

Cummersdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Cummersdale Parish Council Meeting held on Monday,
4th April 2016 at 7.45 pm 2016 in the Village Hall, Cummersdale

PRESENT:
Councillor Keith McIntosh – Chairman

Councillors

Cllr D Lowe	Cllr D Harrison	Cllr P Nicholson	Cllr Allison (Part)
Cllr H Atkinson	Cllr Nicholson	Cllr Kerr	Cllr Craig

Also present; Richard Wood, Planning Policy Officer, Carlisle City Council (part)
Mr Wood was invited as the members are considering a Neighbourhood Plan (NP);
Key points;

- There is a concern Carlisle City would encroach on the village thus losing its character and rural identity.
- There is only one housing development in the Carlisle & District local Plan, this is for 10 dwellings on land as you enter the village opposite the play area. A NP could give influence in determining the type and character of the dwellings.
- Currently the City Council is evidence gathering for the Carlisle South project, it was suggested that the parish council wait until further information on this plan is available prior to proceeding with a NP.
- NP would take up to 2 years to complete and would require the assistance of others creating a team, the process is very complex as the final document is a formal planning policy which would be read with the C&D Local plan. Government funding is available (£9000).
- Protection of local green space is a priority; the common identified in the C&D local plan is protected under the Commons Act. The copse is not; it was suggested that a Neighbourhood Development Order would be a speedier method of protection. Clerk to investigate.

112/15 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from District Cllrs Christian, McKerrell & Parish Cllr Nesworthy.

113/15- Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th March 2016

- (i)** **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th March 2016 as a true and accurate record.
- (ii)** Noted that Cllr B Craig had given his apologies, the minute was amended.

114/15 Requests for Dispensation

None were requested.

115/15 Declarations of Interest

None were declared

116/15-Public Participation

- (i) There were no residents present
- (ii) Police – Clerk to contact the Police to request a more comprehensive newsletter than the current one, showing the incidents and crime statistic.
- (ii) Councillor Reports – Cllr Allison reported that there was a lot of fly tipping at the entrance to the village on the corner field; Clerk to report to the environment agency.

117/15 Bank Reconciliation

(i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 24th March 2016

Community Account	- £2404.69
Deposit Account	- £6432.90
Total	£8837.59

(ii) Noted that £6000 is allocated for the purchase of land for the car/allotments.

(iii) **Resolved** to write to the City Council offering £1.00 to purchase the land due to the time it has taken for the process to be completed. All members unanimously agreed.

118/15 Payment of Accounts

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed below dated 4th April 2016

VIN 01 S Tarrant	£131.71	Feb payroll
VIN 02 HMRC	£32.80	PAYE
VIN 03 Cumbria in Bloom	£30.00	Entry fee
Total	£194.51	

119/15 Statutory Annual Meeting with Electors and Annual General Meeting of the Council

Noted, the annual meeting with electors, shall be held at the Cummersdale Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Monday 9th May 2016 followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Council.

120/15. Rights of Way, Village and Highway issues

- (i) Cumbria in Bloom update- next meeting will be held 18.04.16, more assistance from residents is required this year, to emphasise this in the newsletter.
- (ii) **Resolved** to purchase new planters for the village, (£300 was allocated in the budget.)
- (iii) Dog fouling is a major problem in and around the village, copse & Grace lane; to include in the newsletter. Clerk to request notices from the dog warden.
- (iv) Complaints from residents regarding at school pick up and drop off times, it was suggested that the traffic warden should be contacted to visit the village at these times.

121/15. Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications

Noted the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting and not on this agenda.

- (i) Response from Kevin Crawley- re A595- Noted

Councillor matters

Queen's Birthday celebrations- the WI, school and church to help with the celebrations?

Chairman

Date of the next meeting

Annual Meeting with Electors followed by the Annual general meeting of the Council on Monday 9th May 2016.