

Cummersdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Cummersdale Parish Council Meeting held on Monday
2nd March 2020 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall, Cummersdale

PRESENT:
Councillor Keith McIntosh – Chairman

Councillors

Cllr D Lowe	Cllr W Kerr	Cllr K Nesworthy
Cllr P Nicholson	Cllr T Allison (part)	Cllr B Craig

Prior to the meeting Mr Ian Shorrock of Blackmores Planning Consultants gave a brief presentation. Working on behalf of Stead McAlpine, key points;

- To develop the site of Steads factory at Cummersdale into a new housing development. (9 hectares)
- Presented the proposal to the District Council requesting that it be considered as part of the St Cuthbert's Garden Village.
- Attempt to influence the District Council to reduce the amount of green belt land around Cummersdale for the project.
- Flooding is an issue, propose to use the spoil from the Southern Link Road excavations.
- Design to be based on the historic detail of Low Cummersdale- Mill Houses & Mill apartments.
- Maximum of 400 dwellings- mixed density.
- Environmental gains- Enhance the Mill pond, making it accessible & better cycle links to the City.
- *Members of the Council were in support of the development however had concerns regarding the access road (single track) and potential flooding.*

90/19 Apologies

Resolved –District Cllr Collier, Bainbridge, McKerrell and Parish Councillors Harrison & Brown

91/19 Declarations of Interest

None were declared

92/19 Requests for Dispensation

None were requested.

93/19 Minute of the meeting held on 13th January 2020

- (i)** **Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2020. Amended to correct the attendees.
- (ii)** Actions from the previous meeting to follow up- Bus shelter at Garden Village & Parish Charter to be circulated.

94/19 Public Participation

a. Residents

No residents were present.

b. Police

No police were present

c. Councillor Reports

~ Cllr Allison; raised the issue of the screening of the new extension at Pirellis that Cllr Nicholson has been dealing with and will be reported later in the meeting. (Min100/19)

95/19 Bank Reconciliation

Bank Reconciliation

Resolved to receive and note the bank balances to 24th February 2020

Community Account £2369.96

Deposit Account - £29577.18

Total £31,947.14

(inc outstanding payments and banking)

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

96/19 Payment of Accounts

(i) **Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts dated 3rd February 2020

VIN 48 S Tarrant £142.18 payroll

VIN 49 HMRC £35.40 PAYE

(ii) **Resolved** to authorise the payment of accounts dated 2nd March 2020

VIN 50 CALC £45.00 Seminar

VIN 51 Village hall £130.00 Meeting room hire.

VIN 52 S Tarrant £142.18 payroll

VIN 53 HMRC £35.40 PAYE

Total £530.16

97/19 Grass Contract

(i) **Resolved** to re-appoint Garthside Grounds Maintenance on a rolling basis, at a cost of £3200.

98/19 St Cuthbert's Garden Village, Issues and reports

(i) Garden Village Advisory Group Meetings.

November 2019 – Public consultation feedback on the options presented and finding of the Design Review Panel.

January 2020- Public consultation feedback in more detail and housing design.

February 2020- More housing designs and schemes from around the country discussed

March 2020- Next meeting Preferred Options and ongoing technical issues.

(ii) Agenda items to be included on future Advisory Group meetings.

a. Concerns regarding the involvement of the Parish Council prior to the public consultation.

Consultation Periods need to be realistic in relation to time scales to engage the local community.

Plans submitted by Blackmores need to be discussed, given if viable, an opportunity exists to reduce the housing density at Cummersdale by use of all or some of the Steads site.

Resolved to request the preferred options in advance of the public. (June 2020)

99/19 Rights of Way and Village Matters

To receive reports and consider rights of way and village matters and what actions to be taken.

(i) Inadequate lighting at the junction of Cummersdale Road and Dalston Road.- **Resolved** Clerk to report the issue to Highways.

(ii) New notice boards for Amberwood and Cloverfields, **Resolved** Clerk to write to the residents who live in the vicinity of the proposed sites for the boards and then apply for planning permission.

(iii) School/Allotment car park. **Resolved**, Clerk to obtain quotes for stone chippings and compacting.

(iv) Complaint regarding dog fouling- Clerk to request additional signage from the dog warden.

(v) Overgrown hedge, Caldew Road. The hedge has now been cut back, monitor next year.

100/19 Pirelli Extension and screening plan.

- (i) **Resolved** to receive the proposed screening plan for the Pirelli extension, some of the trees could be re-located near the school if required.
- (ii) Clerk to contact Luke Leathers, Green Spaces as the initial response was supportive to tree planting to obtain permission.
 - (iii) To request Cllr Nigel Christian, attend the next meeting as the Environment Portfolio holder at the District Council.

101/19. Cumbria in Bloom

- (i) **Resolved** not to submit a village entry for Cumbria in Bloom in 2020, however would continue to have the flowers/plants placed in the village containers.
- (ii) Residents of the Crescent are submitting their own entry.

101/20 Correspondence

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

- (i) Guy Thompson, Community Sports Manager-Consider funding /organising a summer fun scheme. **Resolved**, Clerk to contact the Head of Cummersdale School for his opinion.
- (ii) VE day; **Resolved** to promote the event organised in Dalston and the City events.

Councillor Matters*

None noted.

- Next Meeting 6th April 2020
