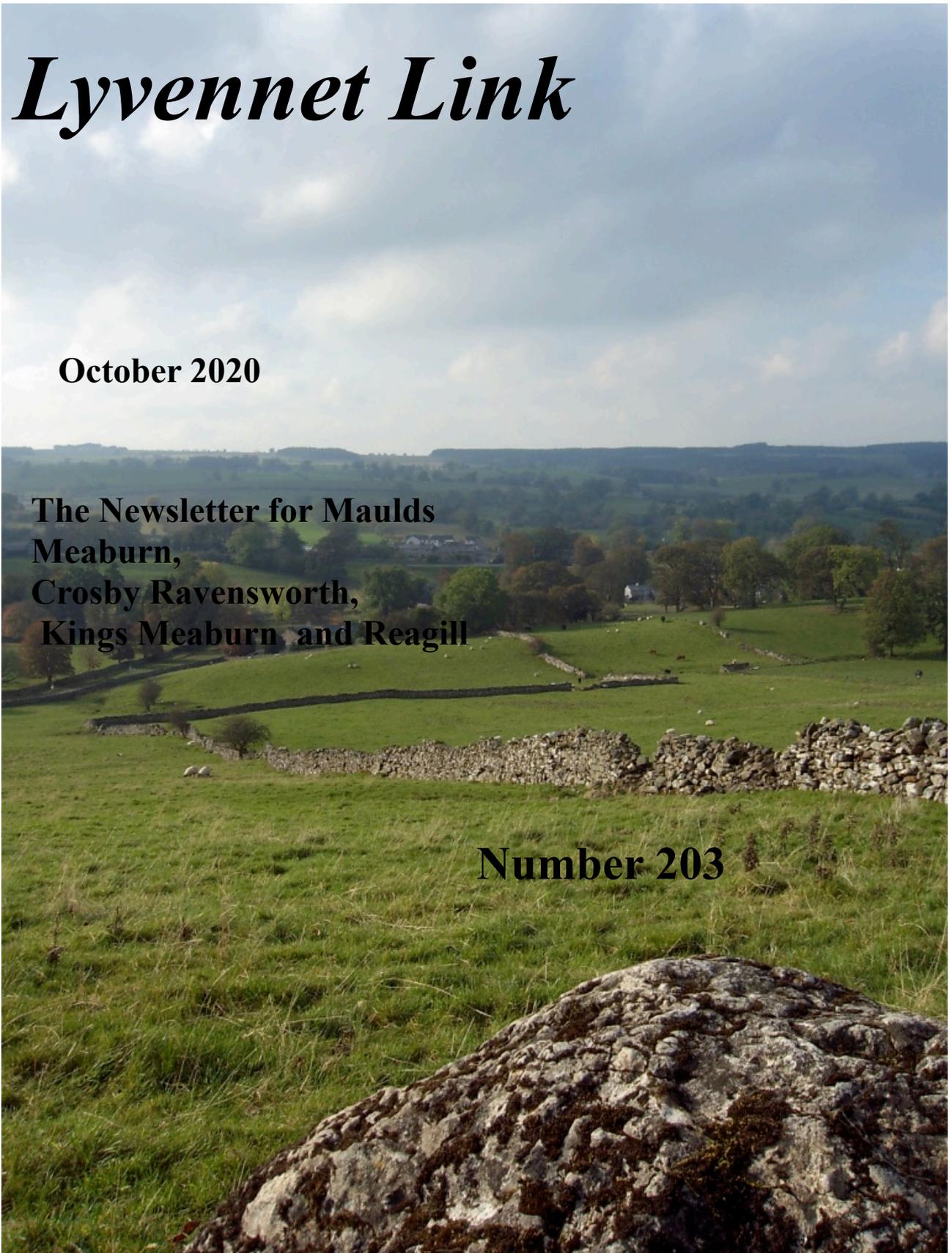


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Text as an image file (e.g. a scanned document or photographed page) is not acceptable.

This edition is being sent out as an email.

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.

Welcome to the October edition of the Link.

You will be receiving this a little late, though in the current situation there are no diary entries.

Again, this Link is only being sent out via email. I have no plans currently to move back to producing a printed version, though I am open to comments about this.

Many thanks again to Darren Rogers and Kitty Smith for distributing the Link through their contact lists.

Nick Thomas.

AIR AMBULANCE COLLECTIONS

The collections are on 14th Oct, 11th Nov & Wed 9th Dec.

Items collected are Curtains, bedding (no duvets or pillows) towels, clothes, Shoes, belts, hats, scarfs, books (hard & soft back) handbags, costume jewellery, Cd's, ink jet cartridges, mobile phones.

Please no Bric a Brac.

Leave items in the bus shelters at CR,MM, Reagill & KM before 9am collection on the day.

Further info contact Kitty 01931-715375

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Your parish church of St Lawrence

Services and events October/November

2020

Sunday October 4th 6.30pm Lay Led Evening Prayer with Alasdair Darroch

Sunday October 11th 11.00am Holy Communion with Rev Sheila Clarke

Sunday October 18th 11.00am Morning Worship with Rev Stewart Fyfe

Sunday October 25th 11.00am Holy Communion with Bishop James Bell

[clocks 'fall back' the night before]

Sunday November 1st No service at CR but there is at Morland

Sunday November 8th **Remembrance Day** service 10.45am

Other events:

APCM, the church's legally required annual general meeting, to elect and confirm church 'officers'

(or more perhaps 'servants' is more accurate) for 2021, is to be **October 21st 7pm in church.**

Please see notice board in the church porch for details.

Saturday October 31st 5pm – 9pm 'Candles in the Dark', when your church is entirely candle-lit.

Please come in for private prayer and contemplation, to light your own candle in peace and refuge.

This is All Hallows Eve = hallowed or holy, a time greatly revered and honoured over many hundreds of years..

The next day, November 1st is All Saints' Day followed by All Souls' Day on November 2nd, when

we particularly remember our friends and family, who have departed this earthly life.

Then we move through November with Remembrance to Advent, the start of a new church year,

which this year falls on November 29th.

'May the light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you'

NEWS FROM CROSBY RAVENSWORTH C OF E SCHOOL

Our children are really enjoying being back at school and catching up with their friends after the extended school holiday. They have soon adapted to the changes we have had to introduce due to COVID 19 to keep them safe. Whilst our usual Harvest festival, whereby food items are brought in and donated to good causes had to be cancelled, school is working with the Salvation Army in Penrith to come up with a fundraising event to support their local food bank. The children have already come up with one idea.....a 6 hour runathon from 9am to 3pm whereby children will run relays around the school building, passing a baton of food as they go....so watch this space for more details as to how you can support them.

Back in the classroom, Class 1 have been looking at the topic 'Ourselves' and so there have been lots of 'baby' photos brought in. They have also been taking it in turns to talk about a hobby they have. Rowan brought in his skateboard.

Class 2 are reading and studying the classic book 'Stig of the Dump'.

Our afterschool clubs continue, providing childcare until 5pm. On Monday there are 'ball games' with coach John, Tuesday it's 'Circus club', 'Construction club' is on Wednesday, followed by 'Civil War' on Thursday and 'Football' on Friday, with coach John.

Unfortunately our 'pop in and play' sessions have had to be postponed due to COVID but 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.

Don't forget we have a website and facebook page too.

Until next month....

Holly Cottage, Townhead, Crosby Ravensworth

There are some remaining books, societal magazines and 'odds and sods' from the estate of **the late Ted Relph**, which have not been distributed elsewhere according to his Will. These will be available for you, his parish community, to choose from and make a donation.

Saturday October 31st from 9.00am until 2pm

**If you would like to join us, then please observe the following, otherwise you will not be able to come into the house!
Sadly these rules are in place due to the current 'Rule of 6'**

- To book your 20 minute slot to view and get a code, please ring 716001 giving your name and local address with post code or email alex@ydfc.co.uk
- Also please be prepared to leave a contact number for test and trace.
- If you don't turn up at the time and within the time slot code given, you won't be able to come in, sadly.
- If you are late, please don't even attempt to come in.
- You must wear gloves and a mask. Sanitiser on site.
- Bring a bag/box for your items. There will be none at Holly Cottage
- We will not save items for you
- All donations [cash only] will go to the Gurkha foundation, close to Teddy's heart.
- Please do not block other house drives but park politely, carefully.

Thank you!

Monthly Weather Summary - August 2020

Another poor summer month - wettest August yet recorded

Following on from July, August was another mixed and poor month - after an unsettled start, it became warmer from the 6th, was hot 11-12th, but then wet from the 16th before finishing with a couple of cool days.

In that second half of the month some of the rainfall was heavy at times and the month would finish as the wettest in my record of 14 years.

As for temperature, apart from the final few days, during which the lowest day-time maximum for August was recorded (13.3°C), temperatures tended to be mild by night and above average during the day up to the 20th.

However, the final eleven days of the month would all fail to attain 20°C and continues the record that as seen none of the 28th-31st record 20°C in my now 12 year temperature record!

We came close, but just avoided recording a ground frost on the 30th.

August even saw a named storm '*Francis*' on the 25-26th, but which did not provide us with either the wettest or windiest days of the month!

MSLP of 1011.7 Mb was -2.4 MB below the local average for the month and overall a mean minimum of 11.10°C and a mean maximum of 19.47°C saw the temperature 0.94°C above the eleven year average for this site.

It was the second warmest of the twelve now recorded (to that of 2019) - the highest maximum temperature recorded being 28.8°C (12th), the lowest minimum 3.0°C (30th).

Rainfall of 173.6 mm (Castlehowe Scar 212.0 mm) was 157.4% of average for 2007-19 and made it the wettest August of the fourteen now recorded.

During the month the following was recorded:

Thunder on two days (11-12th) - the wind speed averaged a fairly calm 5.52 mph, with a maximum gust of 48 mph (4th and 20th) and with 31.0 mm the 27th was the month's wettest day.

Summer of 2020 is only going to be remembered for having been a poor one - the wettest in my records with each month having above average totals, although July didn't break the 100 mm mark.

As for the temperature it finished only slightly warmer than average, July mainly offsetting the warmth of the other two months.

During the season there was no sustained warm spell and even the highest temperature on the 31st July was a 'one day heat-wave'!

Summer 2020 at Maulds Meaburn has seen 409.0 mm of rain and is now the wettest of the fourteen now recorded.

That total represents 137.8% of the rainfall for those previous thirteen summers.

A mean temperature of 14.45°C is the coldest since 2017 and of the twelve summers now recorded four have been warmer and seven colder.

Summer 2020 has been 0.21°C warmer than the average of those previous eleven.

And of course this all followed a fairly decent and dry Spring when we were under restrictions for Covid-19, and when those restrictions were lifted ... the weather turned!

We have at least had a few decent thunderstorms.

These were mainly in June, the one on the 16th being quite impressive and whilst July was boring, the early hours of the 11th August were very entertaining.

Crosby Ravensworth Parish Tree Group update

As winter draws near we are now making preparations for planting more trees and hedges this year. We have volunteers surveying ten local farms, identifying the present tree stock and looking for areas where replacement trees can be planted. Just like last year we are finding that the vast majority of trees are over 100 years old and that the stock of Ash is badly affected by ash die-back. They amount to a quarter of the trees surveyed in the parish to date.

We also have volunteers monitoring the progress of the trees planted last year. It looks as if over 95% of them are flourishing despite the dry spell we had in April and May. All the dead ones will be replanted this winter.

AS ALWAYS THERE IS AN APPEAL!

1) As ever we are looking for volunteers to join in with us – not only is it satisfying work, tailored to your capability, but it is also a great way to get to know other members of the community.

2) We are always looking for locations for planting trees and hedges. If you know anyone who is interested please contact us on the numbers below.

Drew Woodward
Keith Golding

01931-715997 or email agwoodward@aol.com
01931-715446

999 CALLS – RESPONDING DURING THE PANDEMIC September 2020.

Crosby Ravensworth First Responders (CFRs) are a group of volunteers who are deployed by North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) to certain types of Emergency 999 Calls.

Our aim is to reach a potential life-threatening situation in the first vital minutes before the ambulance crew arrives.

As individuals who volunteer on behalf of NWAS we make a commitment when recruited to follow relevant policies and procedures set out for the CFR role. This means we have to abide by the NWAS call out system which links us to the bigger picture of emergency response.

We do not choose which emergency 999 calls we are sent to; this is entirely the decision of NWAS Control, neither do we set out to respond without being called out by them first.

NWAS take responsibility for keeping us safe as individuals and would not send us into situations which we are not trained to deal with or that would put us at risk.

This has been particularly the case since the start of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Safeguards are more rigorously applied by NWAS. We are sent to far fewer jobs. Emergency 999 calls are screened by Ambulance Control for possible Covid involvement and should this be deemed to apply we are immediately stood down from responding.

CFRs are not on call 24/7. We each have an NWAS pager. When we are free to respond, we log on for duty and are notified via our pager if we are required to attend an emergency 999 call.

At present we have only 9 Team Members – 5 in Maulds Meaburn, 2 in Sleagill and 2 within the boundary of Crosby parish. Two of our group are currently unavailable for responding as they are at increased risk from Covid 19, but all other members are allocated with a personal kit bag and this comes with us when we arrive on scene. Direct travel to a call out with our bag, without having to collect equipment from a central point, saves vital minutes and ensures that our kit is regularly checked and in order. The bags contain specialist equipment which we have been trained to use including an Automated External Defibrillator.

Our equipment is NOT a community resource available for the general public to use, unlike Public Access Defibrillators. (PAD) There are Public Access Defibrillators in Maulds Meaburn, Sleagill, and Kings Meaburn. There is no PAD currently sited in Crosby Ravensworth or Reagill.

As a Team we find it rewarding to give our time and energy to our role as First Responders. We do this by keeping our knowledge and skills up to date through regular training and assessment by NWAS, and by being available to respond when work and personal responsibilities allow. We continue to be grateful to you, our local community for your ongoing support.

Jo Tombs (Team Leader). **Richard Backhouse, Alex Barbour, Neil Blenkinship, Pete Button, Alison Fallon, Mark Fallon, Caroline Harbot, Pat Russell** (Team Members.)

Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council

Draft minutes of meeting held on September 7th 2020

Councillors: Cllr D Graham, Cllr. J Raine, Cllr D Hewitt, Cllr V Holroyd, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr R McIvor, Mr C Barnes (Clerk).

No members of the public attending.

Welcome, Councillors were welcomed to the meeting. There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interest. Concern was expressed that Cllr Beatham may not have been able to join the meeting as no prior apologies had been given and he was a reliable attender. The Clerk had been contacted by Cllr Beatham and had called at his house prior to the meeting (no one was home). He would check that Cllr Beatham was able to participate in future video conferences.

Planning E/03/15A/LB Holesfoot, Brackenslack Lane, Maulds Meaburn. Listed building consent for internal alterations and for the installation of an external downpipe to the south east elevation.

One councillor hadn't been able to access the planning applications on the Yorkshire Dales National Park Website. It was noted that applications were available only through the archive site. That councillor would not be commenting on the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Planning Applications. The Application was supported, and it was noted that it would have minimal visual impact to the exterior.

Planning E/03/15 Holesfoot, Brackenslack Lane, Maulds Meaburn. Full planning permission for installation of 180kW biomass plant within existing steel framed outbuilding, modified by the addition of a flue pipe, loading hatch and double doors.

The Application was supported. It was noted that the proposed development would bring back into use an existing structure and have minimal visual impact. It was agreed that the systems involved were good environmental solutions.

Planning E/03/31 A The Sun Hotel/Sun House, Crosby Ravensworth. Householder planning permission for application of wet dash render to south west facing wall and replacement of existing UPVC door to utility room with composite door.

The application was supported, it was noted that the application would have minimal visual impact being completely hidden and was complementary to recently completed and consented works.

Planning E/03/53 Ashdale, Silver Street, Crosby Ravensworth. Householder planning permission for erection of rear sun lounge extension and replacement garden shed to house office/study.

The application was supported. Amended plans were noted and welcomed being an improved design. It was noted that the proposed development was of a similar scale to that recently carried out at the semi-detached property next door and would balance the two houses.

Planning 20/0500 LAND BETWEEN FERN BANK AND EAST VIEW, REAGILL, PENRITH, CA10 3ER. Reserved Matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, attached to approval 18/0238.

The Parish Council Objects to the application. As this is a reserved matters application the objection is not to the principle of development. The objection relates to the proposed management of drainage on the site and the absence of design detail regarding the footpath that runs through the site between Phase 1 and Phase 2 (This development is Phase 2) which should be protected, varied or given proper treatment in the application (Prow Number: 319085). The proposed development sits on impervious clay with a watercourse running through it which was culverted under the road. Councillors were not persuaded that the proposed management of foul and surface water drainage on the site (pumping water uphill to locations above and to the west of the site) was a credible or sustainable proposition. It was felt that planners should be satisfied that drainage proposals were workable before giving consent. It was noted that there was no reference to the archaeological survey. It was felt that the planning committee would benefit from a site visit before determining the application.

Planning 20/0482 WINTER TARN, NEWBY, CA0 3EW. Roof over a midden. No objection.

Planning 20/0474 WINTER TARN, NEWBY, CA10 3EW. Erection of cow shed with covered feed area, part retrospective.

The council had been notified of the development on the 22nd July (too late for the matter to go to the 'in person' meeting scheduled for the 4th August, the agenda had been published on the 14th July). The application had been determined under delegated powers on the 4th September – only six weeks later.

It had been carried forward to this agenda without a request for an extension but determined early under delegated powers between the publication of the agenda and the meeting and before the council had responded. Construction had again been commenced on the development before the planning application had been lodged.

Had the council had the opportunity to respond it would have objected to the application.

The quality of the recent planning applications at Winter Tarn have been poor relative to the applications made by others in the Parish and have not in the council's view met the standard required (basic details missing) for validation by planners, proper decision making and consultation or been of equivalent quality to those required of equivalent householder developments or those submitted by other local farm businesses in the parish. It was felt that this was unfair treatment by planners to those who were respectful of the planning process. The farm had on more than one occasion 'jumped the gun' on development using the planning process retrospectively to seek to regularise developments that had already taken place.

One of the consequences of this was that the management of materials and resources on site had been displaced by development and machinery needed to be stored offsite on the fields across the road from the farm. Planners had lost the opportunity to 'control' the development on behalf of the public interest in the Highway by placing conditions on consents relative to the management of development sites.

Further applications were anticipated given the level of investment in the farm and it was agreed to raise these concerns with the planners directly in order that they could be addressed in future applications.

With farm vehicles displaced from the yard to the road in the course of farming the road had become dangerous in regard to mud, debris and to potholes. The farm was taking no measures to mitigate the risks posed by mud and debris by allowing the road to go uncleaned. The condition of the road at Winter Tarn had been the subject of prior complaints since the beginning of the current tenancy and correspondence had previously been sent by the Highways Authority who had powers under the Highways Act to remediate the situation.

Given that the condition of the road was so bad at the end of Summer councillors speculated that the situation may deteriorate still further in Winter.

Dangerous and Dirty Condition of Road at Winter Tarn

The council had received a new complaint from a resident of a neighbouring parish who used the road outside Winter Tarn for cycling which had been referred to the Highways Authority. The council had previously made representations to the Highways authority following a written complaint from another parishioner after damage to a car.

It was RESOLVED to raise the issue of the dangerous condition of the road: Impacted mud (skid risk), debris and potholes caused by the manoeuvres of Heavy Machinery/Vehicles with the Highways Authority (again) and in addition to write directly to the owners requesting the regular cleaning of the public road as public amenity was being lost.

Westmorland Dales Funding. Cllr Holroyd had raised this issue following a request to the Westmorland Dales Partnership to fund the printing of additional walking leaflets as stocks were low. The partnership had suggested that a larger application @ £5k might be made. It was AGREED to contact the Partnership with a view to arranging a visit. It was felt that seeking funding for a specialist survey of the watercourse including weir and mill race gate would provide the detail required to allow future contracting of works. The survey could be carried out this year with works programmed for the summer of 2021. In recent years the council had acted to restore the stepping stones and dredge Maud Slack Syke after Desmond. This work had been carried out on an ad-hoc basis. Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Local Plan 2023-2040, Consultation No.2 – Exploring our options – ‘Ambitions’. It was AGREED that this consultation was not intended for Local Councils as they were not included on the consultation list. Councillors questioned whether the consultation was genuinely a consultative exercise. It was RESOLVED not to respond.

Phone Box Crosby Ravensworth, no firm proposals had been received from the individuals who had expressed interest in adopting/repurposing the phone box in Crosby Ravensworth. The Phone Box was in poor condition. It was felt that ultimately the costs and liabilities of the phone box including the costs of decommissioning and removing it would fall back on the Parish Council if the phone box was not removed by BT. The box was not suitable for a public access defibrillator as there was no reliable phone signal nearby. First Responders preferred the location of their existing defibrillator and the Village Shelters were well used for the kinds of purposes envisaged for the phone box.

It was AGREED to support its removal.

Diseased Ash Tree, Tenter Row. The Clerk would report back after speaking to the Councils Arborealists who had not completed this year's tree inspections. He would be meeting the Yorkshire Dales Arborealist this week and would explore what avenues of support were open from the National Park.

Maulds Meaburn Village Green. A complaint by a resident regarding sheep muck had been made to a councillor. It was agreed that the green was not over grazed or overly dirty. It was a grazed green and councillors AGREED that no action was required. The conditions of the licence regarding numbers was: 'To keep the appropriate number of sheep on the Green having regard to the productivity and drainage so as to prevent poaching or other damage to the sward.' It was felt that the complaint was not justified.

Date of Next Meeting. 5 October 2020

Councillors were advised of the proposed closure of the bridge in Crosby Ravensworth to repair strike damage starting on the 21st September for 5 days.