

EGTON WITH NEWLAND, MANSRIGGS AND OSMOTHERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Egton with Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at Greenodd Village Hall.

Present:

Councillors: **Brian Campbell (Chair)**
 Becks Thomas
 Colin Richards
 Denise Edmondson
 Howard Graves
 Sheila Hobson

Members of the public

1191: Chairman opened meeting

1192: Apologises: Cllr Alice Barrett

1193: Appointment of new Clerk: Cathy Child has been appointed as new clerk effective from 1st July. Unfortunately, Cathy is away on holiday this week, minutes taken by Cllr Thomas

1194: New Councillors – all relevant documentation relating to becoming a new Cllr has been sent to SLDC. However, SLDC have not received Cllr Alice Barrett's documentation. It was reported that on account of other commitments Cllr Barrett has expressed a wish to resign at an appropriate opportunity.

1195: Minutes: Councillors agreed and the Chairman signed the May meeting minutes.

1196: Declarations of interest: None

1197: Public participation / report from County and District Councillors:

- a) No report from County and District Councillors
- b) Public Participation from Catherine Bettney, Oakvale, Penny Bridge and Rebecca Morris, Orchard End, Penny Bridge. The number of the children living in the Penny Bridge has grown recently and there is great concern among at least 5 families in Penny Bridge that the bus stop is not fit for purpose. The children in Penny Bridge attending Ulverston Victoria High School (UVHS) need to cross the A5092 from Penny Bridge in order to catch the bus to school, as does any member of the village who wishes to catch a bus in the westerly Ulverston/ Barrow direction. It should be noted that:
 - there is no signage to indicate that children may be crossing to the bus stop
 - the 40 mph speed limit sign is obscured
 - there is no pavement on either side of the road
 - there are currently 5 children catching the bus from the Penny Bridge bus stop to school and numbers are expected to rise by approximately 2 or more per year.

- the stop is a request stop, so to alert the bus driver that you wish to catch the bus, you need to step out in the road (this applies to the children as well when there is a new bus driver who doesn't know the route)
- the UVHS pick up time is at 0815 on week day mornings, there is no street lighting at the bus stops so the area is not lit on dark winter mornings
- there is surface water accumulation on the road by the bus stop and on wet days the children can end up getting sprayed by passing traffic and are therefore wet before the school day starts
- the children feel unsafe at the bus stop
- there is no bus stop on the east bound side of the road, the children get straight off the bus onto the road and make their way into the village after school
- the village perception is that there is increased traffic, increased speeding, there have been 2 collisions in the past few weeks and prior to that 2 very serious collisions.

A formal request for help from Penny Bridge families is attached to these minutes.

The Chairman commented that the bus shelter was built a long time ago on land owned by Penny Bridge Estates who also own the land opposite the bus stop. The Chairman suggested a meeting on site with Cllr Janet Willis, Highways, Catherine Bettney and Rebecca Morris. Cllr Thomas suggested considering a Zebra Crossing from the village to the bus stop.

1198: Matters arising from minutes

- a. Collapsed wall at Penny Bridge – Cumbria Highways has inspected the wall and acknowledge that repairs fall to the County Council (CCC). Cumbria Highways consider that as there is no risk to the travelling public repairs are not urgent and the wall will be repaired in due course.
- b. Rosside Land lease – documents received from Jane Carson clerk and chairman to contact Land Registry – to be actioned by Cllr Campbell and the Clerk
- c. Purchase a piece of land at Greenodd – ongoing. Highways are reluctant to sell or rent the land so the Council are considering a formal request.
- d. Spark Bridge defibrillator – this has yet to be ordered; needs CCC agreement to connect to the light next to the bus stop, Cllr Richards to organise this with the Clerk.
- e. The Croft, Penny Bridge street lighting – complete
- f. Spark Bridge benches / picnic bench purchase – work has been commissioned for benches. Consider asking Solway recycling for a picnic bench quote or sourcing a wooden one – clerk to pursue.
- g. Greenodd lighting – complete
- h. Rosside telephone kiosk – connection to be made within next 3 months, Cllr Campbell to be notified when the work goes out to 'construction'.
- i. Milk Stand Wood – awaiting invoice for work completed by Peter Watson
- j. Sandhill Wood, Penny Bridge – review the work required here on the Parish Inspection
- k. Annual Government Statement for AGAR – the Council are now exempt from submitting this to the central auditor next year.

1199: Secondment of Councillor and Resignation

The Council resolved unanimously that

Sheila Hobson be co-opted to fill the vacancy in the Egton with Newland Ward that arose because the number of candidates at the election was one short of the number of Councillor vacancies for the Ward.

The resignation of Peter Taylor creates a casual vacancy to be filled by co-option after advertising the vacancy. SLDC have been notified and The Council authorised display of a Notice of Vacancy on Parish notice boards and the website.

1183: Southern Boundary Partnership. Letter has been sent to Friends of the Lake District stating that ENMO are happy for that part of the parish which contains Kirkby Moor to be included in the Southern Boundary Extension. Cllr Richards requested that a copy of the letter be circulated to all Cllrs.

1200: Penny Bridge School – Cllr Thomas explained that despite the yellow school markings being painted on the road adjacent to the school, parking is still occurring opposite the school causing traffic to pull out and round these cars into the path of parents and children walking to cars in the car park and parked up the hill. The Cllrs agreed (Post meeting note: Since the meeting Cllr Thomas has spoken with the Head Teacher who has agreed to look into purchasing and using the A frame signs “Parking here could endanger a child’s life” during school drop off and pick up times.)

Penny Bridge school have made excellent progress on the community meadow project and in recycling. The respective reports are attached to these minutes.

1201: Highways and CALC report

- a. Highways: Salt bins – no progress on missing Salt Bin from Arrad foot, Cllr Mayo to look at the two sizes to see which would fit the Arrad foot site. Clerk to progress salt bins with Cllr Campbell and engage with Cllr Willis to see what action Highways will take.
- b. CALC report: Cllr Richards attended the CALC annual conference and feedback the following:
 - the conference was well attended
 - CALC HQ gave a talk on the new and proposed code of conduct
 - Caldbeck parish report provided a parishes report with feedback from the Northern Fells Group which is worth a look: northernfellsgroups.org.uk
 - there was also a top tips for Chairs presentation given at the conference.

1202: Southern Boundary Partnership Meeting – feedback was given by Cllr Campbell on the meeting. As a parish council we need to take the views of all parishioners and all Cllrs are encouraged to do this through conversations with parishioners. Southern Boundary Information sheets are available and attached to these minutes. Cllrs Graves and Thomas agreed to attend the Community Conversations at Lowick on 3rd July. The proposed Southern Boundary is to be included on the agenda for the next meeting and advertised in the parish magazine, all those people who have a view are invited to come along and express this at the next parish council meeting. Those people who wish to be represented by the Parish Council need to contact the Council to ensure this can be done.

1203: Planning

SL/2019/0300 – clerk/ Cllr Campbell to raise concerns with the planning authority regarding water supply and request that these concerns are dealt with by planning conditions. Cllr Campbell to draft letter and send. SLDC Planning deadline for comments is 19th July 2019.

SL/2019/0331 Land by Newland View Newland ULVERSTON LA127QJ Removal/variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) & 4 (landscaping) attached to application SL/2016/0656 – Cllr Campbell to send a

cautionary note to the planning authority as an observation that the land was originally developed for personal use and is now being used commercially and this has changed the character of the land. The Parish Council endorses the comments made by the arborologist. Note this application is linked to SL/2019/0363 below.

SL/2019/0320 Meadowsweet Barn Broughton Beck ULVERSTON LA127PR

Installation of Velux rooflight to roof slope on western elevation

No comment

SL/2019/0363

Land adjacent to Newland View Newland ULVERSTON LA127QJ

Retention of agricultural building with the additional use for stabling horses, laying of hardstanding and use of agricultural land for grazing horses

See comments on SL/2019/0331 above

SL/2019/0244 Carp Lodge, Coal Yeat – No comment

SL/2019/0485 Genraille, Penny Bridge – this is a permitted development, unless at the front of the building. No comment.

SL/2018/0909 Saw Pit House, Newland – this is being undertaken under the guidance of Natural England and managed by Newland Furness Trust All archaeological issues are being managed. No comment.

SL/2018/0745 Sod House Farm, Penny Bridge – no comment

SL/2018/0287, SL/2018/0238 and SL/2019/0239 High Flan Farm – letter already sent

SL/2018/0391 Netherhouses Farm – no comment

SL/2018/0089 Land Stockbridge Lane – no comment

The Council discussed the protocol for Planning Inspections and concluded the following:

1. If approached by a resident then the council will represent them
2. If the planning application is in your ward then you as a Cllr needs to conduct a point of principle inspection from public land, which may include knocking on doors to seek out neighbours' opinions
3. The Chair or Clerk will produce a planning table for each parish council meeting
4. The Clerk has legal authority to act for the Parish Council in between meetings. If comments are required by SLDC in between meetings then the clerk can request making a late submission or draw SLDC's attention to comments made by individual councillors.
5. An extraordinary parish council meeting can be held if required.

1204: Clerk report –

- a. Resignation of Clerk (Sally Benson's contract ended on 28th June 2019. All administration relating to Sally's departure was completed by the date of the Meeting). Sally has asked that her thanks be passed onto the Parish Council for their support over the past year and wished them well. Cllr Campbell to liaise with Cathy on her return. Note: all agenda items need to be circulated 1 week before meetings.
- b. Purchase of projector- as Greenodd Village Hall already have a projector which ENMO can use, Cllr Campbell will check with LDNPA as to whether the £250 grant for the projector can be given to the village hall committee.

- a. Cumbria Building Society – Cllr Hobson proposed Cllr Thomas as a new signatory for the Cumbria Building Society and Cllr Edmondson seconded. The Council unanimously resolved: that Cllr Thomas will become an approved signatory for the Parish Council’s bank accounts with Cumberland Building Society.
The necessaru paperwork was provided.
- b. News article Parish magazine/website – Cllr Richards to draft and send to Matt Rich, note copy date is Sunday 21st July. Reminder: All Councillors to send information about themselves to the Clerk for inclusion on the website.
- c. Financial report –see item 1208

1205: Correspondence – as agreed at last meeting, all correspondence has been cascaded to all Cllrs. Only those items which Cllrs wish to make comments on will be discussed (notice of intention to raise an item to be given to the Chair in advance of the Meeting).

It was agreed that Cllr Campbell should trial a mechanism for labelling correspondence as either: “necessary to the running of the Parish Council ie Priority”, “Items that could be raised” or “not necessary to review”

1206: Adoption of Standing Orders (draft to be circulated in advance of Meeting) Council to note policies and procedures to be raised at Future meetings. Minor changes/corrections to the Standing Orders were discussed and agreed. Cllr Campbell will make the changes and issue. It was resolved to adopt the Standing Orders as proposed by NALC and adapted by ENMO. Proposed by Cllr Thomas, Seconded by Cllr Graves, 1 abstention.

All Cllrs to review Standing orders prior to the next meeting and raise any issues then.

1207: Annual Parish inspection will take place on 15th July 2019. Time and meeting place to be circulated by Cllr Campbell.

1208: Finances

- a. All outstanding invoices have now been paid
- b. Financial report was circulated and noted. Correction to entry for 21/06/2019 it should read “repairs to notice board” (not “telephone box”). Cllr Campbell suggested that all Cllrs should be able to view the ledger as read-only.
- c. Membership of Budget Working Group was agreed to consist of Chair, Clerk, Cllr Graves, Cllr Hobson and Cllr Thomas with attendance from Vice-Chair as appropriate. The budget working group is advisory only and has been set up to advise the Council on the basis for the precept and the budget for the Council. It is planned that the group should only meet 4 times per year. Dates to be arranged outside of the council meeting.

1209: Parish Land

The internal auditor has advised that the Council obtains valuations for its land and advice on rents. Cllr Campbell to source quotes.

1210: Venues of Future Meetings – the Parish Council meetings will rotate around Greenodd Village Hall, Spark Bridge Village Hall and The Mill Room at Broughton Beck.

1211: Date of next meeting 7pm, 3rd September 2019, Venue: Spark Bridge Village Hall.

Signed by:

Request for help from Penny Bridge Families to Parish Council of Egton with Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley 2nd July 2019

In attendance: Catherine Bettany and Rebecca Morris (Orchard End 0747103112, beckykmorris@gmail.com)

1. 5 Penny Bridge families are asking for the Parish Council to consider our request for improved safety measures to be put in place for the bus stop in Penny Bridge on the A5092 particularly in its use as a school bus stop for children travelling to Ulverston Victoria High School.
2. This concern relates to all 5 families and ^{at least} 5 children currently. This number will increase to ~~6~~ ^{at least} 7 children from September and will continue to increase in the future.
3. This bus stop sits directly on the road. There is no pavement on either side of the road and in order to be seen, the children have to step out into the road.
4. There are no signs to alert drivers to a bus stop or to slow down as children may be crossing the road. The bus stop is so obscured that the children report that if they have a new bus driver, they frequently drive past the stop as they have been unable to locate it.
5. The speed limit on this road is 40mph and locals observe this limit regularly being exceeded by cars and trucks. Some of the 40mph signs have been completely covered by foliage from the hedgerows and trees in recent weeks.

6. Locals also report an increased volume of traffic using this road in recent years. There have been 2 car crashes in the last 2 / 3 months involving Penny Bridge residents in their cars within 20 m of this bus stop.
7. When crossing the road from the village to access the bus stop, children have to look out for traffic coming from 4 directions – from Penny Bridge village, from Colton / Bouth, from Spark Bridge and from Greenodd.





PENNY BRIDGE CE ACADEMY

Preparing Believing Achieving

Meadow Up-date: Summer Term 2019

So far our meadow project is coming along fantastically, and we are already seeing some wonderful wildflower species beginning to grow in the area. It has been wonderful to see the effort put in by the school and local community to turn our meadow into a fantastic place for the children to learn, and local wildlife to make their homes and we really hope this continues. Thanks to this effort and response to our signs, the meadow is cleaner, and our children have been enjoying getting out and about in it learning about the wonderful, diverse habitats that we have so close to us.

Excitingly, we have been granted a community project grant of £500 to plug plant the area with some rare species, and create a fenced area for a community orchard. The orchard itself has also been funded by a grant given to use by the SLORG, who have donated a range of fruit trees to be planted in November. We will be continuing with sourcing funding for the project in the hopes of installing learning resources for the children, and are even exploring the possibility of Bee hives.

The next phase of our project will begin in September, and we would love to have help from the wider community. If anyone would like to volunteer their time or expertise, then they can happily get in touch with us at the school office.

Mrs Morris (Geography Subject Leader)



PENNY BRIDGE CE ACADEMY

Preparing Believing Achieving

ECO Education Review 2018 – 2019

By Diana Rutherford

Eco Team

The team consists of 13 children from years 2-6. Their enthusiasm and dedication to Eco principles is without doubt as can be seen from the list of activities we have attempted this year.

It must be remembered that all projects require planning meetings, these are not mentioned in the list of activities because they are usually weekly and are driven in frequency and length by our latest topic. It is also necessary to note and thank all the staff who have supported this rather 'ad hoc' arrangement, without their cooperation and understanding we could not progress.

I must also thank Kath Smith of South Cumbria Rivers Trust (SCRT)) for her unswerving help, constant flow of ideas and loan of equipment. Kath has prepared materials for assemblies, also helping to run these, she taught in science week and has been a major source of advice and personal support to me.

The Eco team parents need thanking, they have supported each and every activity.

Activities

- 1) Eco assemblies, usually six in each academic year
- 2) Computer work for the parish magazine, posters, letters to parents, display materials etc
- 3) October-whole school challenge to design a poster to remind dog walkers how to use the school field. Judged by the lead National Park ranger, Sara Spicer
- 4) Year six tree planting afternoon run by SCRT and Kath
- 5) A new recycle and reuse project collecting used stamps, a large sack full of stamps was sent to the RNIB at Christmas
- 6) Constructing bird boxes with Kath Smith. We made 10 boxes, five for the school field and five for beside the river Crake
- 7) Ulverston library display boards, 4 large displays have been exhibited in the entrance to the library --tree planting, bird box constructing, our litter collage, river fly work and results (end of this term)
- 8) Whole school litter picking event

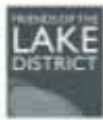
- 9) CPR whole school event
- 10) Constructing a large colourful collage using only litter to show the effects it has on the environment
- 11) Science week, Kath helped with tree planting in the school field, work on pollinators and water pollution
- 12) Constructing hedgehog havens in the school field
- 13) River fly training session and four afternoons to collect river flies and count them. Once again Kath helped out. The results are entered on the national data base to record river quality. We are one of 36 teams in the Coniston valley and the only school to be involved
- 14) Seed planting
- 15) A new recycling project --crisp packets in partnership with terra-cycle
- 16) June/ July a new recycling project --batteries

Many of these activities will progress into the next academic year.

Last and definitely not least I personally must thank the children, they are diligent, great fun, chatty, energetic, great team players, multi skilled, prepared to always have a go, open to new ideas, brilliantly organised and very loyal.

I simply could not have wished for a better team.

June 2019



Farming and Agriculture



Positive Benefits:

- Government Policy Direction whether as a result of Brexit or not, is seeking to reward Farmers whose actions will positively contribute to the stewardship of the land and delivers broader economic benefits. Being Inside the National Park is an example of where high quality stewardship and economic well being go "hand in hand". **So funding will follow landscape and designations.**
- Outside the Common Agriculture Policy, post Brexit, Farming will need to compete with limited budgets that support many public sector priorities, such as Health and Social Care, Defense and Education. UK Govt will spend on schemes which **deliver benefits, such as water management, land access, biodiversity.**
- **Farming is integral to the National Park** - this was a **key factor in achieving World Heritage Site.** Farming underpins thriving communities, and the National park wants to work with the Farming community so that we retain the cultural heritage that is unique to the Lake District.
- Planning legislation and processes are the same both inside and outside the National Park. There are differences on policy development, with **major development being more restricted in the National Park**, with the National Park Authority having a clear preference for smaller development, particularly where farmland is being put at risk.
- Anecdotal evidence from the recent extension in the Lakes and Dales (East Cumbria), suggests there will be an increase in visitor activity, **but not at levels which have a detrimental impact.**
- Resources in the National Park mean there is enhanced support from the Rangers, who **bring expertise on access issues and help communities access new funding routes.** This has been the case in the recent extension of the National Park.

Concerns:

- Farms that live on the boundary of a National Park, may have stronger competition to funding routes.



Information Sheet Number 2 Tourism



Cumbrian tourism key facts

47 million visitors/year (19.5 million/year in Lake District National Park)
6.6 million stays overnight/year (5 million stays/year)
37,700 full time job equivalents
£3 billion/year contribution to economy
2nd largest revenue source in Cumbria

Visitors

- 86% from UK - most from area North of Birmingham, South of Edinburgh
- 14% from outside of the UK - German and Dutch main visitors from Europe, visitors from China, India, and Arab countries are increasing
- Visitors come for landscape, food and drink, to spend time with friends and family, events (increasing importance), adventure, and challenges. Competition with Scotland, North Wales, the Alps.

Challenges to Cumbrian tourism

- Connectivity - sustainable transport, Wifi access
- Talent - difficult to find good quality staff and difficult for those staff to afford accommodation or access employment, the number in the local Cumbria work force is declining
- Over tourism - (example Barcelona) disadvantages local people seeking accommodation
- Tolerance - signs, social media protesting development is not welcoming to visitors

Opportunities

- Provide unique visitor experience
- Learn from 'honey pot' experiences and Yorkshire Dales extension on how to promote tourism without undesirable impacts
- Consider tourism tax to offset impacts
- Coordinate efforts amongst businesses, communities and agencies
- Anticipate the different needs, expectations, information sources of millennial generation tourists

Summary

The location of the National Park Boundary is not a factor in itself in attracting visitors. Instead communities, businesses and agencies can work together to develop unique selling points for their areas to promote tourism, manage impacts and plan for the future.



What is the Local Plan?

The Local Plan sets out the strategy for the future development of the Lake District to 2035. It provides a practical framework within which decisions on planning applications can be made with a high degree of predictability and efficiency. Local Plans are where some of the big decisions on planning for the future of communities and land are made.

What is the purpose of the Local Plan?

The Local Plan provides planning policies which steer development decisions and guide planning applications. It identifies where and how many new homes should be built, the locations where businesses need more land to expand or to create new jobs and which areas should be protected from development.

What is NP trying to achieve with Housing?

National Park want to achieve a balanced and resilient housing market with a high proportion of properties in permanent occupation, and a supply of new homes that meet local people's needs and maximises the delivery of affordable housing.

What is the issue NP are trying to address?

Between April 2011 and March 2016, 384 new homes for local people have been built. Despite this, the overall population in the Lake District, is decreasing. The local demographic is becoming unbalanced, the proportion of working people is decreasing, there are increasing levels of second home ownership and properties used for holiday letting purposes, and the need for more affordable homes (defined as 80% of market value) remains acute. These factors are beginning to challenge the future vibrancy and resilience of our communities.

National Park - Starting Point

- **NP will continue to not allow open market housing.** The starting point when planning for housing is Government policy which states that "the Parks are not suitable locations for unrestricted housing" and that the expectation is that new housing will be focused on meeting affordable housing requirement, supporting local employment opportunities and key services".
- **NP will set our own housing target.** Based on the level of identified housing need NP will make provision for a minimum of 1,200 new permanent homes between 2020 and 2035 to increase the supply of homes to meet local community need. This is a target of 80 new permanent homes per year
- **NP will continue to restrict the occupation of new homes to households with a local connection.** NP recognise new housing development should be relevant to a particular area and reflect local needs and circumstances. NP will establish an approach which enables eligibility to be restricted to a geography which reflects local circumstances.
- **NP will continue to support new homes on farm holdings** where it sustains the functional need of the farm business and provides for the transition between generations. NP also acknowledges the need to have practical assistance available to the farm occupants at peak times, such as lambing and silage time.

Can NP point to examples of Housing Policies in Action?

There have been notable examples which include Broadgate Orchard in Grasmere, social housing at Newby Bridge and the housing developments at Bootle. All of which have focused on meeting local needs for existing residents. Work is also in hand to ensure such sites as Air BnB does not eliminate availability long term lets for workers and other residents.

Summary

The popularity of the Lake District means there is high demand for housing, this drives prices up because there is a limited supply and the Lake District's environment cannot accommodate a level of growth necessary to meet the demand. Therefore the NP Authority has set a housing target and does not support open market housing for new permanent homes.



Who sets the Transport Policy for the National Park?

"Our vision for travel in the Lake District is of a place where visitors and residents can experience new opportunities to travel sustainably, where visitors from around the world are served by integrated quality, iconic travel experiences, to the benefit of the economy. Where more people choose to walk, cycle, travel by boat, rail or bus as the best way to discover the spectacular landscape".

What is the Vision for Visitor Travel?

Transport Policy for Cumbria, including the Lake District National Park (LDNP) is set by Cumbria County Council (CCC). This means that CCC has the statutory authority for transport and LDNP works with CCC to influence and shape the transport policy as it impacts the National Park.

Decisions which relate to the scope of services and funding is a responsibility of CCC.

How will the vision be delivered?

Reaching the Lakes

- New ways of delivering transport enabling 50% more visitors to reach the National Park by rail and integrated onward travel linking showcase areas of the Keswick Ullswater and Windermere corridors
- Quality, integrated marketing and mobile ticketing engaging visitors to explore the Lake District sustainably
- Cultural and international visitors to the Lake District World Heritage Site arriving at quality designed gateway stations

Linking the Lakes together

- World class integrated water transport, zero carbon bus and autonomous vehicle services with stop and jetty infrastructure and information carrying 30% more visitors
- Improving transport hubs and managing car parks to encourage use as explorer hubs

Active travel

- More visitors walking or cycling from their door on a promoted route from every village or accommodation hub,
- Walking and cycling activity promoting health and well being and linking communities and visitor destinations
- Creating 120 kilometers of new multi user trails

Smarter travel

- Working with partners on new smart tech developments to revolutionise how visitors and residents travel, including shared transport, mobility as a service and real time parking and transport information linked to existing mapping and booking apps
- Ensure the Lake District is a leading place for transport innovation and accelerating new technologies to market including intelligent parking and transport systems, electric bikes and electric, hydrogen and autonomous vehicles

And what could be the outcome?

Keeping the National Park Special

- As a minimum % visitors arriving by car decreasing from 83% in 2015 to 64% in 2040 Less than 1/2 of visitors' main mode of travel around the Lake District is car by 2040. Ideally, we are aiming for even greater increase in sustainable visitor travel
- The National Park action plan requires investment into the Lake District transport and visitor services, delivering economic benefits from visitors who stay longer and spend more locally

Summary

- Transport Policy rests with Cumbria County Council and the National Park plays its part in working with CCC, to address the challenges of Visitor Travel. This has led to the development of the vision for Visitor Travel - 2040.
- This Vision aims to deal with the stark reality that many of us are "wedded" to our cars. This means that there is the same expectation that we will use our cars for getting around and this is no different for the National Park.
- We should also note that Residents benefit from Visitors using Public Transport so that routes remain sustainable and commercially viable.
- So by setting out the vision for Visitors, the National Park are working to a number of long term ambitions which will focus on the following results:
 - Creating a more enjoyable, relaxing and healthier visitor experience
 - Reducing impacts of traffic on communities and the landscape
 - Reducing carbon emissions
 - Increasing spend in the visitor economy





Why Do We Carry Out Planning in the National Park?

National Park Authority (NPA) are the Local Planning Authority – statutory function Town and Country Planning Act

To achieve the Vision – adopted by the Lake District National Park Partnership:

The Lake District National Park will be an inspirational example of sustainable development in action. A place where its prosperous economy, world class visitor experiences and vibrant communities all come together to sustain the spectacular landscape, its wildlife and cultural heritage.

How Does The National Park Planning Team Perform?

- 1100-1200 planning applications, of which 93-94 % approved
- Current speed of decision performance: 92% Major 77% Minor 86% Other 82 %
- National targets: 60% Major 65% Minor 80% Other with the following definitions:
- A major planning application is an application for proposals that involve the creation of at least 10 residential units; residential development on a site having an area of at least 0.5 hectares; non-residential development on a site of at least one hectare; creation or change of use of 1000 square metres or more of gross floor space (does not include housing).
- A minor planning application is an application for proposals that involve the creation of less than 10 residential units; residential development less than 0.5 hectares; the creation or change of use of less than 1000 square metres of gross floor space or non-residential development less than one hectare.
- An 'other' application is an application for proposals that involve changes of use, householder development (development within the curtilage of a residential property), advertisement, listed building and conservation area consents, lawful development certificates and agricultural and telecommunications notifications.
- **Appeals:**
- Varies a lot – teens to twenties of appeals, of which 75-80% dismissed
- **Compliance:**
- 250-300 compliance investigations, around 80% do not involve a breach of control, do not warrant action or are resolved voluntarily and 20 enforcement notices issued

What is Different for Planning in the National Park?

- National Park Purposes – Environment Act provides the legislative framework.
- National Park and World Heritage Site landscape and heritage designations - higher standard of landscape protection
- Small number of national permitted development rights do not apply or are more limited
- The adopted policies, there are just a few differences and are largely the same compared to Local Authorities

Summary - National Park Planning

Living inside a National Park means the landscape will attract a higher level of protection as set out in National Legislation such the Environment Act and the standards of being part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Planning Team will operate within the agreed Policies and seek to work with Residents and Businesses to navigate the route to a best solution. This is reflected in the high approval of submitted applications and working with the Planning Team lead to better outcomes.