

Cummersdale Parish Council  
Minutes of the Cummersdale Parish Council Meeting held on Monday,  
6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.15 pm 2015 in the Village Hall, Cummersdale

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor Keith McIntosh – Chairman**

**Councillors**

**Mr D Harrison                      Mr B Craig      Mr D Lowe**

**Mrs P Nicholson                  Mrs H Atkinson**

**Also present** . Cllr. A McKerrill and 20 residents of Cummersdale Parish.

Prior to the meeting Mr David Lowe signed his declaration of acceptance of office as Councillor.

**29/15 - Apologies for Absence**

- (i) Apologies for absence were received and accepted from District Cllr. Christian, Parish Cllrs. Nesworthy, Allison and Kerr.
- (ii) **Resolved** to accept Mr. Lowes apology for being unable to attend two meetings of the council following the Annual General Meeting of the Council and to approve his declaration of office as Councillor enabling him to proceed to be a Councillor of Cummersdale Parish Council.

**30/15- Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015.**

**Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 as a true and accurate record.

**31/15 Requests for Dispensation**

None were requested.

**32/15 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Lowe declared a personal interest in item 9(i) App 15/0560.

**33/15-Public Participation**

- (i) Twenty members of the public were present to address members in relation to planning application 15/0560, 3 dwellings to the rear of Margery Terrace, Cummersdale. The Chairman welcomed the residents and requested their comments; (summarised)
  - a. Parking is an issue, residents have parked in the hall car park for over 16 years, they will be displaced due to the development. There is also limited parking during village hall events and church services which will be affected.
  - b. Bins and recycling placed against a fence at a resident's property .No 1 The Square?
  - c. Concerns regarding the gardens of Margery Terrace being 3-4 ft higher, what are the proposals for re-enforcement
  - d. The proposed properties would be higher thus over look gardens and living rooms of Margery Terrace and the Crescent.
  - e. The plan indicates an access of 2m which is a pinch point- unable to allow construction traffic and creating a single track for possible residents.
  - f. Concerns over the accessibility of emergency service vehicles.
  - g. The water tower is not shown on the plan and it appears that this will be isolated. The tower is deteriorating – how can access be gained to repair it?
  - h. The development would remove the disabled access ramp to the church also affecting the emergency exit to the rear.
  - i. Concerns regarding the soak away's- the ground is clay- it would be likely that the surface water would flow into the gardens of Margery Terrace to saturation point.
  - j. Concerns regarding the statement made regarding maintenance of the Drying green, this has be limited to the City/Parish and individual councillors not the applicant- invasive weeds are apparent with no control
- (ii) Police – Newsletter was available and reference was made to crimes in Cummersdale Parish.

- (iii) Cllr Allison submitted his report by e-mail- Requests have been made to the County Council- State of the public right of ways around Cummersdale village and the erosion of the river bank near the Sustrain cycle way.  
Concerns have been raised with regard to the accidents occurring at Cardwelees  
To update at the next meeting.

### 34/15 Bank Reconciliation

(i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Community Account - £892.13

Deposit Account - £12767.07

**Total £13,380.60** (inc. outstanding payment and deposits)

(ii) To note the receipt of the concurrent grant of £

### 35/15 Payment of Accounts

(i) Resolved to authorise payment of the accounts listed below dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015;

VIN 22 S Tarrant	£131.71	Salary – July
VIN 23 HMRC	£32.80	PAYE – July
VIN 24 S Tarrant	£10.84	Postage
VIN 25 Garthside	£400.00	Grass cutting
VIN 26 S Tarrant	£131.71	Salary- August
VIN 27 HMRC	£32.80	PAYE – August
VIN 28 CALC	£4.50	Document upload
<b>Total</b>	<b>£744.00</b>	

### 36/15 Parish Council Website

(i) **Resolved** to authorise the Clerk to progress with a new website; supplier - Parish Council.net as the functionality of the current website is causing issues with uploading statutory documents.  
Note the set up cost with new domain name £347.82, annual cost £100.00. New domain will be cummersdaleparishcouncil.org.uk.

(ii) **Resolved** to give notice of termination of contract to the current website host to enable the new site to be live in September 2015.

### 37/15 Cumbria in Bloom

An update was given to members by the Chairman following a recent meeting, the judging is planned for July 17<sup>th</sup> and all preparations have been made. Additional volunteers are required this weekend for a litter pick.

### 38/15. Planning application to consider.

(i) **App 15/560** Erection of 3 dwellings with access road and parking area.

#### Land to the rear of Margery Terrace, Cummersdale

#### Resolved – To Object

- The plans submitted with the application are inaccurate– the water tower which is decaying and the large Beech tree are omitted from the rear the development.
- Relating to the construction of an access road and amenity facilities site. The land provides access to the Village Hall The Church, Cummersdale House and regular parking for some residents in Marjory Terrace

#### c. Environmental

The desk top environmental study undertaken is insufficient to declare the site as uncontaminated the Church building was initially a pig curing plant and to exclude any possible contamination in the area a study needs to be more extensive, the so called water tower could well be a source of contamination and needs to be inspected, residents some of which have lived in Cummersdale all their lives and can well recall the presence of a old well situated on the site, also that Cummersdale is an area of historic interest and is built on a Roman fort and therefore we would ask the planners to consider this and the possibility of archaeological remains being on the site. We are also aware of bats being present on the site this needs further exploration.

#### d. Planning Issues

The members consider this site is being overdeveloped with 3 large houses planned. The Drying green site is approx 1 metre higher than the land level of the surrounding houses, which raises concerns by residents regarding a combination of rainwater run off and the soak a ways to the rear of the new

houses causing some flooding to the properties at the rear. We would also need to be assured that privacy is maintained to existing properties around the site. And that suitable screening is provided. The proposed development plan of the property alongside the church fails to show the disabled access for the Church and the fire escape routes to the rear and we would ask how these will be maintained

#### **e. Access**

The members object to the access to the development crossing the land which we understand to be common land and is certainly not land registered to the developer. The proof of ownership of the access land will require legal clarification. In addition the entrance access is shown to be 4.1 metres but in actual fact the width of the existing access is only approximately only 2.4 metres this gives us concern regarding access of emergency services vehicles.

#### **f. Car Parking**

There is also concern that given the additional traffic flow generated from this development, it is estimated 24 car journeys per day; with vehicles which park regularly on the area identified on the plan to accommodate additional parking being displaced. This additional traffic flow and displaced vehicles trying to find parking in an already congested village would exacerbate traffic problems unless alternative parking were to be provided

**Resolved** members request a site meeting.

**(ii) App 15/0534** Amendment, to use soil retention system for landscaping on new warehouse extension. **Pirelli, Dalston Road.**

**Resolved – No observations**

**(iii) App 15/0567** Erection of a sun room

**16 Clover Fields, Dalston Road**

**Resolved – No observations.**

#### **39/15 Cumbria in Bloom**

Update was given to members by the Chairman. A request was made for volunteers to litter pick this weekend. Cllr Nicholson to contact the Grounds Contractor for any minor works required.

#### **40/15 Village Matters**

Noted the following;

(i) Verges into the village- reported to Highways as overgrown

(ii) Field at the corner of Cummersdale Road/Dalston Road reported to the City Council.

(iii) Access road to the car park at the rear of Cummersdale School, request for funding to repair the track.

(iv) **Resolved** to undertake the cutting and removal of the Himalayan Balsam along the bridleway from Grace Lane to the village.

#### **41/15 Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications**

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

(i) Notes of the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015- Grass Cutting.

(ii) Notification of submission of the Carlisle & District Local Plan 2015-30 to the Secretary of State.

(iii) Mr Crosbie- complaint regarding the over grown footpaths; **Resolved** Clerk to respond to Mr Crosbie's letter explaining how the footpaths/bridleways are maintained,

(vi) A request from the Spinners Arms to borrow the Councils marquee for a cycle event charity event.

**Resolved** to approve the request.

#### **Councillor Matters**

Copse – fallen trees

Pot holes in the road to the car park

Next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015