

# Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 3rd February 2011

**PRESENT:** Messrs M L Dobson (Chair), J Bownass, M Casson, C Smith, D T Dobson

**In Attendance:** Cllr J Bland (CCC ) Cllr J Holmes (SLDC) Mr G Pitt (Clerk).  
Two members of the public.

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Mr M J Dobson, Ms M Harkness,
- 2. MINUTES** of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011 (already circulated) were approved
- 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not covered elsewhere in this agenda)**  
**re: Environment Agency – Lyth Valley Drainage:** No change

**re: 3a Winter Gritting of Minor Roads**

**2010/11 Gritting contract:** David Wilson had gritted roads on three occasions and had billed the PC for £343, inc VAT (recoverable). No further gritting had been necessary in January.

**2011/12 Gritting arrangements:** See report on LAP below.

**re: 3a Two Valleys mag.** A report on gritting and resulting increase in precepts had been inserted in February issue of the magazine and had been reasonably well received.

#### **4. PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS**

##### **4.1 Housing:**

**MGS: re possible development adjacent to St Mary's Green** – No further contact..

**Dobson's re possible developments of land (field) to East of Rock Lea.** – No further contact  
Clerk had not yet a response from LDNPA planners about their use of sustainability criteria in considering individual planning situations in the Parish **Action: Clerk**

**4.2 Community Events: 4.3 Employment and Business:** No new matters reported.

##### **4.4 Roads and Traffic:**

Clerk had passed on comments on the state of the A5074 to Tony Beatty but had received no response..  
It was agreed that a co-ordinated list of reported road related problems should be maintained and that lists should be made available at Exchange and WI for people to log problems.

The Clerk was asked to chase the Highways Agency in Manchester for an update on their proposed review of the A590 junctions last referred to in December 2009. **Action: Clerk**

J Holmes reminded the Clerk that the PC had agreed to meet the cost of erecting a notice warning of the entrance to Cartmel Fold. **Action: Clerk**

An information pack on Delivery of Highways Reactive Maintenance Service had been received and would be circulated.

**4.5 Community Web site;** No change

**4.6 First Responders:** No Change. .

**4.7 Crime & Disorder:** January newsletter received and circulated; detailed crime statistics showed nil for C&L.

#### **5. GOVERNANCE**

##### **5.1 SL South Westmorland Local Area Partnership:**

Councillors Mary Harkness, Chris Smith and Clerk Gordon Pitt, together with councillors John Holmes (SLDC) and Jim Bland (CCC) had attended the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> January as agreed at the PC meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan . This, together with reps from Brigsteer Crook and Underbarrow meant that this was the best attended meeting so far.

Key issues were:

An initial attempt by J Holmes to direct some of the unallocated LAP project funds towards C&L PC gritting costs was refused and residual funds were voted to be returned to SLDC/CCC.

There was some confusion over the voting rights of PCs who had not registered representatives and councillors from C&L objected strongly to the LAP interpretation of their current Terms of Reference..

The proposal that a combined gritting contract covering Two Valleys PCs in 2011/12 was not discussed, being lost in the discussions on the above items.

A note had since been received from the LAP co-ordinator asking for clarification of the PC's willingness to engage with SWLAP. After some discussion it was agreed on a vote of 4 to 1 that the interests of the Parish were best served by engaging with the LAP despite reservations about its effectiveness. The following volunteered and were appointed – Jim Bownass as representative and Matthew Dobson as substitute. The Clerk was asked to register these names with the LAP co-ordinator.

**Action: Clerk**

The previous decision not to complete the first review of SWLAP's activities was confirmed..

J Holmes pointed out that any response to the current increasing interest in high speed broad band services could well be channelled through LAPs

**LDNPA Consultation on governance of National Parks** – No response from the Authority's Chairman. No further action taken, as agreed at the last meeting.

## 6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

**6.1 SLDC Consultation on Land Allocations:** Not relevant to C&L

**6.2 South Lakeland Housing Conference:** 18<sup>th</sup> March , SLDC Noted, circulated

**6.3 LDNPA Update:** (Devt. Management, Governance, Partnership, Finances) Noted

**6.4 CALC Letter to Minister of State (DEFRA) re Sale of FC forests;** No action

**6.5 CCC Energy Contract:** Invitation to apply to join in on CCC contract.

It was agreed to apply for both Parish Room and Memorial Hall to be included in the CCC contract in order to reduce electricity costs.

**Action: Clerk**

## 7. PLANNING MATTER

Permissions granted: - none

New application – none

## 8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

<b>Income:</b>	NSI interest (December)	£ 11.32
<b>Expenditure approved:</b>	Eon for electricity to 20/01/11	£120.34

**NSIB Mandate:** Formal agreement to appoint current bank signatories to NSIB mandate.

**Action: Clerk**

**Parish Room registration:** The application had been dispatched and acknowledged, two minor queries to be cleared . The Land Registry will probably only register a possessory title.

**Snooker Club:** No movement

**Action: Clerk**

**Quarries:** Application received from Brian Fereday re Winster Road quarry asking for permission to develop as an orchard over 10 years. Agreed subject to suitable agreement but including a five year break point for review. Rent of £15pa, deferred for the first year in view of the initial work in laying the hedge

**Action: Clerk**

It was also agreed that the remaining untenanted quarries would be offered for use by interested parties (wildlife and/or woodland conservation).

**9 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC;**

Mr & Mrs Blair were concerned with lack of information and possible costs to ratepayers of the creation of an internal Drainage Board (see 3 above). J Bland pointed out that the committee were still working with ADA to define a practical model way of setting up and running an IDB; there would be plenty of scope for consultations before any arrangement was formalised. However he felt that any additional precept on property not owning affected farm land would be small.

The Clerk suggested that Mrs Blair be put on the committee's email circulation list and offered to provide the necessary link plus any earlier documents which might be of use. **Action: Clerk**

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS;**

**10.1** Items to be reported in Two Valleys magazine March edition.

Collection of reports on pot holes and other road related problems through Exchange and WI.

Vacant Quarries.

**10.2** J Holmes passed on a request for speed indicator signs to be installed on the school approaches – as well as the recently installed 20mph delimiter signs. J Bland was investigating availability (one available?) but pointed out these could not be retained indefinitely.

**Date of next Monthly Meeting: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 at 7.30pm at the Parish Room..**

GP 07/02/10