

Minutes of the MS Teams Meeting at 6pm on Monday 11th January 2021

Meetings are held at 7.30pm at the Village Hall unless stated otherwise : Nigel Ashton, Ward Cllr & Colin Medus, NSC Liaison Officer attend when possible

There are 2 Councillor vacancies - please contact a Councillor or the Clerk if you are interested in becoming involved

Present: Cllrs Mike Ralston (Chair), Brian Cannell, Rachel Dickinson

In Attendance: Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton, Colin Medus (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 1

001/21 APOLOGIES - none

002/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

003/21 LAST MEETING MINUTES - December 14th - were agreed, and reserved for signature.

004/21 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE - none

005/21 PLANNING - Visit the NSC website for fuller details

General: In the past, Sir William Miles would not allow the fixing of notice boards and signage etc to estate property; hence the Cross Tree noticeboard is on posts rather than affixed to the wall. Cllr Cannell reported that, in future this will be allowed, subject to reasonable request to the Estate.

New: 20/P/3056/TRCA Hill Cottage Walton Street, T1 - Ash - Fell - **no objections.**

Enforcement: Related planning permission due.

006/21 PARISH MATTERS

Footpath Kissing Gate: There was an exchange of emails of this topic during the month. The gates are fine; disabled access is aided for many users; however, the complexities of supply, ownership, benefit, maintenance, and ultimate insurance risk in relation to a public footpath are unclear. The issues were extensively explored, and it was decided that the December Minute 086/20 should stand. In the context of this issue and public footpath strategy in general, **Clerk to investigate the legal and social parameters of the Council's possible involvement in the area of public footpaths.**

7.5 Ton Limits: Completion of installation delayed as delivery of some special brackets is awaited that are due any day now.

Gullies in Walton Street: Emptying due.

Burst Water Main at Walton Down - This is the 2nd burst in 6 months. Cllr Dickinson reports that this fact means that replacement work will be scheduled as a priority. This has to be a 'flexible' priority, dependant on more urgent 'sudden' work not cropping up.

007/21 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Cannell: Street Light - the parish light is sited on the bank of Walton Brook against the barn at the junction of Moor Lane and the B3124. It is so close to the barn wall that guttering is not complete and the area cannot be maintained. As the wooden light post is seriously decayed, it will soon need replacing. Could a new one be repositioned to allow access to the barn, or be fixed to the barn wall (the barn is a listed building)? Colin Medus said that there are standards that apply to the positioning of street lighting that will have to be followed. Ours being a single light, it is an unusual case. **Clerk to investigate replacement costs and positioning via NSC street lighting and planning: also to add an additional Capital Provision note to the approved 2021-22 budget.**

Cllr Ralston: Highway flooding occurred above Walton Street between the lay-by/gateway from the field coming off Walton Down and the Golf Course. The Clerk reported that a Paris Drain was provided at this point, as part of NSC's major Walton Street flood defence works in 2010: this drain takes water draining off the field from one side of the road to the other. It may be that there was a genuine 'flash' flood, or that the drain needs attention. Colin Medus undertook to place the problem for investigation as needed. [Clerk to supply location map to Colin \(also attached to these minutes\).](#)

Cllr Ashton: Cliff Path - reports have come in of further Cliff Path erosion: this may be in our parish. [Clerk to investigate via NSC and copy to Cllr Ashton.](#)

008/21 FINANCE

2020-21 Accounts: circulated with the meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

2021-22 Budget: Formal draft discussed. Members felt there should be a more rigorous review of the Clerk's pay and hours but agreed the other budget heads. *(The finally agreed version of the budget will appear at the February meeting).*

Cheques: 796 None

009/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: via Microsoft Teams, on Monday February 8th 2021 at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm