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Welcome to the March edition of the Link.

It has been kindly distributed by Darren and Sarah Rogers and Kitty Smith. Their contact lists will not reach everybody, so please feel free to distribute this as you wish. If you are not on any of these lists and would like to be please email me at the email address above.

Many Thanks to all contributors and in particular the Rogers, Kitty, Vicky and Joan who regularly help make the Link varied and interesting.

Thank to Darren and Sarah Rogers and Kitty Smith for distributing the Link through

their contact lists. Nick Thomas.

WANTED – storage for a year or two for antique furniture etc currently in 5 large storage crates. As antiques, needs to be stored in house not in a barn. Please contact Nick Dent, 07917 230210, <u>nick.dent@lockelord.com</u> to discuss rates and arrangements.

The Queen' s Platinum Jubilee

As you know, to commemorate the Queen's 70 year reign there is to be a 4 day bank holiday weekend from 2nd to 5th June. Some of the Parishes' villages may already have started thinking about how they wish to celebrate but here in Maulds Meaburn, as far as 1 know, we haven't!! So given that we are now in March, 1 just wanted to hear from you with any ideas. Do you want to do something, such as a community lunch on the green or at MMVI with an almost fete atmosphere or whatever other ideas do you have. Please contact Sarah Rogers either by email, <u>sarrog@btinternet.com</u> or phone on 715575. Thank you.

Services at your Parish Church of St Lawrence Services and events at your Parish church of St Lawrence

Sunday March 6th 11.00am Holy Communion led by Bishop James Bell

Sunday March 13th 11.00am Joint Benefice Holy Communion at Cliburn led by Rev Sheila Clark

Sunday March 20th 6.30pm Evening Prayer led by David Jones

Sunday March 27th Mothering Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer led by Rev Andrew Sterling, Appleby Methodist minister

Sunday April 3rd Lay Led 11.00 am brief Morning Prayer before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting [APCM], which we are legally required to hold every year. At this meeting, all will be welcome to read the reports of St Lawrence for the last year 2021-2022, make comments. Church Officers/PCC will be appointed for 2022-2023. Reports will be available for you in church the previous week.

Tea and coffee will be on hand. Please feel free to join us, as we represent you!

Further Eastertide dates for your diary from your Parish Church

LENT, a solemn season in the church calendar leading up to joyful Easter, is from Ash Wednesday March 2nd when we will have a joint Holy Communion at Askham Church at 7.30 pm [with Bishop James Bell presiding] for the following 6 Lent weeks until **HOLY WEEK** starting April 10th Palm Sunday.

Lent groups for study and discussion this year, to which everyone is welcome, are as follows:

- Tuesday afternoons, at 1 Jackson Croft, Morland, led by Sandy Pearl
- Wednesday mornings at 11.00 am, after the regular 10.00 am Holy Communion, in the Millyard Café upper room, Morland, led by Sheila Clark
- Your parish church is open every day from 9.00am till sunset, so please feel free to commune quietly, light a candle or two and be at peace at this holy, deeply significant time of Lent and Easter.

HOLY WEEK itself i.e. from April 10th Palm Sunday, Askham church 11.00am [with a donkey too] till April 17th Easter Day creates a number of services going on around the Benefice:

please see the church notice board for these or visit www.northwestmorlandchurches.org.uk.

Main services for us in Holy Week at St Lawrence are:

- GOOD FRIDAY April 15th 'At the foot of the Cross' led by Rev Andrew Sterling 2-3pm
- SUNDAY EASTER DAY April 17th 11.00am Easter Holy Communion taken by + James Bell. Hallelujah, Christ is risen!

WIN A WELL FED SIMNEL CAKE, JUST IN TIME FOR EASTER

It's approaching that time of year again, not Christmas but Easter! So, if you would like to win a Simnel cake (1st prize) or an Easter themed hamper (2nd prize) please pop by the village shelters in either Crosby Ravensworth or Maulds Meaburn, and:-

1.Write your name and phone number on a brown envelope (which will be left on the table)

2.Put £1 in to the envelope and seal it. If you want more than one go, just fill in that number of envelopes

3.Post your envelope/s in the tub before 5pm on Monday 11th April.

The winning envelope will be drawn on 14th April. All proceeds will go to the Crosby Ravensworth Play Area Refurbishment fund.

Sarah will be at the MMVI Coffee morning on Monday 7th March with some envelopes and they will be in the shelters from that date too.

Thank you for your support and GOOD LUCK.





March and April Events at Maulds Meaburn Village Institute

MARCH

Wednesday 2nd March – Polestar Planetarium – 18:30hrs Booking in advance is recommended please go to <u>www.polestarplanetarium.co.uk</u>

Monday 7th March – Coffee Morning 10:30 – 12:00hrs

Friday 25th March – Gather Inn - 19:00hrs Come along and meet friends old and new for conversation and laughter over a drink and some nibbles

> **APRIL** Dates for your diary more details to follow

Monday 4th April – Coffee Morning 10:30 – 12:00hrs

Thursday 7th April – Wine Society

Friday 22nd April – the ever popular <u>Curry Night</u>

Friday 29th April – Gather Inn - 19:00hrs

Regular Events

Badminton Group – Every Monday 09:30 – 11:30

Book Group – Morning of the second Tuesday of the month

WI – Morning of the third Monday of the month

Yarn Group – Morning of the third Tuesday of the month

Hello from Holesfoot-two new Readers of the Link

We can't believe that we have only just been introduced to the 'Link' following us going along to the Wine Club meeting at MMVI last month. Our digital copy of the February edition soon arrived in our inbox and we thoroughly enjoyed reading it and catching up on the local news and events. It made us feel so much more in the 'local loop' as being up here on the outskirts of the village it can feel a bit 'out of it'. We have also been that busy in our venture to create a luxury events venue and guest house here at Holesfoot, that we have not had the opportunity to venture in to the villages and meet some local faces. But now that the work we have been doing in the house and the gardens is almost complete we hope to get out more and enjoy the wonderful community we live amongst.

With that in mind, we would like to invite you to our Open Day which we are holding on Saturday 7th May between 2-6pm. There will be drinks, nibbles, live music and a chance to have a look round and see what we have been up to. It would be lovely to put some faces to names. If you are able to join us please send me a quick email <u>liv@holesfoot.co.uk</u>

Thank you, Olivia and James

WHY NOT COME ALONG TO THE ...

CROSBY RAVENSWORTH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

POPINANDPDAY

Crosby Ravensworth CE Primary School would like to offer parents and children aged 0-4yrs an opportunity to visit our fantastic school.

Come and meet the staff and pupils, take advantage of our fantastic early years provision and take part in some fun-filled activities!

Teaching staff take good care of children in the early years. They get to know these children well. Teachers build good relationships with children and their parents and carers." OFSTED, February 2020



For any more information please call school on: 01931 715265 odmin@crosbyravensworth cumbric.sch.uk

Crosby Ravensworth CE Primary School, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 3JJ

Website: www.crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk



Food Bank Bus Shelter Collection 2022

We will be collecting donations for the Upper Eden Food Bank , Appleby from March 1st until Easter.

Please leave them in the lidded box in the village shelters.

All donations are gratefully received.

Particularly needed this year : Instant / tinned potatoes, UHT milk, sugar, coffee, fruit squash, jam, porridge oats.

We are very grateful : Alison 715607, Philippa 715886



FELLRUNNER EXCURSIONS 2022

For the people living in the North Westmorland group of parishes and surrounding areas, The Fellrunner Village Bus Group have again kindly offered to provide a 16 seat bus for community use this year, and a list of the proposed trips is given below. If you would like to make a booking, please contact Mike Roulson on 01931 714457 to enquire if seats are available. Please note that for some visits there will be an entrance charge payable as well as the bus fare.

All trips this year will be subject to the latest Government guidance regarding Covid 19 and may be cancelled or changed at short notice. If social distancing still has to be maintained then only 10 passengers will be able to travel on the day so prior booking is essential.

5 March.....Boundary Mill Colne. One of the U.K's largest retail mill store.

2 April.....Imperial War Museum and Media City, Salford Quays Manchester.

30 April....Helmsley, explore the lovely old market town in the North York Moors, optional visit to the castle or a walled garden nearby.

4 June... A visit to Howick Hall gardens and arboretum followed perhaps by an ice cream at Alnmouth on the north east coast.

9 July.....Brantwood nr. Coniston, the home of John Ruskin one of England's most important social and cultural figures. A house filled with paintings and personal treasures.Magnificent gardens and views over Coniston Water.

6 August....Dumfries House. Set in 2000 acres this stunning estate and 18th C house with its unrivalled collection of Chippendale furniture. Timed group entry only to the house.

3 September.....The Devil's Porridge Museum nr Gretna. "An explosive wartime experience". Learn about the people who made some of the armaments for the 2 world wars, followed by a visit to Kirkcudbright.

8 OctoberSkipton, a lovely small town in Yorkshire with a good market.

29 October....The Albert Dock complexLiverpool, take in the sights and sounds of this famous city....ferry across the Mersey perhaps !!

26 November.....Ulverston Dickensian Festival...Date still to be confirmed by the organisers.

10 December....Houghton Hall, a garden centre but much more, a destination to continue with your Christmas shopping.

Meaburn Wildflowers

Wildflowers & Seedballs For Sale Kings Meaburn Tel Martin 07770 500105 Grown in Cumbria



Litter.

The community Litter Pick will be on the March PC agenda, but in the meantime if you feel inspired, I always have a couple of litter pickers available in my porch for anyone to borrow.

Joan Raine

DID YOU KNOW.....? You can now buy duck eggs in Maulds Meaburn.



They are FOR SALE outside Hill House which is the white house, on the left, two before MMVI, if coming from Crosby OR second on the right after MMVI coming the other way. Either call in at the house or go to the box.

> They are priced at £2.50 for six duck eggs. (Honesty Box) Quails Eggs now available £2.50 per dozen

Friday 25th March

Film Night @ Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall

Off the Rails (15)

Three fifty-something women set out to repeat the European inter-railing adventures of their youth, after their close friend passes away leaving them rail tickets, and a final request: to take her teenage daughter with them. Set against a Blondie soundtrack, Off the Rails stars Jenny Seagrove & Sally Phillips.

Check out a clip of the film here.<<u>https://vistaprojects.us2.list-manage.com/</u> <u>track/click?</u> <u>u=8578dbc00f81f1cd634e2b9c2&id=99d01bcefb&e=675a1dcd4a</u>>

Lasagna Supper served from 7.00pm (veggie option available) Films starts at 8.00pm. Film & Supper £10. Film Only £5

Thursday 31st March The Last Quiz Night on Earth Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall, 7.30pm

Box of Tricks Theatre Company

presents this innovative comedy play that puts the audience at the heart of the drama as the end of the world approaches.

As an asteroid hurtles towards Earth, the regulars of The Four Horsemen pub are brandishing their pens for one final quiz night. But in The Last Quiz Night on Earth, the audience are the pub regulars, dusting off their general knowledge and competing for the title of best team name.

In this immersive theatre production, which is part of the Highlights Rural Touring Scheme, nothing is quite as it seems as unexpected guests visit landlady Kathy and her bombastic quizmaster Rav. Things don't go entirely to plan and in between quiz rounds, snippets of the character's lives are exposed as they try to right old wrongs and settle old scores while time ticks down to oblivion.

This Box of Tricks production sees the action take place in real time over the course of a fun two-hour pub quiz in which the audience take part. But it is also an evening where painful truths are laid bare for the four characters as they come to terms with their feelings of forgiveness and regret.

Tickets £10 adult | £6 child | £30 family

Book direct here<<u>https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/event/the-last-quiz-night-on-</u> <u>earth/</u>> or on 07584 251352 or <u>lynn-barnes@outlook.com</u><<u>mailto:lynn-barnes@outlook.com</u>> Jumbled names you might know!!

sent in by YCKIV HCLEW

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Quotations sent in by Vicky Welch

The fragrance of flowers spreads only in the direction of the wind. But the goodness of a person spreads in all directions.

Chanakya

Remember that the most valuable antiques are dear old friends. *H. Jackson Brown, Jr*

The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good.

Samuel Johnson

Love planted a rose, and the world turned sweet. *Katharine Lee Bates*

Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth. Buddha

If you spend your whole life waiting for the storm, you'll never enjoy the sunshine. *Morris West*

Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a secondrate version of somebody else. *Judy Garland*

Prediction is very difficult, especially if it's about the future. *Niels Bohr*



Vicky Welch. A watery Maulds Meaburn



February Events at Maulds Meaburn Village Institute

Monday 7th February – Coffee Morning 10:30 – 12:00hrs

Thursday 19th February – MMVI Wine Club 19:00hrs

Tasting Wines Costing Less Than £7 per Bottle Bring along a bottle costing less than £7 and maybe some nibbles

Friday 25th February – Drop Inn 19:00hrs

Come along and meet friends old and new for conversation and laughter over a drink and some nibbles

Regular Events

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NEWS FROM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E SCHOOL

Well here we are in March and our school front is looking very spring like, what with primroses and daffodils around the commemorative stone and in pots by the door as you are welcomed in.

One thing we have to tell you about first, is that if you get the chance between now and 2nd March to call in at St Lawrence's Church, please do take a look at our after school's Art Club exhibition (some examples of the work produced by those children attending are pictured below). The children have been particularly creative around the theme of 'creation' and we thank Andi Taylor for the help he has given with this exciting project.





March promises to be a busy month. Outside of the usual lessons, we begin with Class 1 joining in the 'Big Sing' event at Appleby. Then there is a whole school visit to the temporary planetarium at MMVI as arranged through our friends at the Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnerships. We are really lucky to have this opportunity practically on our doorstep. We are just hoping that the present drier weather continues so that the fields are not as muddy as they have been of late, our route from school to MMVI (otherwise we may be sliding down to MM rather than walking) !

Then of course it's World Book Day on 3rd March and as is traditional, staff and children alike will be coming to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. We are particularly looking forward to that one and look out for pictures on our facebook page. Class 2 will also be joining with the Crosby Lunch club in the Butcher's Arms for the Annual Book Quiz Challenge which is always an exciting event.

On 4th March we are having an Arts' Appreciation Day at Rheged. The whole school is participating in an Arts workshop. In the morning, Andi Taylor will lead sessions on Landscape Art, building upon the inspiration of Andy Goldsworthy. In the afternoon, the children will view the print exhibition following which they'll experience animation artwork as they watch a special screening of *Sing 2.*.

Later in the month, years 5 and 6 have their residential where they do all sorts of exciting outdoor activities.

We also hope to have an Easter Community Lunch on Wednesday 30th March at midday (Covid depending). If you would like to join us please ring school to reserve your place.

Our after school clubs for this term range from Spring Crafts, Treasure Hunters (exploring the history of our community villages) and Animation (where the children bring their own worlds to life), to art and sports club. Together with our breakfast club this means that we are able to provide wrap around care from 8am to 5pm. If you have, or know of someone who has a child interested in joining our school, then please contact us on 01931 715265 to arrange a special COVID safe visit.

**We have a 'pop in and play' session on 28th March between 9.30and 10.30am. So if you have a child aged between 0 and 4 years please come along and see what we have to offer you and your child **Until next month.....





STARTERS

Halloumi chips, sesame, sour cream, pomegranate (v)	6
Venison + black pudding scotched egg, homemade brown sauce	6.5
Salmon mousse, basil + lime syrup, crostini (gfr)	
Sticky chilli pork ribs, spring onion, sesame (gfr)	
King prawns pil pil, chilli, ginger, garlic, tomato, crispy noodles (gfr)	
Spinach, feta + stilton filo tartlet, sweet red pepper + caramelised onions (v)	6

MAINS

5 hour braised beef, caramelised onion mash, roast savoy cabbage, honey roast carrot, port + red wine gravy,	17 ½ 10
Southern fried chicken burger, iceberg, American cheese, baconnaise, sweet potato fries	15.5
10oz Sirloin steak, stilton cheese, port sauce, dripping chips, pickled onion rings, French beans, pea shoots	22
Battered haddock, dripping chips, mushy peas, lemon, tartare (gfr)	15 1/2 9
Butternut squash, feta + sage risotto, parmesan crisp (v)	14.5
Chicken, leek + mushroom pie, gravy, dripping chips, sprouting broccoli	16
Confit duck leg, honey + marmalade glaze, creamy mash, roast parsnip, crispy carrot	17
Teriyaki salmon, pak choi, noodles, spring onion, sesame, water chestnut	17
Butterbean + pearl barley cassoulet, herb dumplings, crispy leek (v)	14.5 ½ 9
Plant based burger, vegan mayo, sweet potato fries	15

Sides Chips 3.5 / pickled onion rings 3 / sweet potato fries 3.5 skinny fries / 3.5

Please advise a member of the team of any allergies or dietary requirements

(gf) - Gluten free (v) - Vegetarian (gfr) - Gluten free on request, please tell a member of the team



SATURDAY BRUNCH

Every Saturday 11am - 2pm

Butchers Big	2 Cumberland Sausage, 2 Back Bacon 2 Fried Hens Eggs, Bury Black Pudding Buttered Mushrooms, Baked Beans Potato Cake, Confit Cherry Tomatoes 2 Toast + Butter	9
Butchers Small	1 Cumberland Sausage, 1 Back Bacon 1 Fried Hens Egg, Bury Black Pudding Buttered Mushrooms, Baked Bean Potato Cake, Confit Cherry Tomatoes 1 Toast + Butter	7.5
Butchers Veggie	2 Veggie Sausage, 1 Fried Hens Egg, Buttered Mushrooms, Baked Bean Potato Cake, Confit Cherry Tomatoes 2 Toast + Butter	7.5
Wild Mushrooms	Pan Fried Wild Mushrooms, Doorstop Toast, Poached Egg	7.5
Bacon Butty	Back Bacon, Crusty Bread + Butter	5
Pancakes	American style pancakes, fruit, maple syrup	4

THE BUTCHERS ARMS COMMUNITY PUB.

A 5 YEAR CELEBRATION OF JON BEING THE TENANT. SATURDAY THE 5TH MARCH. LIVE MUSIC FROM 9PM. COME ALONG TO CELEBRATE TOO !!

LAKELAND COFFEE VAN The return of the van to mm will be on the Thursday the 14th & 28th April pitched at the usual Place over Dent bridge. Luxury coffee, teas & homemade cakes. Marguerite & Anna look forward to Seeing you all again.

AIR AMBULANCE COLLECTION

ITEMS COLLECTED ARE, CLOTHES, BEDDING, SHOES,BELTS, TOWELS,HANDBAGS, CURTAINS, COSTUME JEWELLERY, BOOKS HARD & SOFT BACK,CDS,DVDS, VIDEOS,INK JET CARTRIDGES,MOBILE PHONES,USED STAMPS.

NO DUVETS, PILLOWS OR BRIC A BRAC

USE BLACK BIN BAGS YOU HAVE FOR ITEMS

PLEASE LEAVE BAGS ON THE FLOOR FOR COLLECTION. Items to be left either the day before or 9am on the day. All dates are on the 2nd wed of each Month.

DATES ARE,9th March, 13th April,11th May,8th June, 13th July, 10th August,14th Sept,12th Oct, 9th Nov & 14th Dec INFO KITTY 01931-715375 EMAIL <u>kitty.s65@btinternet.com</u>

Dear Parishioners,

As Vice Chairman of the PC I wish to apologise for breaking the code of conduct. It is correct that everyone in the public eye should be held to account.

I did indicate a the Jan PC meeting I would resign, however due to various reasons I never sent my resignation letter, after 16 years as a PC member it was a difficult letter to write.

I had tried to resolve the situation in an amicable manner as the PC complaints policy indicates, I was met with resistance from all sides, as standing orders and PC policies fell before me.

In my frustration <u>I wrote get it right or I resign</u>, that is seen as a threat.

I have never been given the right to reply, until the February Parish council meeting when 15 members of the public were in attendance.

After my explanation a member of the public said "Why are you sitting here, with members of the public you should be sitting at the table!!! I checked with the Chairman and then went back to join the PC members with no objection from anyone in attendance.

This new development is not mentioned it the draft February minutes.

I hope the PC learns from this incident as the issue was regarding business outside the PC's remit.

I have always worked for the best advantage of this community and am strengthened by the support I received at the PC meeting and would like to thank those who attended.

I have always encouraged residents to get involved with the PC, and sadly it takes a controversial item which has split the parish to bring the crowds in. As the District Councillor I attend a number of PC meetings where there is a good attendance from members of the community, sadly this isn't the case at CRPC meeting

Later in the PC meeting I mentioned two special trees (Wild service trees) which the family planted in memory of two family members for their service to the community, these trees have been poisoned by salt, since the PC meeting they have had a second dose of salt.

I have reported this to the Police. Joan Raine

10 January 2022 – Ordinary Meeting of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council

CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

www.crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk

Clerk to the Council: C Barnes - Resigned Minute Taker: Cllr D Ridgway – since resigned. Completed by Cllr Holroyd Cumbria, CA10 3HY. Communication to: <u>clerk@crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk</u>. At Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall starting at 7:30pm

Councillors: Present. Cllr D Hewitt (Chairman), Cllr J Raine (Vice Chairman), Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr A Beatham, Cllr R McIvor, Cllr D McCall. Cllr D Ridgway (minutes) L Tremble (Monitoring Officer EDC) Members of the public present: 4 Members of the public joined by J Raine after Item 6

128/21 Welcome Apologies & Declaration of Interest

Declaration of interest - Cllr Raine – item 6 on Agenda (133/21)

Due to the length of the agenda it is proposed items 16,24,25 be moved to the next meeting – AGREED Item 28 – Eden District Council Monitoring Officer has advised that this item should be dealt with as a Code of Conduct matter therefore it will not be dealt with in this meeting

129/21 Public Participation

- 1. A member of the public had been unable to find the minutes of the meeting on 1.11.21. He was advised where they could be found
- 2. A member of the public queried the content of the 6.12.21 PC minutes.

107/21 Minutes state: Cllr Raine responded stating that she was elected with a substantial vote. It was queried when the last election was held for the parish council. There had not been an election since at least 2015. Cllr Raine's statement regarding a substantial vote was therefore challenged. Cllr Raine responded that she had been referring to the District Council vote and this could have been made clearer.

130/21 Minutes

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes with the following amendments:-Remove "absent" for Cllr RM

106/21DR assisting DH with complaint.

131/21 Chairman's Announcement

- 1. The official end of the clerk/RFO's employment is 15th January 2022.
- 2. The clerk has completed his contracted hours prior to this meeting.
- 3. PC address to be changed to "The Archive, CR CA10 3HY". AB will collect post and deliver to DH. DH will collect and distribute clerk's emails.

AGREED

132/21 Clerk and RFO

Both DR & DM will assist the Chairman in the recruitment process. AGREED

133/21 Code of Conduct Complaint, Notification & Decision Letter The Clerk's Complaint under the Code of Conduct against Cllr Raine

LT (EDC Monitoring Officer) stated that it was not the remit of the PC to discuss or debate the complaint, only the findings. These were read out. EDC had upheld the following breaches of their Code of Conduct:-

- "You must treat others with respect and promote equality by not discriminating unlawfully against any person, and by treating people with respect, regardless of their sex, race, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability. You should respect the impartiality and integrity of the Council's statutory officers and its other employees."
- 2. "You must promote and support the high standards of conduct when serving in your office."
- 3. Leadership. Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and by example and should act in a way that secures and preserves public confidence.

EDC Panel instructed the following actions:-

Cllr Raine be asked to consider how her conduct has affected the clerk and to make an unreserved apology.

The Independent person and Monitoring Officer met Cllr Raine on 6.1.22 to discuss and reiterate the findings of the Panel - her conduct at meetings and the effects of her interaction with fellow councillors and members of the public and the actions which could be taken to improve her behaviour in this regard.

They reiterated the importance of keeping separate the role of parish councillor from what might be perceived to be personal and emotive issues. Cllr Raine's had stated that she had been to the former Chairman's door 6 times and he had laughed in her face. The member of the public said this was not true and Cllr Raine did not dispute this.

Cllr Raine accepted the findings of the EDC Panel. She stated that she had completed the recommended actions. It was disputed that she had given an apology to the clerk. Cllr Raine then verbally resigned her position on the PC, stating she will submit a written resignation letter. She said she would attend future PC meetings as a member of the public and in her role as an EDC councillor.

The Chairman confirmed she could continue to monitor the village shelter and conduct litter picking days, whilst not a CRPC councillor. The Chairman accepted her resignation and thanked her for her years of service on the council. Cllr Raine left the table to sit with the members of the public.

134/21 Parish Council Response to Breach of Code of Conduct (Standing Order 14d)

As Cllr Raine had verbally resigned, this item was stood down

135/21 Vote of No Confidence in Cllr Raine

As Cllr Raine had resigned, this item was stood down

136/21 Planning

In the absence of a clerk, the council delegated VH to respond to the planning authorities. Planning items marked with an asterisk * have been notified to the PC but are technical in nature, councillors decided that these items required noting but did not require a response.

*E/03/15F/LB Holesfoot, Brackenslack Lane, Maulds Meaburn, CA10 3HX.

Listed building consent for works to include Barn: repair existing masonry walls including replacement of defective lintels, repair/replace existing ventilation slit glazing, alteration to the entrance porch canopy, cut back slate tiles and replace existing Georgian wired glazed canopy, replace existing roof lights with new conservation style roof lights; Lower "stage" area to the south side of the barn main function space: create new opening within the stone wall between the main function space and bar; Stables: remove asbestos roofing material and replace with new slate roof, repair existing masonry walls including replacement of defective lintels Holesfoot, Brackenslack Lane, Maulds Meaburn, CA10 3HX. No response from PC

137/21 E/03/65B Flass, Maulds Meaburn, PENRITH, CA10 3HN.

Householder planning permission for erection of detached garage. 6 councillors 3 support/ 3 objected. Chair used casting vote to object. All agreed site of garage was suitable. 50% objected to modern materials proposed for construction as sited to a Grade 2 listed building. Materials should match the property. 50% approved of proposed materials Response OBJECT

138/21 E/03/71 Nurses Cottage, Crosby Ravensworth, Penrith, CA10 3JP Householder planning permission for erection of single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation and pitched roof over existing attached garage. Councillors support this application turning 2 bedroomed property into 3 bedrooms accommodation. Plans in line with similar extensions in the Parish. 6 councillors. SUPPORT Unanimous.

139/21 *E/03/69A/LB Gilts, Crosby Ravensworth, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 3JR

Listed building consent to replace the roof and repair works to the chimney stacks

No response from PC

140/21 Letting of Village Greens

DH was authorised to advertise the letting of the Village Greens on the same terms as previous year. Deadline of 1 March 2022 for decision at the council's meeting on the 7th March.

141/21 Trees MMV

DH to procure estimated for the felling of the Dead Sycamore (T16) on MMVG and dying Ash Tree (T15) to the rear of the Allotment prior to the commencement of the nesting season. To note that as costs are expected to exceed $\pounds 2,000$ three quotes may be required.

142/21 Correspondence received regarding MMVG. (Email Fwd. 04/01/2022) Mole Hills: DH will raise issue with the tenant

Commemorative Seats: Seats were renovated in 2019 - sanded down, but lichen now growing on them. See minutes 18.8.2019. VH to ask volunteers if they will do them again.

Commemorative Tree Willow dead: ask Tree Group to replace Suggestion to have a lasting commemoration as opposed to trees in the future

Riverside Willows: PC approved the proposals from YDNP in August. YDNP checked, but they couldn't do this because of the crayfish. They have done some work successfully – but the willow over the river is still in situ. RM to liaise with YDNP and the Environment Agency. **Tree Plantings:** to be reviewed in May after the AGM.

- 143/21 Inspection of Swings. Item moved to the next meeting
- **144/21** Finance Approved the 3rd Qtr Bank Reconciliation and Transactions. (attached) Unanimous
- **145/21 Finance** Approve the 3rd Qtr Budget Monitor. (attached) Approved: Majority Carried (1abstained)
- **146/21 Finance** Approved the allocation schedule of expenditure proposed against unallocated reserves at 31 March 2021. Delegated responsibility for purchase of a computer and scanner must be able to scan 20 multiple pages. DR
- **147/21** Finance Approved the draft Budget for 2022 2023. (attached). Unanimous
- **148/21** Finance Approved the Precept Requirement for 2022 2023. Unanimous
- **149/21** Finance Reviewed necessary changes to the Bank Mandates required as a result of the resignation of the clerk as follows:
 - 1. Current Account
 - 2. General Reserve Account
 - 3. Police House Reserve Account
 - 4. Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust Account
 - 5. Review the mandate changes in respect of the yet to be opened Play Area Reserve Account.

There are 3 signatories Clirs VH, DH, RM on the bank accounts. The council voted to approve change of the Mandates to remove the clerk. Action delegated to VH

Playgroup account will be held by the PC and audit trail created for deposits to ensure financial governance.

150/21 Assets

 Approved the Draft Asset Valuation Policy (attached).
Approve Asset Register for 2022 2023 (attached).
Noted the revaluation of the 'proxy value' at £27,603 for use in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR Box 9) & the need to restate the 2020 21 figure on the 2021 2022 return)
Noted the insurance requirement of £1,075,797.28 + Bpi (Business Process Improvement) for the council's Assets from the 1st June 2022. Unanimous

- **151/21 Governance Review** To review the timescales for the completion of the governance review, prioritise and allocate responsibilities accordingly. (Item 24). To respond to the policies/documents circulated to Councillors by Cllr Ridgway 4/1/2021. Moved to the next meeting
- **152/21 Graziers Meeting** A verbal report from the Chairman regarding the meeting of the Commoners on the 8th November. Moved to the next meeting

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Draft Minutes of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council held at Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall on Monday 14th February 2022, at 7.30pm

Councillors Present: David Hewitt (Chairman), Andrew Beatham, Ginny Holroyd, Debbie McCall, Robert McIvor & Joan Raine (Vice Chairman)

Others Present: 15 members of the public & Rachael Kelly (Locum Clerk)

154/21

Welcome

The Locum Clerk was welcomed to the meeting.

155/21

Apologies

No apologies received.

156/21

Declarations of Interest/requests for dispensation

No declarations of interests / requests for dispensations received.

157/21

Locum Clerk & RFO

The locum clerk, RFO & proper officer was appointed to the meeting and payment terms of £14 per hour and £0.45 per mile were agreed.

158/21

Public Participation

A member of public attended to regarding the resignation of a parish councillor – The Chairman advised that a letter of resignation had not been received. A question was asked about the resignation of Cllr Joan Raine at the last meeting – and that the letter of resignation has not been received. This is leaving the parish council in limbo and not letting the parish council advertise the vacancy. The member of public has spoken to the monitoring officer regarding the Code of Conduct complaints which have been received and requested that they be published on the website.

A member of the public asked why the public participation element of the previous meeting was excluded from the recent newsletter. He was advised that this was a decision made by the editor, and that publishing the minutes in a newsletter is over and beyond the transparency code, and not a requirement. The requirement being that the minutes are published on the website. Cllr Joan Raine voiced her concerns regarding this.

A member of the public asked if a village litter pick will happen this year, and it was confirmed that this will happen, and Joan Raine will organise. *To be discussed at the next parish council meeting*.

159/21

Exclusion of press & public

Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

Item 169/21 - Clerk recruitment (moved to the end of the meeting) Item 173/21 - Employment Grievance

160/21

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2022 were agreed as a true record, subject to amendments. The revised minutes to be presented at the next meeting for acceptance and signing.

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The confidential minutes circulated to councillors only were agreed as a true record, subject to amendments. (*Email Fwd 30.1.22*).

161/21

Chairman's Announcement

None

162/21

Clerk recruitment

The Chair advised that he has sought advice from CALC on the recruitment of Clerk and RFO. An advert has been placed on the CALC website, and an application has bee receive, and an interview has been arranged for 15.02.2022.

It was agreed for the interview panel to be DH & DM to be on the panel and VH to take notes. The panel were authorised to make a provisional job offer if the applicant is suitable for the position and training to be offered, to be agreed at the next meeting.

163/21

Correspondence

All correspondence received was noted.

164/21

MM Residential Easement

It was agreed to authorise the Chairman to submit Deeds of Easements in respect of the Parking and Drainage for a resident in Maulds Meaburn. (Emails forwarded 4.1.2022, 15.1.22, & 18.1.22.)

165/21

Inspection of Swings

It was agreed to delegate to a councillor to arrange or carry out the annual inspection Children's swings in Crosby Ravensworth, Maulds Meaburn and Reagill, not

including the Play Area in Crosby Ravensworth. It was agreed for Cllr Andrew Beatham to perform this task.

166/21

Governance Review

The timescales for the completion of the governance review, prioritise and allocate responsibilities accordingly was reviewed. It was agreed to defer this until a new Clerk & RFO was in post to move this item forwards. It was agreed to defer responding the policies/documents circulated to Councillors

by Cllr Ridgway 4/1/22 again, until a new Clerk & RFO is in note.

167/21

Grazier's Meeting

A verbal report from the Chairman regarding the meeting of the Commoners on 8th November 2021 was noted.

Approximately £1000 is due to the parish council from the Rural Payments Agency, this is due before 30.06.2022

168/21

Tree Planting On MMVG

It was agreed to approve planting by C R Tree Group on MMVG (map in email 30.1.22)

169/21

Tree damage MM

The report of tree damage in MM was noted. The land which the trees are on is Lowther Estates. The damage to be reported to Lowther Estates.

170/21

Risk Assessment

The updates to Risk Assessments (Email sent 30.1.22) were discussed and it was agreed to update where necessary regarding the insurance. It was agreed to defer this item until the new clerk & RFO is in post.

171/21

Queen's Jubilee Plans

Plans for Queen's Jubilee Celebrations June 2022 were discussed, and it was suggested that new benches and a new piece of play equipment could be provided for the play area.

It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting, after a village hall meeting take place to ensure no events clash, and to try and work as a community.

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 7 March 2022 The meeting was closed to the members of public at: 20.40 The meeting was closed to members at: 22.05

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Blue tit, Full moon, Great tit, Hardendale Cairns, Kendal roughs, Lenticular clouds.







Red squirrel grooming, Reed bunting, Roe buck sneaking under the trees, Sunrise & sunset.





