

## Embleton & District Parish Council

### **Minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Embleton Village Hall at 19:35**

**Present:** Councillor Hewitson (In the Chair), Cllr Graham, Cllr Richardson, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Brandwood, Cllr Brown, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Wood, Cllr Hind, Cllr Nelson

**Apologies:** Cllr Petecki, Cllr Boardman, A/BC Cllr Tony Addison

**Also Present:** Becx Carter (Clerk), 3 members of the public, C/Cllr A Bowness

#### **59.15 Councillors Present & Apologies**

Apologies were received from the above named persons

#### **60.15 Declarations of interest**

##### *i) Request for dispensations*

There were no requests for dispensations received

##### *ii) Declarations of Interest*

None were received

#### **61.15 Co-option**

An application for co-option was received from Mrs S Wilson

Cllr Richardson proposed Mrs S Wilson be co-opted to one of the vacancies of the Embleton Ward as part of Embleton & District Parish Council. This motion was seconded by Cllr I Nelson.

**Resolved** that all present were in favour of Mrs S Wilson being appointed to Embleton & District Parish Council.

Mrs S Wilson completed her declaration of office form and this was witnessed by the Clerk as the Proper Officer for the council.

#### **62.15 Police Report**

The Clerk read out a written report sent by the police which noted 3 incidents since the last Parish Council meeting two of which were possession of drug related offences in Dubwath on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Cllr Brown informed the council that the Police had recently been within the parish undertaking speed checks.

#### **63.15 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Cllr Teasdale noted a correct required to the minutes 'Mrs J Likeman'.

**Resolved** by all present that subject to the above alteration the minutes be signed by the chair as a true and accurate record.

**Action: Clerk to make this alteration on the copies for the noticeboards and website.**

## **64.15 Actions Update**

### *i) Community Speedwatch*

Cllr D Brown confirmed that training had now been undertaken, and that he was in the process of developing a rota. Cllr Brown is also working with PCSO Megan Jones on a more streamlined way of equipment being delivered/returned from Keswick on a regular basis.

**Action: Clerk to forward list of Speedwatch contacts to Cllr Brown**

**Action: Clerk to ensure that forthcoming insurance includes cover for the relevant number of volunteers.**

## **65.15 Public Participation**

Mr C McGrath, Mr Lake & Mr Cooke from the Ruddings attended to raise concerns relating to the Lakes Distillery development. Mr C McGrath spoke on behalf of all three attendees. A summary of the concerns raised is provided below:

- When the initial application was submitted residents were assured that the proposed developments wouldn't be noticed in terms of noise, smell, disturbance etc however this is not the case. There are deliveries every day throughout the day, the fermentation motor runs 24 hours a day.
- Parking has been an issue over the Easter period where vehicles were parking on grass verges etc preventing locals access, with serious concern raised over if emergency vehicles would be able to access the area if necessary
- There is significant light pollution from both the car park and the front of the building throughout the night
- With the current opening times (until 9pm) people are regularly leaving the premises up until 10:30pm with a further extension in hours residents are concerned that people would be leaving the premises up to or possibly even after midnight
- The development has grown out of all proportion
- The owners/operators of the distillery appear to have taken a somewhat 'carte blanche' approach to planning, with many aspects of the development being applied retrospectively
- The three residents present feel that action needs to be taken to stop the exponential growth before it takes over any more land
- The residents in question have been informed by the LDNPA that if the Parish Council were to object to future developments this would hold 'great weight'.

Councillors thanked the three residents for their attendance, and informed them that the Parish Council have raised concerns about various aspects of this development with the LDNPA.

## **66.15 Chairmans Report**

None tabled

## **67.15 Clerks Report**

A copy of the Clerks report had been received by all councillors present.

All correspondence listed was noted.

a) **Fluoridation Resolved** by all present that a letter be sent to the relevant MP now that the election is over.

**Action: Clerk to send a letter to MP Jamie Reed raising the concerns of the council (including a copy of previous dialogues) in particular the concern about how can a decision taken back in the 1960's/1970's still be being relied upon some 40 years later.**

b) *CCC Speeding Sites Review* – The Clerk informed the meeting that CCC may consider reviewing speed limits at sites of concern. Embleton & District Parish Council could suggest areas for consideration.

**Resolved** that this matter be deferred to the June meeting

**Action: All to consider if there are any specific sites that require a speeding limit review in readiness for the June meeting**

c) *Response to Srgt G Atkinson email re Embleton Speeding Issue* – A copy of this response had been circulated to all on email.

A discussion was held during which various concerns were raised regarding both the facts stated in this email and the tone of the response.

Cllr B Graham proposed, and Cllr S Wood seconded with all in favour that a response was required to raise the councils concerns.

**Resolved** that Cllr D Brown prepare a draft response to be sent directly to Srgt G Atkinson, if no appropriate response is then received a letter could be sent to both her superior and to the PCC.

**Action: Cllr D Brown to draft a response and circulate it via email to all councillors. Clerk to circulate to those without email**

**Action; Cllrs to submit feedback/alterations within 1 week.**

**Action: Clerk to send the final version to Srgt G Atkinson & agenda any response for the June meeting.**

d) *Road at Craggs*

The Clerk informed the meeting that a response had been received from CCC stating there isn't a process for downgrading roads to footpaths/bridleways and that the possible benefits would be far outweighed by the costs involved. CCC have offered to install 'not suitable for motor vehicle signs'.

**Resolved** that the clerk re-iterate once more in writing the concerns of the council regarding health & safety of road users if they were to use the road by accident

**Action: Clerk to write to CCC to action the above.**

e) *Edge Markers on the A66*

Clerk informed the meeting that Enterprise Mouchel have spoken with Cllr Teasdale and identified the issues. Cllr Teasdale confirmed that the works appear to have been started.

f) *Broken UU drain cover at Wythop*

Cllr Teasdale reported that this matter still hasn't been resolved

**Action: Clerk to contact UU regarding this matter once more.**

*Matters for C/Cllr Bowness*

Cllr Hewitson reported that the sign at Bouch House has STILL not be dealt with

**Action: C/Cllr Bowness to raise this at his next meeting with the relevant department**

Vicarage Hill- It was reported to the meeting that water was still flowing down/across the road. The Clerk & Cllr Brown both reported that this matter to the relevant persons but no further action has been taken.

**Action: Clerk to chase up this matter.**

### **68.15 Planning**

Ref: 7/2015/2016

Location: Masons Lodge, Bassenthwaite Lake, Cockermouth, CA13 9YD

Proposal: An amendment to the existing proposal 7/2014/2038 to incorporate carers bedroom into main house. Addition of photovoltaic array on South facing roof. Reposition of patio doors.

**Resolved** that Embleton & District Parish Council had no comments with relation to this application.

**Action: Clerk to submit this response**

Ref: 7/2015/2099

Location: Land at the Larches, Wythop Mill, Embeton, Cockermouth, CA13 9YP

Proposal: New proposed three bedroomed family dwelling

**Resolved** that Embleton & District Parish Council had no comments with relation to this application

**Action: Clerk to submit this response**

Ref: 7/2015/2080

Location: 1 How Dyke Cottages, Setmurthy, Cockermouth, CA13 9SL

Proposal: Two storey side extension

**Resolved** that Embleton & District Parish Council fully support this application as it will enhance the existing dwelling and also increase the house to a more appropriate size for a family dwelling.

**Action: Clerk to submit this response**

Ref: 7/2015/2085

Location: The Lakes Distillery, Low Barkhouse, Setmurthy, Bassenthwaite, CA13 9SJ

Proposal: Variation of condition no.20 of planning approval ref 7/2015/2162 to extend the distillery premises and car parking opening hours to between 09:00 and 23:00 daily

Prior to the decision being taken on the above application the Clerk read out a response from the LDNPA planners regarding the queries raised with regard to their previous planning application (ref 7/2015/2077). The planners confirmed that any work that had taken place on the car park prior to planning approval was undertaken at the applicants own risk. The LDNPA will consult the Parish Council if a revised landscaping plan were to be received. It is the LDNPA's belief that the overspill car parking area won't be surfaced. Finally the LDNPA confirmed that they had been informed that the green containers are temporary and are to be removed, and the tanks can't be painted because of the material they are made from. The LDNPA have identified this a breach of planning and are considering what action to take.

Cllr D Brown proposed that this application be objected to on the grounds of nuisance (light, noise etc) to the local community and highways concerns. Cllr Graham seconded this proposal. All present were in favour. **Resolved** that Embleton & District Parish Council object to this application.

**Action: Clerk to submit the above comments**

### **69/15 Planning Decisions**

Embleton & District Parish Council noted the below decisions:

**Ref: 7/2015/2061**

Location: Embleton Spa Hotel, Embleton, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 9YA  
Proposal: Proposed conservatory to rear of Hotel for use in association with existing spa  
APPROVED with Conditions

**Ref: 7/2015/2055**

Location: Sale Flat, Hawthorne House, Bassenthwaite Lake, Cockermouth, CA13 9YD  
Proposal: Remove existing door, brick up cavity and render to match etc

APPROVE with conditions

### **70.15 LDNPA Parish Member Nominations**

**Resolved** that no member of Embleton & District Parish Council wished to stand for nomination to the LDNPA member board.

**Action: Clerk to circulate ballot paper for nominated candidates to all councillors in late May/early June. Responses to be received via email/post and the Clerk to collate responses and submit to CALC.**

### **71.15 Playarea**

The Clerk gave the council a summary of the history of this agenda item; following a discussion it was **Resolved** by all present that:

-The Council can't take forward the grant application, as the council does not own the land on which the playarea is sited so would be in same situation as the Embleton Community Safety Group. In addition the council feel that the size of liability involved in taking on the play area relative to its community value is too great for the council to take it on.

**Action: Clerk to communicate the above to the Embleton Community Safety Group and to suggest that subject to the outcome of the pending common land register search that Embleton Parish Council has outstanding that the Embleton Community Safety group could consider starting the process for the registration of the land based upon period of usage.**

### **72.15 Highways & Parish Maintenance**

*Gully Cleaning*- Cllr Brown reported that this was working well.

### **73.15 Consideration and approval of council governance documents:**

- a) *Risk Register* Cllr Brandwood proposed that item 7 be modified to read 'damage to property' only. This was supported by all present. **Resolved** that subject to this alteration the risk register be approved for the forthcoming financial year.
- b) *Complaints Procedure* Cllr D Brown proposed an alteration to the wording of note 1 to read "For the avoidance of doubt;- Under no circumstances does the upholding of a complaint by the Council constitute an acknowledgment or admission of any wrongdoing on the part of the Council nor of any Councillor nor does it represent an acknowledgement or admission of any liability in law or otherwise" **Resolved** that all present support the acceptance of the complaints procedure subject to the aforementioned alteration to the form of words in Note 1.  
**Action: Clerk to bring an amended version of this document to the June meeting for signing**
- c) *Privacy Statement*- A minor amendment was proposed to the email privacy statement. (Alteration of the would will to may). **Resolved** by all present that subject to this alteration the privacy statement be adopted for use
- d) *Standing Orders* – **Resolved** by all present that these standing orders be adopted and a copy was signed as such.

**Action: Clerk to upload copies of the above documents to the Embleton & District Council website.**

**74.15 Council Finances**

*A) Reconciliation for May*

**Resolved** by all present that the reconciliation for May be approved and the Chair authorised to sign it.

*B) Authorisation of Payments*

Becx Carter	Expenses	£101.07
David Brown	Webhosting reimbursement	£14.30
CALC	Annual Subscription	£157.00
Zurich	Annual Insurance	£231.21

**Resolved** that all cheques listed above be signed by two signatories (Cllr Teasdale & Hewitson).

**Action: Clerk to process the above payments**

**75.15 Matters for the next meeting**

None raised

**76.15 Date of next meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 19:00 in Embleton Village Hall.

Meeting close 21:26

Signed..... (Chair)

Dated.....