

Minutes of a meeting of Cartmel Fell Parish Council held by ZOOM on Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Alan Telford (Chairman), Chris Cannon and Mike Smith, County Councillor Bill Wearing, District Councillor John Holmes, four members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Helen Smith.

21/1 Public participation:

The Chairman welcomed members of the public present, who were in attendance to observe the planning debate, following recent correspondence.

21/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/3 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Cannon declared an interest in planning application 7/2020/5850 (Summer Hill Caravan Park, Birks Road. Application for 'year round' use) and left the 'room' while this was being discussed.

21/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2020, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

21/5 Casual Vacancy:

A Casual Vacancy has arisen following the resignation of Councillor Marian Smith. As this falls within six months of an Election, the Council is not obliged to fill the vacancy but can do without advertising.

21/6 Planning:

- a. *The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted:*

7/2019/5347 Hill Of Oaks Caravan Park, Newby Bridge.

Use of the land for the purposes of the siting of 234 caravan/lodge pitches, 24 tourers, 8 pods, 2 chalets, and 3 safari tents (271 pitches)

New electrical supply works. Remedial works to pitches including plots 96 & 156. Lighting management plan. Granted.

7/2020/5567 Simpson Ground Farm. Conversion of traditional stone Lakeland barn, demolition and replacement of adjoining former cattle shed to provide ancillary studio buildings and installation of associated solar array. Granted.

7/2020/5727 Jetty on lakeshore at Gatesgarth, Gatesgarth, Newby Bridge Road. Construction of a new timber jetty to replace existing dilapidated timber jetty. Granted.

b. *The following applications were considered:*

7/2020/5777 Fawns Keep, Tower Wood. Extension of the existing dwelling.

Refusal of this application is recommended for the following reasons:

- a. The proposed development is totally out of keeping with other properties in the area - the cladding is inappropriate..
- b. Lack of parking.
- c. The size of the proposals - an increase of one storey - the scale of the building is too large for the plot.

7/2020/5850 Summer Hill Caravan Park, Birks Road. Application for 'year round' use.

The Council would agree to a three-year trial of 'year-round' use, similar to that in place at Park Cliffe, with a view to a re-application at that time if necessary.

- c. The situation regarding planning application 7/2020/5571 (Land to the north of Rosthwaite Farm. Farm diversification scheme including the siting of holiday lodges and associated works) was discussed, following recent correspondence. The Council accepts that this was not adequately dealt with as there had not been an opportunity to consider the application at a Council Meeting.

It was resolved to formulate a single coherent response to the application. The Clerk will collate comments in the next couple of days and these will be reviewed by Councillors before submission after the weekend.

(The following is the response agreed by Councillors):

"This response replaces any previous comments this Council has made on this application:

Refusal is strongly recommended for the following reasons:

The Council feels that this application should not be considered under the farm diversification scheme as the estate operates as a livery / shoot. The farm diversification scheme is for small schemes to compliment a farming operation; this application is a large scale development, will be a stand alone business and should be considered as such.

If granted, there will be an increase in traffic on the B5360 which is a narrow road and has several sections with poor visibility. The junction to the proposed site has limited visibility for traffic entering or leaving and is of concern as this has also been commented on by CCC Highways who recommended refusal.

The proposed site is not well screened and would be visible from the B5360 and also neighbouring properties. This development would have a harmful negative impact on the local landscape.

The access lane is also an issue - it has shared ownership and is very narrow and will cause problems with traffic accessing the proposed site which will definitely have an impact on the local residents.

There have also been comments that this development is on going and will increase in size - this will be totally unacceptable and does not fit in with any of the Authority's policies.

This Council, therefore, urges the LDNPA to refuse permission on this application as it will have a detrimental impact on the area".

- d. The procedure for dealing with planning applications and what can be done to make this more effective was considered. It was resolved that, in future, short additional meetings will be arranged by ZOOM as and when necessary, in order to consider new planning applications. The exception to this will be if an application can clearly be regarded as 'minor', when the system of email comments from Councillors and a response under the Clerk's delegated authority will be followed.

21/7 Parish defibrillator:

This is on hold at present, due to the coronavirus pandemic and Councillor Mike Smith agreed to make enquiries as to how the project is progressing.

21/8 Greening Campaign Meeting:

A meeting is, apparently, to be arranged in February. The Clerk will circulate details when these are received.

21/9 Website:

Marian Smith has looked after the website for several years. None of the present Councillors felt able to take this task on. The Clerk said that the person who performs the Council's Internal Audit each year also looks after the website of another local Council and receives an honorarium of £100 annually. He is willing to take this task on and it was resolved that the Council proceeds with this suggestion.

21/10 Reports:

- a. **County Councillor:** Councillor Wearing alerted the Council to scams offering 'free vaccinations' for the covid-19 infection. Continuing issues relating to trees on the A592 were discussed and he agreed to report these concerns to CCC Highways, with a possibility being that the Parish Council could pay for extra work to be carried out. Schools are being well supplied with laptops while pupils are required to stay at home. All recycling centres remain open. The CCC share of the Council tax is likely to increase by about 1.99%.
- a. **District Councillor:** Councillor Holmes circulated his report prior to the meeting and this will be appended to these minutes in the file. Matters covered included the ongoing debate to combat Climate Change and increase Biodiversity, Local Authority re-organisation, Council Tax on empty properties and the cost of COVID-19. He said Council Tax is likely to increase by 5% for 2021-22.
- b. **Police Report:** The Council was pleased to receive a report from PCSO Debbie Ross. Since the last meeting there had only been two incidents of note, near Lindale, one possible breach of covid regulations and one suspicious incident. Cumbria Constabulary is supporting a campaign with the National Farmers Union and Carrs Billington, called 'lock it or lose it'. The campaign is county-wide and encourages farms to secure their property. The Clerk has details of the 'links' to the information sent by the Police. Residents can contact the Police on 101, or, if it is an emergency 999.

21/11 Finance:

- a. The cash and budget statements were noted and all payments were retrospectively agreed.

- b. *It was resolved to make the following donations:*

Great North Air Ambulance £500
North West Air Ambulance £500
Citizens Advice Bureau £250

It was also agreed to increase the Remembrance Wreath donation in November 2021 from £50 to £75.

- c. The Budget Report was considered and it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council for the financial year 2021-22, in the sum of £6,307 (the same as the previous year).

21/12 Date of the next meeting:

There will be a short additional meeting to consider two new planning applications on **Tuesday 26th January 2021 by ZOOM at 8pm**.

Councillor Cannon agreed to make a list of salt bins and locations in the parish and submit it to the Clerk, in the hope that salt can be made available and new bins supplied where necessary.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed:

Dated: