

Askham & Helton Parish Council – Draft Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th April 2021 virtually via Zoom at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs L Harker (In the Chair), M Holt, M Westgarth, C Whitaker, J Banks

Apologies: T Lowther

In Attendance: C Bell – Locum Clerk, J Bliss – Lowther, 6 members of the public

146. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No requests received

147. ASKHAM VILLAGE GREEN TREE PLANTING

16 written responses received by the Parish Council with the majority being against 40 trees being planted. Some support for smaller number to be planted, incl wild flower areas and reduced mowing. Lowther states that they wish to plant 5-10% of greens in clusters incl fruit trees, cherry blossoms and other species to increase pollinator habitat and increase wild life and other ecosystems. The Parish Council have fully consulted the parish, gathered opinion and informed Lowther of the parishioners' thoughts. J Bliss to consider presenting a 'planting plan' that may aid parishioners in visualising what they wish the greens to look like – to take place in the May meeting in the village hall.

148. PLANNING: WIDEWATH MILL 7/2021/3052

Councillors took in residents views as well as looking into the matter personally. Voted for refusal 4 against 1.

Recommend refusal on the grounds:

- That the sewage system is too close to the stream, on common land, in a flood zone and as pointed out by EDC – issues not been addressed
- Water supply remains unconfirmed
- uniqueness of building will be lost
- parking problem as there is only room for one car and this in turn causes problems on the corner for heavy vehicles passing safely
- lack of information on tree removal and conflicts have not been addressed
- neighbours have not been consulted
- wildlife mitigation has not been addressed and is a serious worry for the breeding tawny owls present in the barn.

149. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bench repaired – thanks to those involved

150. Date of next meeting: 25th May 2021 at 19:00 in village hall AGM and Parish Meeting

Meeting ended at 20:30