the enforcement notice was served in January and no appeal has been made so the conditions in the enforcement

notice must be complied with by 25 August 2022. A planning application has been submitted for the other site under enforcement action.

c) Existing and planned defibrillators

The Clerk reported that the new defibrillator is on order and payment will be made following the meeting. Councillor Lee volunteered to check and keep tidy the new defibrillator location. The Clerk also reported that the defibrillator at High Newton Village Hall has been installed and is available 24/7 and the planned defibrillator in Field Broughton will be available 24/7 once installed. Councillor Sanderson reported that there is also a defibrillator available at Leven Valley School.

d) Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Councillors Lee and Rhodes reported that there would be a barbeque in the Parish Hall on 4th June as part of the Jubilee celebrates, pre-booking is required. The Parish Council can join with the PCC in hosting this event.

e) Website

No meeting has yet been scheduled with IH Media.

23/22 New Agenda Item

a) Parish Elections to the LDNPA

Resolved Not to submit a candidate for the Parish Election to the LDNPA.

24/22 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 (25/4/2022)	£40.00
Parish Clerk (Back pay 2021/2 due to NALC Clerk rates revision)	£17.38
Information Commissioner's Office Annual Fee 2022/3	£40.00
A4 Printing Paper & 12 Second Class Stamps	£13.17
Community Heartbeat Trust (New Defibrillator, Cabinet, Managed solution & Face to Face Training)	£2,500.00
Community Heartbeat Trust (New Defibrillator Annual Support)	£198.00
Community Heartbeat Trust (Existing Defibrillator Annual Support)	£151.20
IH Media (Website amendments 1/12/2021-31/1/2022)	£120.00
IH Media (Website amendments 1/2/2022-31/3/2022)	£100.00
TP Jones & Co (Payroll April 2021 – March 2022)	£78.00

25/22 Highways Matters

a) Highways matters to be reported

i) Councillor Lee reported that she has moved the majority of the stones placed by the wooden signpost in Staveley.

Resolved To have a small wall built around the signpost, provided approval is given by Cumbria Highways.

ii) Councillor Gorse suggested that better arrangements were made to manage diversions when accidents occur on the A roads so that traffic does not travel along unsuitable single track roads in the Parish.

Resolved Councillor Sanderson will arrange a joint meeting between the Parish Council, Police, Highways and the Fire Service.

iii) Highways matters to be reported

Councillor Gorse reported potholes near Chapel House.

Resolved To report to Cumbria Highways.

b) Highways matters reported

EI/57083 Roadside fencing query at Levens Farm – assigned to Highways Team

EI/49337 Drains/gulleys blocked and need clearing at Canny Hill - Completed

26/22 Correspondence

The correspondence already distributed was noted.

27/22 Next Meeting

Noted that the next meeting is on Monday 6th June 2022 from 6.30pm in the Church Hall.

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