

Cummersdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Cummersdale Parish Council Meeting held on Monday,
3rd April 2017 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall, Cummersdale

PRESENT:
Councillor Keith McIntosh - Chairman

Councillors

Cllr T Allison	Cllr Lowe	Cllr Craig	Cllr Kerr
Cllr Nicholson			Cllr Harrison

Also present District Councillor N Christian & Richard Wood, Planning Officer, Carlisle City Council (part)

Richard Wood - Neighbourhood Planning

Advised that the Garden Village Carlisle south planning was in its early stages, over the next 12 months the project will develop to determine the landscape, character and what goes where. There will be numerous consultation as with the local plan. The County Council take the lead on the Southern link road. The house number could be 1400 not the quoted 10,000 homes (this is a maximum). A Neighbourhood plan cannot address the road links however could focus on housing and their design. It was suggested that the Council considered a Neighbourhood plan once the scheme is going forward as with the Masterplan consultation - views of the Council may be reflected and included.

Members thanked Mr Wood for attending.

Parish Council Meeting Commenced at 7.45pm

Prior to the meeting members paid their respects to Cllr Hannah Atkinson a long serving Councillor who sadly passed away; a moment of silence took place in respect and in memory of Hannah, thoughts and prayers to her family.

104/16 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Parish Councillors Nesworthy & District Cllr A McKerrill.

105/16 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6 March 2017

- (i) **Resolved** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th March 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

106/16 Declaration of Interest

- (i) Cllr Christian declared an interest as a member of City Council, Development Control Committee.

107/16 Requests for Dispensation

No requests had been made.

108/16 Public Participation

- a. Residents
No residents were present.
- b. Police
No report was issued.
- b. Councillor Reports
 - ~ Cllr Allison has reported that water was running over Cummersdale road caused by the ditch blockage, to e-mail County Council to address the issue.
 - ~Broadband initiatives subsidy scheme potential being used for Brackenleigh and Charles Church due to many complaints of broadband speeds. Suggest that any future development the Parish Council comments should include the requirement for fibre installed at build stage.

109 /16 Bank Reconciliation

(i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 31st March 2017

Community Account £9570.27

Deposit Account - £3284.75

Total £16,251.06 (inc outstanding payments and banking)

(ii) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign the Councils bank statements.

(iii) Noted the receipt of £2788.00 from the village hall

(iv) Noted the receipt of £10,000.00 from ING Solar.

110/16 Payment of Accounts

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts dated 3rd April 2017.

VIN01 S Tarrant	£132.96	payroll
VIN02 HMRC	£33.20	PAYE
VIN03 Ivor Roberts	£400.00	work in the Copse
VIN04 Diane Malley	£81.00	payroll admin
VIN05 Wetheral Parish Council	£48.84	photocopy charges
VIN 06 Donaldson's	£3588.00	Kitchen work – Village hall
VIN 07 Cumbria CC	£28.20	Defibrillator sign
VIN 08 HSBC	£15.00	Bank charge

TOTAL £4327.20

111/16 Risk Assessment

Resolved to approve the Management of Risk 2017/18

(Statutory requirement) Deferred from the last meeting.

112/16 Statutory Annual Meeting with Electors and Annual General Meeting of the Council

Resolved to receive notice of the annual meeting with electors, that shall be held at the Cummersdale Village Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 8th May 2017 followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Council.

113/16 Planning

(i) Planning decisions to report

17/0069 Land to the rear of Margery Terrace.

3 dwellings

Granted

(ii) Planning application to considered;

16/1022 Land to the rear of Irvings Place.

(i) **The density of this development does not comply with Policy SP 6**

Securing Good Design of the Local Plan.

The density of the recently built housing in this area is around 25 houses per hectare;

16/1072(proposed) has a housing density of 25dph and is directly opposite the Irving's Place site.

15/0924(proposed), next to the above, is 25dph

12/0855 (already built) in the vicinity of this proposal is 24dph

17/0069 (approved) in Cummersdale village is 25dph

The density of this development of is approximately 41 houses per hectare, which is not in keeping with the local area and members are concerned that this may set a precedent for future applications.

To comply with SP6/1 the density should therefore be in the region of 25 houses per hectare and not above 30. Members request that the number of dwellings be significantly reduced.

Policy SP 6 - Securing Good Design

Development proposals will be assessed against the following design principles. Proposals should:

1.00 Respond to the local context and the form of surrounding buildings in relation to density, height, scale, massing and established street patterns and by making use of appropriate materials and detailing;

(ii) **Healthy and Thriving Communities**

There is also a health and wellbeing issue relating to density which should be taken into account and again a density of 41 houses per hectare is a contradiction to this policy

Policy SP 9. Healthy and Thriving Communities

3.84 The link between planning and health has been long established. Development can affect health and health inequalities in a variety of ways, including through; the quality of housing and developments, design of neighbourhoods, density of development.

(iii) Parking Provision Policy IP3

The parking provision is inadequate in an area which does not afford any on street parking due to the sites proximity to a busy road junction and will therefore be dangerous. The parking provision should comply with the Parking Guidelines for Cumbria 1997.

Policy IP 3 - Parking Provision

6.14 National policy now makes clear that parking standards should be determined at the local level in response to local circumstances. The Council, working with the Local Highway Authority, will produce a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to set minimum parking standards for the District. A minimum requirement for parking as opposed to a maximum allowance is considered a logical response to local circumstances and specifically an increase in on street parking. Experience supports that more spaces are needed in new development, and new standards, depending on the type, location and scale of development will reflect this. New development will be expected to be in line with the standards presented within the SPD once formally adopted.

(iv) Highway Verge

A further concern relates to the loss of the 4m wide grass verge along Dalston Road which was originally shown to exist on the Manning Elliot Site Plan 1609-102-A dated 30/04/2015), which is outside the site area. The verge has now been incorporated into the Site as shown on the Manning Elliot Site Plan (1609-101-A dated 22/11/2016)

It is assumed that the verge is part of the highway and serves as an important visibility splay for traffic exiting Cummersdale Road where it is already difficult to see traffic coming from Carlisle. Any above ground development of this verge now or in the future will reduce the visibility splay to well below the required 2.4 metres.

Previously parked vehicles on this area of verge have caused visibility problems and the police and highways have been involved in their removal.

The Local Highway Authority recommend refusal of this application on safety grounds in December 2016 and the recent amendments to the grass verge at the road junction have only made matters worse. Members would therefore ask if the County Highways have been made aware and approved of these changes.

Members object and request that the application be refused on the grounds of; -Density Parking & Highway Safety.

114/16 Village & Rights of Way Matters

- (i) **Resolved** to receive an update on the Copse; the path had been cleared however the spoil was left at the side rather than under the trees. The work required had been underestimated, additional work is required to level and extra sub base.
- (ii) **Resolved** to approve the additional expenditure for the Copse up to £1564.00 -J Williams. Clerk to write to others and thank them for quoting. In future, all works must be specified and agreed in writing.
- (iii) Cumbria in Bloom- it was agreed that there would be four entries to "It's your Neighbourhood"
 - a. The Allotments – Lead - Diane Chicken
 - b. The Copse – Lead -Pauline Nicholson /Keith McIntosh
 - c The Oval, Gilbert Road – Lead Donna Lund/ Trevor Allison
 - d.The Crescent – Lead Diane Chicken.

Clerk to submit the entry forms and Cllr McIntosh will act as coordinator with CIB. Future meetings will be arranged with the leads to agree actions.

115/16Correspondence

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

- i) CALC – feedback on tri party meetings attended, the aim is to improve them. members felt that there was little point attending unless there was something important to discuss. Previously the City Council representatives did not want to listen to any thing the Parish Councillors raised therefore saw little point in attending.
- ii) Notification of County Council Elections – May 4th 2017.
- iii) Noted CMWLP - Consultation

Councilor Matters*

None

Next Meeting Annual General Meeting May 8th, 2017
