

# ULVERSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Ulverston Town Council held in the Coronation Hall on Monday 20 March 2017 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Cllr's M. Wilson (Chair), J. Airey, N. Bishop Rowe, A. Butcher P. Halfpenny, H. Irving, J. Jenkinson, P. Jones, C. Pickthall J. Pickthall, B. S. Rajan, P. Smith, D. Smith, D. Webster, S. Webster. **Apologies:** Cllrs: J. Clough, C. Tennyson, A. Rigg.  
**Also Present:** Town Clerk, Public (20) Press (2) Police (1)

**V160. Requests for dispensations:** None received.

**V161. Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr. Jenkinson: Member of SLDC Planning Committee. UCE Board.  
Cllr. Irving: Member of SLDC Planning Committee.  
Cllr. J. Pickthall: Member of UCE Board.  
Cllr. Bishop Rowe: Planning application: SL/17/0017.

**V162. Public Participation:**

**Proposal:** That council debate the Newland Farm planning application and vote on the same immediately after public participation. **Proposed:** Cllr C Pickthall.  
**Seconded:** Cllr N. Bishop Rowe. **Unanimously approved.**

Eleanor Lancaster, Tim Winder, Susan Cash and Morris Evans all spoke against planning application 5/17/9003. Their concerns were about the volume of traffic on the narrow lanes and also on the A590. There were queries about the claim that the land was unproductive as it currently supported grazing together with concerns that the proposals for the site to bring in inert waste could last for much longer than the stated 5 years.

Tim Evans spoke on behalf of the applicant in support of the application. He said that the land was unproductive and the work would restore the land which was also waterlogged. He said that the project was one of restoration, and regarding the traffic movement there would be 12 deliveries each day with each delivery being in the order of 20 tons.

Cllr Pickthall said that the proposal is about opening a new tip and after this there is no certainty that crops would be grown on the restored pasture or how long this would take. Both SLDC and CCC had objected to the proposals.

Cllr's Jenkinson, Halfpenny, Bishop Rowe, D. Webster and Jones all raised issues about the application. Concerns were expressed about the application itself which many members felt had been misleading. All expressed serious concerns about traffic on the A590 and on the nearby lanes and queried why the land was going to be raised by three metres but could only be ploughed to a depth of 5 inches when it was restored.

**Proposal:** That the application is refused and that the council request a site visit from CCC Planning committee.

**Proposed:** Cllr. C. Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr. S. Webster. **Unanimously refused.**

**V163. Mayor's Report:**

- The Mayor attended the Rotary Club 81<sup>st</sup> Dinner
- Living Well into Later Life Event on the 17 March at Ulverston Library.

**V164. Minutes:** To **approve** the minutes of the Council meeting on 20 February 2017.

**Proposed:** Cllr C. Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr J Pickthall. **Unanimously approved**

Cllr C. Pickthall said it was important that the approval of the minutes did not become an opportunity to discuss matters arising.

**V165. Update: Brief update** from Police, SLDC and CCC.

**Police:**

- Cumbria Force showing a decrease in recorded crime and ASB.
- South Cumbria and the Ulverston and Furness Policing team also showing a decrease in crime and a reduction in ASB.

Figures for the last 12 months for Ulverston:

- Crimes, 389 compares to previous year 414
- ASB 230 calls for service previous year 257

During last 30 days in Ulverston:

- 21 reported crimes
- 1 Assault with injury and 1 Assault without injury.
- Calls for the Police in Ulverston 126

Questions from councillors:

- Has there been an increase in traffic incidents following the road works at Lindal? No accidents have been reported.
- Concerns were expressed about cycling on pavements. This was noted.
- It was requested that the police desk facility in the Coro be more widely publicised. This was noted.

**SLDC:** Cllr Wilson

- Budget included commitment to add funds to reduce child poverty in Ulverston.
- Drive to reduce the incidences of domestic abuse. Exhibition at Ulverston Library with Cllr S Webster.
- Buxton Place Car Park. This work is a shared responsibility between many agencies.

- Ulverston Resilience group met recently. The group will help to support the community at times of difficulty.

**Cumbria County Council:** Cllr Wilson.

- CCC voted to support a budget increase. Cllr Airey said that he did not vote to support the rise.
- Blue hub works continuing to make good progress.

**V166. Planning:**

**SL/17/0097** Neville House, County Road, Ulverston.

**Approve.**

**5/117/9004** Fire Station, The Ellers, Ulverston.

**Approve.**

**SL/17/0135** 3 Birkett Drive, Ulverston

**Approve**

**SL/17/0017** 22 Soutergate, Ulverston.

**Approve.**

**SL/17/0144** 13 Rydal Road, Ulverston.

**Approve**

**SL/17/0040** Priory View Camping & Caravan Club Site

**Approve.**

11 in favour. Cllr Halfpenny abstained

**SL/17/0111** 12 Priory Road, Ulverston.

**Approve.**

**V167.** Members **noted** the minutes and reports from Ulverston Community Enterprises and Albert Twinning Association.

**V168. Annual Town Meeting:**

Councillors **noted** the date of the Annual Town Meeting which will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May in the Coronation Hall Supper room at 6pm.

**V169. Policy and General Purposes Standing Committee:**

- Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting were **noted**.
- Bunting:** P&GP committee had proposed that no new bunting be purchased in the next financial year. This decision was queried and it was proposed that new bunting is purchased to replace the bunting which had been lost.  
**Proposed:** Cllr Jenkinson. **Seconded:** Cllr. Irving.  
10 voted in favour. 3 against. **The motion was carried by majority.**
- Conservation Area.** To **note** proposals concerning the conservation area and to invite SLDC officers to a meeting to discuss concerns expressed by the Civic Society regarding lack of enforcement.  
**Proposed:** Cllr C. Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr. J Pickthall. **Unanimously approved.**

**V170. Finance and Grants Standing Committee:** Introduced by Cllr C. Pickthall:

- Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting were noted.

- b. **Sir John Barrow Cottage.**  
**Proposal:** That Greenlane Archeology is granted a lease on the Sir John Barrow Cottage.
- Cllr Halfpenny and Cllr Airey expressed concern about the cottage being leased and felt other options would be better. Cllr C. Pickthall said on balance he supported it and reminded members that in a survey the overwhelming majority of those who took part in the survey wanted the council to keep it.  
**Proposed:** Cllr C. Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr J Pickthall.  
 8 voted for the proposal. 5 voted against. **The motion was carried by majority with one abstention.**
- c. **United Charities. Proposal:** As trustees of United Charities councillors are asked to approve the dispersment of the annual dividend:
- £1000.00 Mayors Charity Fund
  - £300.00 Ulverston Parish Church
  - £300.00 Ulverston Victoria High School
  - £275.00 Ulverston Food Bank.
- Proposed:** Cllr C Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr Bishop Rowe. **Unanimously approved.**
- d. **Staff Salaries: Proposal:** To **approve** the implementation of the Local Government Association's recommendations of a 1% increase in staff salaries for 2017/2018.  
**Proposed:** Cllr C Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr Bishop Rowe. **Unanimously approved**
- e. **Gill Rise:**  
**Proposal:** That Ulverston Town Council work in partnership with the health centre and the Cumbria Partnership NHS Trust to bring the building back into use for the community.  
 Cllr Rajan updated members on the background to the building and the current situation. Cllr Airey commended Cllr Rajan for bringing the issue forward.  
**Proposed:** Cllr Rajan. **Seconded:** Cllr Irving. Unanimously **approved.**
- f. **Payments:** Council approved payment of accounts for UTC (attached) and noted the standing orders. Cllr D. Smith and Cllr J. Pickthall were authorised to sign the cheques. **Proposed:** Cllr C Pickthall. **Seconded:** Cllr J Jenkinson

#### **V171. Other Matters:**

- Cllr Halfpenny. Thanked the staff from the highways contractors for assisting Ulverston in Bloom to remove tree guards on Swan Street.
- Cllr D. Webster. Requested that the issue of South Lakes Housings reduction of services from April 2017 be discussed at the next town council meeting.
- Cllr Rajan. Requested that the town council publicise the A590 closures later in the week.
- Cllr Jones. Requested that council acknowledge the constant presence of street market traders through the very bad winter. She also thanked Ulverston in Bloom for wonderful displays.
- Cllr Jenkinson. Reminded county councillors of the poor state of the road in part of her ward.

**V172. Public Participation:**

**Norma Sampson LA12 9ID.** Runs Parkinson support group in the area. She was very pleased to hear about the proposals for Gill Rise.

A resident queried why local taxis will not assist a friend from her door to the taxi. Cllr Irving to raise this issue with SLDC Licensing Committee.

**V173. Date of Next Meeting:** Members to note the date of the next meeting of Ulverston Town Council which is: **Monday 24 April 2017 @ 7.00pm at the Coronation Hall.**