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**(Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th July 2015
At St Thomas' Church Crosscrake**

Present: Councillors John Stott, Tot Mason, Thomas Nelson, Geoff Wilson Julie Knowles, Rev Ian Swift
Clerk Karen Wells, along with a number of members of the parish.

15.15 APOLOGIES: received from: District Cllr Sheila Eccles (on holiday), County Cllr Brenda Gray (at another meeting),

16.15 MINUTES the minutes of the last parish council meeting dated 18th May 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

17.15 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS- None

18.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None. The annual declaration of interest form was signed by the cllrs

19.15 OPEN SESSION – No issues were raised.

20.15 POLICING IN THE COMMUNITY: PCSO did not attend meeting and no report received until after the meeting. Clerk to contact PCSO for someone to attend next meeting as there was concern about a spate of burglaries in the area.

21.15 UPPER KENT LAP – Cllr Julie Knowles attended the LAP meeting on 17th June 2015 where the following was discussed: Role of LAP since 2009 – Better highways, superfast broadband, health services, and communication. A planning report was presented by Peter Thornton. (Full details of the meeting on request of clerk)

22.15 HIGHWAYS – A full review of the 'better highways report' was made by the clerk since last meeting. The findings were: Although the faults on the highway had been reported to the Highways dept. and tracking numbers issued none of them were being recognised. So it was decided to re-report the problems.

- 1) Repair to the parapet of the pack horse bridge in Stainton village.
- 2) Retaining kerb on Shyreakes Lane.
- 3) Repair to the whole of 'slaughter house lane' leading down to Dreamland farm.

23.15 Footpaths: Cllrs wanted to clarify who was responsible for repairs in connection with sign posts, gates, stiles, and hedges, up growth and bridges. Guy Timperley (Countryside Access, Strategic Asset Management CCC) sent some very useful information which helped make things clearer.

- **Highways are responsible for cutting back up growth, signposts and bridges.(inc 25% to land owners for gates and stiles)**
- **Landowners are responsible for gates, stiles and hedges.**

2 leaflets providing information on legal requirements regarding footpaths etc can be obtained from clerk.

24.15 PLANNING - the following applications and notifications had been received since the last meeting.

Applications Recd;

SL/2015/0551- Land at Helm Mount Farm, Barrows Green, Kendal – Retention of stable building and all weather exercise area to allow for limited riding lessons and schooling of horses.

Notifications Received:

SL/2015/0580- Millbridge Farm, Millbridge lane, Discharge of conditions (sample material) attached to planning permission (SL/2104/0421 Extension to provide cubicles for cattle)

25.15 FINANCE

To authorise schedule of payment of Jul/Aug:

Paid between meetings – None

Payments to sanction during the meeting

Clerks Jul wage and expenses (postage and stamps) = £134.03

Clerks Aug wage and expenses (ink) = £148.08

Hire and associated costs of meeting payable to Church = £20.00

Extra insurance costs for the mirror = £10.07

Payments received

£250.00 member's locality grant.

Bank interest: 28p

26.15 CONSULTATIONS & FUNDING REQUESTS: None**27.15 AOB**

- i) Ideas were discussed to spend the 2015/16 £250 locality grant (inc grass cutting, notice boards, a decision will be made at another meeting later in the year)
- ii) Mr M Oliphant has retired from the duty of internal auditor for the council, Cllr Julie Knowles was thanked for taking a thank you gift to him and thanking him for his service to the council. His replacement was discussed and inquires will be made by the clerk.
- iii) It was decided not to become affiliated to the 'canal trust' at this time. Concerns about the way the new piece of the canal has been left were expressed. It was decided to contact the trust to get an update on progress.
- iv) There has some concern lately about the laws connected to 'Common land'. This is a very complex matter and information sheets obtained by the council were read and discussed. This has made the matter clearer and should help in the future if any issues arise.
- v) A report from SLDC about a planning levy were read and the implication discussed.

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

28.15 Next Meeting – Monday 28th September 2015 at 7.30pm St Thomas' Church Crosscrake

Councillor's issues to be raised – no discussions must take place on these matters but will be placed on the next Agenda