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Crosby Ravensworth,
Kings Meaburn and Reagill**

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Welcome to the February 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.

Cover photo by Vicky Welch

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, nick.dent@lockelord.com to discuss rates and arrangements.

Services at your Parish Church of St Lawrence in February

Families are welcome to all our services. We have a play area, a loo and a welcome.

for Benefice-wide services please see

www.northwestmorlandchurches.org.uk

Sunday February 6th 11.0am Holy Communion led by Rev Andrew Sterling [Methodist Minister]

Sunday February 13th 11.00am Joint Benefice Service led by Bishop James Bell

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

Sunday February 27th 11.00am Morning Prayer led by Rev Sheila Clark

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

What happens now that Stewart and Carolyn Fyfe have gone west?

In short order, nothing. In terms of the daily running of St Lawrence and the parish, Sunday services will continue in all our Benefice churches thanks to the great team we have here. All rite of passage services eg Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals will still continue and the church year will enrich us as we move forward into the Festivals of Lent, Easter then Normal Time. All our lovely Summer events will take place, Covid willing.

Meanwhile, it is the privilege of the Church Wardens of all our churches [they are, after all, the Bishop of Carlisle's representatives in our Parishes] to discuss both together and with the Archdeacon for this area about a replacement in North Westmorland Benefice.

This is already happening with Alasdair Darroch and David Barbour leading the way and encouraging helpful discussion.

If you want to chat, do email me alex@ydfc.co.uk or any of the PCC whose names are in the Church porch.

And we trust you will add your prayers to ours for God to bring us a grand, Godly Vicar.

St Lawrence and fund raising

Like most organisations and charities which rely on donations, St Lawrence Church has been financially challenged throughout the Covid pandemic. We have wherever possible maintained an open door policy and, when open, visitor numbers have been positive. With the installation of a phone line and broadband in December 2020 we were able to install a card machine in early 2021 which has proved invaluable as the trend for cashless transactions driven by Covid ramped up during the year.

Our sign outside church has, without doubt, helped encourage visitors through the offer of shelter, a toilet, broadband and water refill. We are hoping this year to introduce a visitor leaflet and a static local history exhibition in church.

The church continues to be well- supported by congregations, visitors and - most importantly - our parish community.

There have been two major sources of funds that we specifically wish to highlight.

These have been organised by two key people, but we know they have been ably supported by other community residents.

1. The Village Shelter book exchange and bric-a-brac.

Throughout the Covid pandemic this has raised £1,153.17 for our Parish Church from the donations received from our community, visitors and the wider residents of the area.

2. Church wall plant sales, which over the two years' summer months raised a further

£823.58 through donations. Well done, Mrs Green Finger Winder and elves.

The Parochial Church Council would like to thank all involved: organisers, helpers and those who have supported and donated so generously.

NEWS OF OUR WINE SOCIETY FEBRUARY MEETING

Thursday February 10th at 7.00 pm.

Following the success of our first meeting before Christmas I wanted to update everyone.

The MMVI trustees have agreed that we can use the hall on the same basis as the coffee mornings, i.e. on the basis that we all put in a donation to cover the hall costs. This is excellent news. So, we plan to meet every other month, mainly on the second Thursday of the month. As, in April, that falls on Maundy Thursday we are also exploring other possibilities for then.

Since MMVI is about to re-stock its bar, the trustees have expressed an interest in one of the excellent ideas from our December meeting, of an evening of wines under £7. Adrian, is in charge of this mission, and so to help him and to get a good overview of what is available, let's get cracking with hunting out hidden gems and excellent deals for both red and white wines!

At our February meeting we will have a quiz about inexpensive wine and discuss together our personal bests (types of wine as well as suppliers) for great value. We would like to include at least one low alcohol wine! We all agreed that nibbles help with exploring wines – but that we overdid it last time because we were uncertain of numbers, and it was Xmas. So, if people could volunteer to bring a modest amount of:



- Cheese
- Olives
- Bread sticks/crisps
- Crackers
- Hummus
- Crudites

that would be great. Just let us know which, when you sign up, so we avoid having a barrel load of, say, olives!

If you would like to come along on February 10th please drop Hannah a quick email (hanna.fell@curee.co.uk) to let her know, and to confirm that you will bring a bottle, a donation for MMVI and which type of nibbles.



We very much look forward to welcoming friends who joined us last time and some new people too!

Best wishes Philippa and Hannah
(hanna.fell@curee.co.uk)

The Archives,
Crosby Ravensworth,
Penrith,
Cumbria,
CA10 3HY

Notice

Letting of Maulds Meaburn Village Green and Reagill Village Green

Tenders are invited for the grazing of Maulds Meaburn and Reagill Village Greens. Grazing will be by licence for a period from the 1st of April to the 31st October 2022. Bids should be sealed, addressed to the chairman at the address above by the 21st February and marked 'Tender for Grazing'. Tenders will be opened and awarded at the council's meeting on 7th March 2022.



Meaburn Wildflowers

Wildflowers & Seedballs

For Sale

Kings Meaburn

Tel Martin 07770 500105

Grown in Cumbria

Reagill Village Hall

We are ready to welcome overnight visitors to Reagill Village Hall. The building was formerly the oldest school in Westmorland (founded over 400 years ago) and it has undergone a gradual programme of modernisation. It is community run and holds a special place in the hearts of generations of villagers. We can now provide a fully fitted kitchen with a new cooker, new fridge and microwave. There are a variety of heating options including overhead electric heaters on a meter and two multi stove heaters. Extra logs can be purchased at £5 per bag. You can be assured of a really warm and cosy stay.

There's an inside disabled toilet and another one outside. We will have a 'power' shower fitted by early October. There are blow up beds for four adults and two children (one double, two twin and two children's) and two camp beds and a camping mat (thank you Andrew). Any additional guests may be able to bring sleeping mats and sleep on the floor. Bring your own bedding.

There is a yard outside and the garden area has now been strimmed. Reagill has no street lights, by choice and, on a clear night, the stars can be seen.

We charge £12 per night per person with a minimum charge of £25 for a night.

The hall is not available on Monday nights during term time and we have a regular booking in the middle of the day for outdoor enthusiasts to have their lunch from 16 October to 1 February. During the Christmas period there will be private bookings and a booking for the Reagill Christmas Party. Please contact me for availability. My email address is margaret.wilcox@talk21.com, phone 07804291972 (not good reception in Reagill) or 01931 715320, if no answer leave a message and I'll get back to you.



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

Quotations sent in by Vicky Welch

It's amazing that the amount of news that happens in the world every day always just exactly fits the newspaper.

Jerry Seinfeld

There cannot be a crisis next week. My Schedule is already full.

Henry Kissinger

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

H.Jackson Brown Jr.

There is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.

John Ruskin

Beauty is only temporary, but your mind lasts you a lifetime.

Alicia Machado

**CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH
COUNCIL
VACANCY
Parish Clerk + Responsible Financial
Officer**

Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council require a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council from 28th of February 2022. The Clerk is responsible for managing the Council's day to day business, providing advice, and implementing decisions. Applicants will need to be computer literate, able to prepare council agendas and record minutes, be familiar with book keeping and financial procedures and be able to correspond with external organisations on behalf of the Council. Working hours are 7.5 hours per week and the salary is in accordance with nationally agreed scales. With the exception of meetings attendance, the post holder will be expected to work from home. The Council meets in the evening on the first Monday of each month. There may be other meetings being called as required. Training will be provided as required. Please contact the Chairman David Hewitt by email clerk@crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk Applications no later than 12 noon on the 11th February 2022.



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

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

NEWS FROM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E SCHOOL

The children have settled back in to school after the Christmas break and have been working really hard on their reading, spelling and times tables. At the end of last month the children enjoyed a week of intensive swimming lessons, going every afternoon for an hour. We have seen some great progress across all ages in the water and it has prepared class 2 for the swimming gala they are due to participate in later this month. The children in class 1 also have a trip to the Lake District Wildlife Park coming up and are looking forward to that and learning about the animals they see. So there has been some fun outside of the classroom too!

Our after school clubs for this term range from animation club, to circus club, art, indoor games 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 are also delighted to welcome Anna Lea and Sylvia Evans onto our board of school governors. They both live in the village and have lots of experience in education. Sylvia is a former headteacher and Anna, a primary teacher at Brough, runs the thriving mums and under 5s sessions with Lisa Smith in the village hall every Monday morning.

Until next month.....

CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSION TO CROSBY RAVENSWORTH SCHOOL NURSERY



April 2022
(Summer Term)

If your child was born between 1st January 2019 and 31st March 2019 then they will be eligible to receive 15hrs free universal nursery education from April 2022. Some children may be entitled to 30hrs per week, depending on family circumstances. To make an application visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

Children may also stay for lunch at midday by arrangement. For children not eligible for the extra free sessions, we offer places where a fee is payable for hours over their 15hr entitlement.

[An SA13 application form](#) is available on the County Council website. Forms should be returned to school, together with copy of birth certificate and utility bill as proof of address. For further details or to arrange a socially distanced visit, please contact Mrs Pauline Cleasby in the school office.

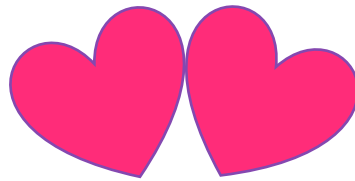
*Crosby Ravensworth CE Primary School, Crosby Ravensworth, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3JJ
Tel: 01931 715265 admin@crosbyravensworth.cumbria.sch.uk*



*A love of learning for life in all its fullness John 10:10
Courage, Compassion, Community*

Valentines' coffee morning / afternoon tea with a difference!

Take away a plate of homemade cakes for you to enjoy in the comfort of your own home.



Sunday 13th February

10am – 3pm

Available from Crosby Ravensworth, Maulds Meaburn and Reagill Village shelters.

Suggested minimum donation of £3 per plate
(Unless otherwise priced)

All money raised will go towards the refurbishment of the play area.

If you would like to donate baked goods, please contact Karen or Jill Winder.

The Butchers Arms Community Pub update.

We have had a busy time making improvements to the pub over the past few months.

It has been pretty costly but looks really good for what has been done.

Ten years is a long time in the pub trade, especially such a busy one, and it was starting to show its age.

Thanks to a number of people for helping out lifting the old carpet.

It took 6 of us 3 hours work because of it being stuck to the underlay & floor.

Fellside carpets at Penrith gave us £100 in discount in return for advertising.

They have made an excellent job in fitting all the areas.
Telephone 01768-868674

The Xmas hamper raised £168 for pub funds.

Dogs are welcome but will now be restricted to the hard floor in the bar area only.

Blinds will be fitted by the end of January the curtains don't compliment the new carpet and hide the lovely window shutter woodwork.
Curtains are also a bit outdated and it is felt a more modern look would be appropriate.

Some tiling has been done in the back bar area & wine glass hangers have been fitted for a nicer look.

Looking to change the tables and chairs , especially tables as the top surfaces have suffered badly from the antibacterial spray used during Covid which has stripped the surface.

Will investigate replacing the windows when funds allow. The community room is so much warmer as a result of the new emergency exit doors & windows.

Thanks to all for your continued support it is appreciated.

Kitty, secretary. LCP.





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)	7
Sticky chilli pork ribs, spring onion, sesame (gfr)	6.5
King prawns pil pil, chilli, ginger, garlic, tomato, crispy noodles (gfr)	7.5
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 ½ 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
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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

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 Feb,9th March, 13th April,11th May,8th
June, 13th July, 10th August,14th Sept,12th Oct, 9th
Nov & 14th Dec**

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The Weather of 2021

Whilst the weather of 2021 may have fluctuated from month to month it had the overall affect of the year finishing ... average, this being the case for both the mean temperature and annual rainfall.

A mean temperature of 8.82°C is only 0.02°C warmer than the average (2009-20) and rainfall of 1168.9 mm (46.02In) was 92.8% of the norm' (2008-2020).

This saw 2021 being the coldest year since 2015 and since the record began, eight have been warmer and four colder.

The highest temperature of the year was 29.0°C (22nd July) and the lowest being -9.2°C (9th Jan') (with some good frosts in the winter -9.0°C was also recorded on the 11th Feb').

The number of air and ground frosts (81 and 131) were both above average, but then the number of days to attain 20°C and 25°C (45 and 9) was also above average.

It was the driest year since 2018 and since the record began, four have been drier and nine wetter.

The number of days on which rain was recorded (200) was well below the average (-16.6 days), but then the number of days to top one inch of rain (10) was still high. The wettest day of the year with 52.0 mm was the 23rd Feb'.

This is the first complete year that I have had a rain gauge at 'Maulds Meaburn North' and the total there was 1129.5 mm, which as expected was less than at the south end of the village, but there were some (autumn) months when the 'North Gauge' recorded more. Up at Castlehowe Scar rainfall totalled 1496.0 mm.

It was a very calm year with a mean wind speed of 5.6 Mph and only three days recorded wind gusts in excess of 50 Mph.

The award for 'month of the year' must go to April (it even saw me onto BBC Radio Cumbria to talk about it) as it was the frostiest on record.

Not quite the coldest in the Cumbria records, but it did record the highest number of air frosts.

Here at Maulds Meaburn April had 20 air frosts and 25 ground frosts and it was the month that finished with a mean temperature that had the greatest departure from the norm'. It was also colder than March.

However, it was also very sunny. One theme this year across many parts of the UK, Cumbria included, is that individual months haven't tended to be average with some wide fluctuations from the norm'.

Many months, if not most, have finished either far drier or wetter than average and also either much colder or warmer than average.

Not much was average, but the sum of the parts was!

6 December 2021 – Ordinary Meeting of Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council

CROSBY RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Abbreviated Minutes - for full minutes of this and previous meetings visit www.crosbyravensworthparish.org.uk

Councillors: Present. Cllr D Hewitt (Chairman), Cllr J Raine (Vice Chairman), Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr A Beatham, Cllr D Ridgway, Mr C Barnes (Clerk).
Cllr Neil Hughes CCC.
3 members of the public were present.

Apologies & Declarations of Interest.

Apologies had been received from Cllr D McCall (Health Reasons), Cllr Hewitt wished it to be known that a relative had made a bid for the felled Sycamore on MMVG.

Minutes.

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st November including the confidential minutes and those of the 8th November as a true record (All in favour).

Planning YDNP.

E/03/70/LB Listed building consent for repair works to roof and chimney stacks, Trainlands, Maulds Meaburn, Penrith, CA10 3HX. (No response)

Planning YDNP.

E/03/15E/GPDO Application to determine if prior approval is required under Schedule 2, Part 6 of the Town & Country Planning YDNP (General Permitted Development Order) (England) 2015 for erection of an agricultural building on land south of Holesfoot, Maulds Meaburn, PENRITH, CA10 3HX (No response)

Planning YDNP.

E/03/69 Full Planning YDNP permission for erection of borehole plant house Gilts Farm, Crosby Ravensworth, Penrith, CA10 3JR (Unanimous support)

Planning YDNP.

E/03/68 Householder Planning YDNP permission and relevant demolition of an unlisted building in a conservation area for alterations to garage to accommodate utility and cloakroom; demolition of existing Upvc conservatory; erection of replacement sunroom; demolition of shed attached to existing outbuilding and construction of replacement 'green oak' loggia and replacement of Upvc windows to rear elevation with composite casement windows. ELM HOUSE, MAULDS MEABURN, PENRITH, CA10 3HN (Unanimous support)

Planning YDNP.

E/03/35D/LB/DIS1 Approval of details reserved by Condition 4 (roof timbers) of E/03/35D/LB Oddendale Cottage, Oddendale, Shap, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 3LH (No response)

Planning YDNP.

E/03/35E/DIS1 Approval of details reserved by Condition 3 (structural repair methodology) & 4 (method statement/samples) of E/03/35E Oddendale Cottage, Oddendale, Shap, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 3LH (No response)

Planning YDNP.

E/03/35F/LB/DIS1 Approval of details reserved by Condition 3 (building record), 4 (structural repair methodology), 5 (method statement – internal) & 6 (method statement – external) of E/03/35F/LB Oddendale Cottage, Oddendale, Shap, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 3LH (No response)

Planning EDC.

21/1018 Site address: COPPER BEECH LODGE SHAP PENRITH CA10 3QX. Description: Amendment and extension of elevated decking to allow creation of front single storey extension and single storey rear extension. (No objection unanimous)

Planning EDC.

21/1037 Site address: WINTER TARN, NEWBY, PENRITH, CA10 3EW. Description: Replace an old cow kennel building with a new building to provide higher welfare cattle housing.

Councillors did not understand the orientation of the roof ridge line along the shorter length of the building rather than the longer length of the building. It was noted that the roof angle created by this aspect of the design was responsible for the very significant height of the building. (11.2 metres) A ridge line along the shorter length would have the beneficial effect of reducing the height of the building.

It was felt that the orientation of the proposed roof line would make it possible to extend the building significantly from its longest length and that this would make sense in terms of design intent. It was felt that the design (as proposed) potentially represented the first section of a building upto five times the size of that for which planning permission was being sought in this application. As it stood it was unacceptable on the grounds of appearance/design.

Councillors OBJECTED to the application and noted the previous history of piecemeal development at the premises which had recently been the subject of a complaint to Eden District Council regarding their handling of 10 significant planning applications submitted independently of each other between 2020 and 2021 and determined against the objections of the parish council and prior to the close of consultation by as many as three different officers.

It was AGREED that if approved the planning authority should seek conditions as to the movement of materials and equipment that minimised the dirtying or damaging of the public road outside the farm which has been the subject of numerous complaints by the public. (Unanimous)

Emergency Plan.

Minor amendments were agreed and the emergency plan was adopted. (Unanimous)

Governance update.

Cllr Ridgway updated the council on the review. She and the Clerk had met on the 25th and identified a time table for the review of policies and who would review them.

In addition to the policies that were currently listed a Modern Slavery Statement was required for the website and it was proposed to develop an email 'etiquette' to be adopted by the council.

There was discussion of risk assessments, the Clerk noted that the risk assessments in respect of trees for which the council/Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust was responsible had last been carried out by NW Arb and but was not listed among these documents. A possible change to this approach was discussed.

Progress was noted.
(Appendix 1)

Holly Cottage.

The Council noted and approved a detailed report (attached) & confidential email Fwd. 30.11.2021 naming potential contractors.

1. It was resolved to proceed with an application to the Secretary of State (DCLG) seeking approval for £180,000 of funding from the Public Works Loan Board repayable over 50 years for capital works to refurbish the Parish Council's property, Holly Cottage. (Unanimous)
Current PWLB interest loan rates and loan repayments on a 50 year loan require a monthly repayment of £488.02. If the house is let for £650 per month after refurbishment, this would give a monthly surplus of £161.98 which covers running and maintenance costs. Over 50 years, as rents increase, so will the surplus. This could then be used for the benefit of the community in line with Ted Relph's will.
2. It was resolved to approve to apply £2,000 of estimated unallocated funds in 2022/2023 draft budget to the project (Unanimous).
3. Cllr Holroyd had contacted seven firms with experience of refurbishments of old properties, but many were too busy to even quote before the end of 2022. Discussion considered costs, availability to start the work, experience of work on old buildings, and establishing a good working relationship for the project. After discussion of the three sets of costing received, it was resolved to approve the appointment of Paul Thompson as a contractor for the Holly Cottage refurbishment from those considered (Unanimous).
4. It was resolved to approve the commencement of works on Holly Cottage on or after 1st April 2022 (Unanimous).

Westmorland Dales Grant.

Cllr Holroyd updated the council on the submission of the Westmorland Dales Grant Application. An application for a grant of £3,000 was submitted on 24th November. The grant will provide new leaflets about the church architecture and history; a leaflet about the Wilkinson Organ; display boards and lighting for future exhibitions in the church; and a reprint of the CR & MM Walking leaflets.

The proposed cost of repairs to MM sluice gate was not included in the final application as an alternative repair method is being pursued.

Play Area. Eden Community Fund.

It was resolved that the group would prepare a Play Area Grant application on behalf of the Parish Council in draft which the Clerk would review/revise if necessary and submit on behalf of the Parish Council. It was resolved that the Clerk be given delegated authority to do this so that the application does not have to come back to another meeting. (Unanimous)

Tree Works.

1. It was proposed by the Chairman that Cllr Beatham be asked to remove the fallen Sycamore adjacent to Flass Field by Maud Slack Syke on Maulds Meaburn Village Green which had been blown over in Storm Arwen and repair the damage to the wall/field boundary. The wood of the tree to be taken in compensation. Councillors were in support (Unanimous).
2. Bids for the wood of the fallen Sycamore (T33) had been received the highest bid of £171 was accepted. The clerk would liaise with NW Arb and the buyer. (Unanimous).
3. The Clerk advised that YDNP Trees and Woodland Officer would offer the funds for tree planting directly to the Tree Group. The Clerk would liaise with MMVI over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Planting Proposals.

Finance

The draft budget discussion paper was discussed with resolutions made as follows:

1. It was RESOLVED to delay the creation of a single Assets Reserve Account until the Holly Cottage Project is completed. (Unanimous)
2. It was RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to open a Play Park Reserve Account at the Penrith Building Society using the council's existing signatories with an opening balance of £1,000 from the 2021-22 year grants budget. (Unanimous)
3. It was RESOLVED to authorise the RFO to make more frequent VAT reclaims to better manage cashflow as required. (Unanimous)
4. It was RESOLVED to authorise the clerk to prepare a draft budget for the January meeting to reflect the council's response to the options set out in the discussion paper with options for the use of unallocated cash balances as follows:
 - #1 Replace Council's Computer buy Scanner.
 - #2 Make repairs to the Police House outside Shelter Roof.
 - #3 Transfer a sum to the Police House Reserve Account to make provision for the replacement of the skylight and reslating within 5 years.
 - #3 Ensuring that the Section 137 cap is not exceeded propose a sum to transfer to the Maulds Meaburn Recreation Ground Trust.
 - #4 Allocate an additional resource to the Play Area Reserve and with the consent of Jill Winder add an additional £34.
(Unanimous)
5. It was RESOLVED 'in principle' to maintain the existing level of precept for approval at the January meeting. (Unanimous)

The next meeting of the council was scheduled for the 10th January, venue to be notified.
8th December Grazier's meeting would be attended by the Chairman.

Photo by Philippa Cordingley Aconites on the edge of the Mill Pond at MM



Photographs by Vicky Welch





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Xmas Decorations in frosty grass, British Gypsum on a foggy morning, Tawny Owl & Dipper





Red Squirrel, Blencathra, Woodcock, Sparrow Hawk, Clouds, Tree Sparrow.

