

Cummersdale Parish Council  
Minutes of the Cummersdale Parish Council Meeting held on Monday,  
6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall, Cummersdale

**PRESENT:**  
**Councillor Keith McIntosh – Chairman**

**Councillors**

<b>Cllr T Allison</b>	<b>Cllr Lowe</b>	<b>Cllr Craig</b>
<b>Cllr P Nicholson</b>	<b>Cllr Kerr</b>	<b>Cllr Nesworthy</b>

**Also present District Councillors A McKerrell & Christian.**

Present for part of the meeting; Mr F Hull, Mr B Child, Jessie Sinclair and Gabby Sanderson; residents of the village.

**78/16 - Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Parish Councillors Harrison & Atkinson

**79/16 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

- (i) Resolved** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**80/16 Declaration of Interest**

- (i) Cllr Christian declared an interest as a member of City Council, Development Control Committee.
- (ii) Cllr Lowe declared an interest in agenda item 10. Planning App 17/0069 Land to the rear of Margery Terrace as his property is neighbouring the development.

**81/16 Requests for Dispensation**

No requests had been made.

**82/16 Public Participation**

a. Residents

- (i) Mr Child briefed the members on application 17/0069; the revised application has 3 dwellings and have been designed sympathetically to the village. An archaeological survey has been carried out however nothing of interest has been found. Members were welcome to visit the site by appointment.
- There was a lengthy discuss regarding the ownership of the beech tree; the Chairman reiterated that this issue was a civil matter and has no bearing on the planning application to be considered.
- The tree would be surveyed as they are prone to disease.
- It was also noted that the plans indicated the land owned as per the Land Registry Documentation.
- That improvement work would be undertaken at the entrance to return the surface to “sets”.
- (ii) It was raised that there is approximately 700 tonnes of builders waste and rubble blocking the public footpath near Hill House farm, this was not generated by the development.

b. Police

No report was issued.

c. Councillor Reports

~ Cllr Christian; small scale grant is available Clerk to respond asap. It is the intention to set up a Conservation Group these volunteers would undertake Himalayan balsam removal etc. (Mailing to be funded by the District council)

~ Cllr Allison also raised the blocked footpath; Clerk to contact Guy Timperley, CCC, Access Officer.

### 83/16 Bank Reconciliation

(i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

Community Account - £3280.76

Deposit Account - £7384.03

**Total £10,664.79**

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

### 84/16 Payment of Accounts

(i) To authorise payment of the accounts dated 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

VIN53 S Tarrant £132.96 Feb payroll

VIN54 HMRC £33.20 PAYE

VIN55 Wetheral PC £120.00 Christmas tree, deliver and collection

VIN56 Bendles £1140.00 Legal services for purchase of land

**TOTAL £1,430.16**

- (ii) Note that the transfer of land is underway with Carlisle City Council but due to the time taken the legal fees have doubled. The Clerk has written to the City Council requesting a reduction in their fees.

### 85/16 Internal Auditor

**Resolved** to appoint of Mr D Johnson as the Internal Auditor for year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 at an hourly rate of £25.00.

### 86/16 Pension Autoenrollment.

- (i) **Resolved** to offer a contributory pension for the Clerk; Chairman to write to the Clerk prior to the next meeting.
- (ii) **Resolved** to defer consideration of the percentage of salary to contribute ( Maximum 5%)
- (iii) **Resolved** to defer consideration of a Payroll administrator be engaged to set up the Pension (NEST) and upload the pension payment information monthly at a cost of £20 and £5.00 per month.

*Cllr Christian left the meeting at 8.10pm prior to consideration of the next agenda item.*

### 87/16 Planning

(i) Planning application considered

#### **App 17/0069 Land to the rear of Margery Terrace**

Proposed erection of 3 dwellings with access road and parking.

**Resolved** – No Observations

Comments – The revised plans offer an improvement to the original application on dwelling size in relation to the site and design.

Members would request that the beech tree remains on the site if healthy and that the tree is protected during the construction phase.

A further request that a restriction be placed on the type of vehicle permitted to the site on completion e.g. heavy commercial vehicles/diggers etc. due to its close proximity to St James Church.

*Cllr Christian returned to the meeting following the consideration of app 17/0069.*

#### (ii) **Neighbourhood Plan**

**Resolved** to invite Richard Wood (City Council) to the Council meeting in April as the Carlisle South Garden Village principals should be available and to discuss /consider how a Cummersdale Neighbourhood plan would fit with this.

### 88/16 Village & Rights of Way Matters

Members to report on matters of relevance to the village and to report issues.

- (i) To prioritise the schedule of works in the Copse. Cllr Nicholson to meet with Cllr McIntosh to discuss the options for the footpath and to obtain quotes for this work.
- (ii) Road closure U1162.- Delayed
- (iii) Noted; Notice board with interpretation panel; to note the Clerk has applied for a grant to fund a New notice board for the village.

- (iv) Noted; Drainage of the Common; to consider if the council wishes to proceed with pitch drainage. This work requires the permission of the Planning Inspectorate, CCC to be contacted to clean the ditch to assist with the field drainage.

### **89/16 Correspondence**

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

### **Councillor Matters\***

An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues, not on this agenda, on behalf of residents in their wards.

- ***N.B. No decisions can be taken on these matters but the Clerk may make investigations and / or they may be placed on the agenda of a future Council or committee meeting.***
- ***Football posts need removed***
- ***Litter along Peter Lane and Dalston Rd.***
- ***Tree survey for the Copse***
- ***Grants for the Copse.***

Next Meeting – March 6<sup>th</sup> 2017