

Cummersdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Cummersdale Parish Council Meeting held on Monday
4th November 2019 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall, Cummersdale

PRESENT:
Councillor Pauline Nicholson – Vice Chairman

Councillors

Cllr D Harrison
Cllr T Allison

Cllr D Lowe
Cllr T Brown

Also present
City Cllr Mckerrell

60/19 Apologies

Resolved – Cllrs Nesworthy , Craig, McIntosh & Kerr and District Cllrs Bainbridge & Collier.

61/19 Declarations of Interest

- i) Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Allison & Cllr Lowe all declared an interest in item 8, St Cuthbert's Garden Village Consultation.

62/19 Requests for Dispensation

None were requested.

63/19 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th October 2019.

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2019
- (ii) **Resolved** to receive the notes of the St Cuthbert's Garden village workshop held on 7th October 2019.
- (iii) **Resolved** to receive the notes from the Extraordinary meeting of the Council and "Love Cummersdale group" held on 15th October 2019.

64/19 Councillor Reports

None given.

65/19 Bank Reconciliation

- (i) **Resolved** to receive and note the bank balances to 31st October 2019

Community Account £1646.63

Deposit Account - £33,061.03

Total £34,707.66 (inc outstanding payments and banking)

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

(ii) Noted receipt of the small scales grant from Cllrs Bainbridge & McKerrell of £400 towards the trees and new bench.

66/19 Payment of Accounts

- (i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts dated 4th November 2019

VIN 34 S Tarrant	£142.18	payroll
VIN 35 HMRC	£35.40	PAYE
VIN 36 Garthside	£400.00	Grass cutting October
VIN 37 Galsdon	£561.18	bench for Newby west
VIN 38 Garthside	£340.00	tree work & fence
VIN 39 Wetheral Parish Council	£26.26	photocopies
VIN 40 Mike Capstick	177.32	plants

TOTAL £1682.34

67/19 St Cuthbert's Garden Village

(i) Resolved to submit the following in response to the St Cuthbert's Garden Village Consultation.

a. Garden Village Criteria

"The garden village must be a new discrete settlement and not an extension of an existing town or village"
Criteria provided by Central Government.

The proposed developments in the vicinity of Cummersdale Village, would be viewed as an extension of the village.

b. Options

Cummersdale is a small village of approximately 150 dwellings, concentrated in an area of 9 hectares, with several outlying properties.

The three proposals are excessive increasing the housing stock by 500-700% over the current number of homes which would be overbearing and have implications on the existing road network. Members request that the number of homes is considerably reduced.

The proposals are for a housing density of 35-40 per hectare, which is significantly greater than the village itself. Members request a mixture of housing types, terraces, bungalows, detached dwellings with varied density of 10-40. In a style reflecting Cummersdale village.

c. Location of the proposed housing developments.

Members request that the village preserves its identity with a soft boundary between the village and the development; a green belt giving a sensible separation and to retain local agriculture. The land could be used to create natural green spaces. It is important that continuous wildlife corridors be created within this scheme. This would be an ideal opportunity to link Carlisle Cemetery, which already has a link to Cummersdale via the Holmes, right through to Carleton including the rivers Caldew and Petherill.

The village and other parts of the Parish would benefit from shared facilities such as, a new primary school, shops, community centre and medical centre. The proposal would to site these just beyond the green belt. Members support the idea of clusters of housing and suggest a lower village at Caldew Bank field(CB on option 1 map).

d. Housing design

Members are concerned that the "Garden Village" will be another housing estate built in the familiar styles by Story and Persimmon Homes and request well designed new homes, e.g Norwich Council, Goldsmith street.

e. Highways and Access

The village currently does not have a through road, many residents wish to retain this feature. Members would consider a through road, creating a loop and another access on to Dalston Road or a roundabout to ease access onto Dalston Rd, retaining the no through road.

f. Flood Risk

Surface water following the Cloverfield and Amberwood developments, the frequency and severity of flooding has increased during periods of high rainfall. Recent flooding occurred on Grace Lane, running like a river, Dalston Rd (to the entrance to the Pirelli factory) was flooded to the extent that it was impassable and had to be closed. These issues need to be resolved now prior to any further development in the area.

g. The Consultation Process

The feedback from residents is that there wasn't sufficient information was given to the public before the open day consultations, which for many people it was overwhelming.

The maps of the three options were not readily available and if these had been distributed before the consultation period, people would have had time to register the situation and come attend the open days with question and comment prepared.

The questionnaire was too complicated and to fully understand the proposals; the Masterplan, The Carlisle and District Local Plan and the SHLAA would all need to be referred to, an unrealistic expectation for ordinary members of the public.

68/19 Planning Consultation

App 1/19/9012 Creation of Carlisle Southern Link Road.

Construction of 8.1km of new two-way single carriageway road.

Resolved No Observations. Members support the creation of the Carlisle Southern Link road.

69/19 Councils Precept 2020/21

(i) **Resolved** to hold an extra meeting of the Parish Council on December 2nd, 2019.

(ii) **Resolved** to defer the consideration of the Council request for Precept 2020/21 until the next meeting to allow the preparation of a proposed budget.

70/19. Correspondence

Resolved to receive and note schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting and not on the agenda.

Councillor Matters*

None were raised.

- Next Meeting 2nd December 2019