

**MILLOM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2016 IN THE HILL VILLAGE HALL,
COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr D Savage (Chair), Cllr W Huck, Cllr I Lockwood, Cllr P Murray, Cllr J Gray, Cllr L Butcher, Cllr M Kitchingman and Cllr B Wright

PCSO Booth
Borough Cllr G Scurrah

107/16 APOLOGIES, Cllr P Newman, Cllr A Nugent, Cllr K Hitchin (County Councillor) a

108/16 Exclusion of Press and Public
No members of press or public were present

109/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Cllr Gray declared an interest in an item of correspondence see 121/16
Cllr Butcher declared an interest in the planning application

110/16 MINUTES –
The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October were approved and signed by the Chair.

111/16 Police Liaison Report
PCSO Booth reported that there had been an increase in domestic violence. There had been 2 incidents of sheep thefts within the area and asked that any sightings of strange vehicles be reported with a description. He wanted members of the public to be reminded about home security as it approaches Christmas. The new Inspector for the area was planning to visit Millom PCSO Booth had attended a traffic management meeting and requested strips for the road and feedback from the increased presence of the mobile speed unit. There had been an incident at The Green firework display where a rogue rocket had landed amongst bystanders outside the field. This had been reported to the police even though there were no injuries. PCSO Booth was thanked for his report

112/16 PROGRESS REPORTS

112/16.1 Common Land

Cllr Murray reported that there were 10 pieces of land already identified as common land and a further 15 pieces had been identified that should be registered as common land.

It was agreed to defer this until February 2017. The sub group is requested to also consider the cost implications, benefit to community and inherent liability of registering these areas of common land.

113/16.2 Traffic Management

County Cllr Hitchin had sent a message to state that the extension of the speed limit through the Green to 40mph had been agreed at the Highways meeting and this recommendation was being sent forward to the local committee at the end of November.

Cllr Lockwood reported that he was still awaiting a response from the Traffic Manager to come and speak to the parish council.

113/16.3 Plastic Recycling

A comprehensive response had been received from Copeland re their inability to currently do doorstep collections of plastic recycling.

Correspondence had been received from a member of the public regarding this issue and a suggestion was made that the current paper recycling bank located at Thwaites Village Hall be changed to a plastics recycling one. Cllr Kitchingman to approach Chris Gibson re this and look into the commercial benefits of plastic recycling.

114/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

115/16 COUNTY COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Cllr Hitchen had given his apologies for this meeting

Borough Cllr Scurrah stated that he had nothing to report.

Cllr Savage stated that he had sent an email to different email addresses for Cllr Scurrah outlining issues that the Parish Council wished addressing.

Cllr Savage asked Cllr Scurrah to clarify Copeland BC stance on the National Grid proposals. Cllr Scurrah stated that the BC were awaiting responses from Parish Councils. There is a meeting at the end of November. Cllr Scurrah to confirm the date with Cllr Savage.

A review of the submission to NG to be sent to Cllr Scurrah setting out the Parish Council's and the local population's views are on the NG proposals.

Cllr Scurrah was not going to attend the public meeting.

116/16 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

116/16.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

4/16/2350 Erection of Building over enlarged sheep handling Yard

Part Field 2886, Near High Lowscales, Millom

To Council agreed to support this application

116/16.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since the last meeting.

None undertaken

116/16.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None received

1117/16 FINANCIAL RECORDS

117/16.1 The following payments were approved:

None undertaken

117/16.2 To note the receipt of payments

None received

117/16.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement as at 5 October 2016. This had been circulated prior to the meeting and checked and signed by Cllr Kitchingman as a true record.

117/16.4 Budget Comparison Report as at 30 October 2016 was considered
No actions required

117/16.5 To review the Proposed Budget for 2017/18 and set the Precept

A draft budget had been drawn up by the Clerk/RFO and circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The Clerk/RFO reported that there was an estimated £3085 of committed spend for this financial year which would give an under spend of approx £768 on this year's budget.

After discussion a budget was agreed for 2017/18 which would incorporate monies required for the Common Land project.

It was agreed to approach the Quarry for monies towards a speed awareness sign at The Green.

It was RESOLVED to set the precept for 2017/18 at £8400.

Proposed by Cllr Lockwood, seconded by Cllr Wright

118/16 PARISH MATTERS

118/16.1 Skills Review

Still awaiting outstanding skills reviews

118/16.2 Co-option of Councillor

This is awaiting the outcome of the skills review

118/16.3 Standing Orders

Cllr Savage and the Clerk had reviewed the Standing Orders these to be approved at the February 2017 meeting.

118/16.4 Telephone Box

Cllr Butcher still to review condition of telephone box and submit a report. A suggestion had been made by a member of public for it to be used for displays on local history/natural history and as a potential book/DVD exchange point.

118/16.5 Maintenance requirements - Seats

Cllr Butcher has begun checking the seats, the one at the top of The Knot which requires some maintenance. It was agreed that a thorough check on the seats would take place February/March 17 with the intention of undertaking all necessary repairs.

118/16.6 Tree maintenance

Cllr Butcher had identified 2 trees that required urgent maintenance. One a silver birch near to the Punch Bowl, which is to be reported to Highways, the 2nd is a dead cherry tree near Alan Park's. Cllr Huck to ask an interested member of the public to take down the tree. It was agreed to replace it with another Cherry tree,

118/16.7 Duddon Bank

Concerns had been raised by a member of public re the reduction in the wall size at this property making it difficult for oncoming traffic to notice the wall especially at night and during poor weather conditions. Clerk to contact police for advice.

119/16 Council Priorities and Supporting Organisation

119/16.1 Neighbourhood Plan

This is deferred until after the NG consultation period has ended

119/16.2 Operable Website

Clerk to contact Lee Cooper, who had built the Whicham Parish Council website and request him to upgrade the Millom without website.

119/16.3 Traffic Management

This had been discussed in item 113/16.2

119/16.4 Emergency Plan

In the absence of Cllr Newman this was deferred.

119/16.5 Pylon Campaign/NWCC

Cllrs Savage, Wright and Lockwood to attend CALC workshop on 21 November 2016. It was determined that the top 3 issues for the Parish were:

- Visual Impact
- Setting of the National Park
- Land and land usage
- Duddon Tunnel

It was determined to continue to push for the Duddon Tunnel for both the 132kV and 400kV power lines and other routes which prevent the construction of the pylons.

Public meeting on 11 November – Mike Starkie, Mayor and Jamie Reed MP to attend along with LDNP and FOLD

It would be a Q & A session, supported with a presentation.

It was resolved to write to Copeland BC re the new proposed substation and request that MWPC be included in the consultation and that the project be deferred.

A request has been made to meet with Electricity Northwest to discuss issues, the earliest time would be after 28/11/16. Cllr Savage expressed frustration at the delaying tactics and was pushing for an earlier meeting.

An information room is being set up in the Supper Room at Thwaites Village Hall. It will set out all information given to the Parish Council and also the NG's version. A letter surgery will be on offer to assist the community to respond to the NG consultation.

120/16 Reports from representatives on outside bodies

Cllr Butcher reported that the Quarry had paid for and supplied a sign for The Hill directing traffic not to follow Satnav instructions.

121/16 CORRESPONDENCE

An email had been received from a concerned resident regarding the extensive works and tree clearing that is being undertaken currently at Fell View, The Hill. The Clerk will contact Copeland Planning Department to seek assistance.

122/16 COUINCILLOR MATTERS

- Cllr Butcher reported that the light was out at Peffler Barn
- Cllr Butcher requested that Highways be contacted to erect a sign to prevent/warn drivers of large wagons from trying to access The Hill following the incident where a large artic lorry demolished part of a building.
- The Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Mr K Lindley for cutting the grass at the Pinnel Hole
- The Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Roger Holland for maintaining the grass verges at The Knott.
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123/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm MONDAY 9 January 2017 at The Hill Village Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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