

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 2nd June 2011

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

In Attendance: Mr G Pitt (Clerk). Cllr J Holmes(SLDC)

1. **APOLOGIES:**) Ms M Harkness, Mr M J Dobson, Mr D T Dobson, Cllr J Bland (CCC),

2. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 12th May 2011 (already circulated) were approved

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not covered elsewhere in this agenda)**

re: Lyth Valley Land Drainage Group: J Holmes reported that Committee reps had met with ADA and they understand that the Environment agency was finalising procedures for the set-up of an IDB within current legislation (against an unspecified deadline). The Committee were talking to interested stakeholders, including SLDC, RSPB, CWT, NT and NE.. It appeared that the scope of the IDB would have to be extended to cover flood prevention, although it was not clear who would be responsible in the absence of an IDB.

The Committee has decided to use consultants to build a viable set of proposals for presentation to the Minister, at an additional cost of c£10k; more funding would be required. A meeting would be held on Sat 11th June to progress this work.

The PC was concerned about the inclusion of flood prevention and the additional costs of consultants but agreed to await more detail before making any decisions.

re: 3a Winter Gritting of Minor Roads See report on the recent LAP meeting (26th May) below.

re: 10.1 Bowling Green Field – See Property. Below.

4. **PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS**

4.1 **Housing:**

The Clerk tabled notices of an SLDC (supported by CRHT) strategic housing survey which appeared to discount parish level Housing Needs Surveys as ‘concentrating on affordable housing’. It also appeared to be aimed at the whole of South Lakes but did not make any reference to disparities between SLDC and LDNPA policies. Clerk was asked to write to SLDC pointing out the scope of C&L’s HNS and asking how they proposed to reconcile the results in the light of SLDC/LDNPA differences. **Action: Clerk**

4.2 **Community Events:** Flower Festival set for 24th to 27th June. The Parish Room was to be used for an exhibition of Art and historical items.

4.3 **Employment and Business:** No new matters reported.

4.4 **Roads and Traffic:**

There had been another fatality on the A580 on the two lane section .in the region of the Beck Head junction (although not because of it). Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Authority yet again to ask when they were to carry out their promised review of safety issues on the A590 – particularly junctions. **Action: Clerk**

M Harkness’s request for signs to protect pedestrians walking on the narrow section of road past Hollow Clue was discussed again. It was decided to look into the possibility of ‘No footpath’ road signs if Cllr J Bland could not obtain speed limiting signs through SWLAP

The need to clear drains before next winter was discussed and it was agreed that if necessary we should locate and mark all blocked drains fo thatnthe Highways team could clear them. Clerk to establish when the team was next due in the area. **Action: Clerk**

4.5 **Community Web site;** Query from Webmaster re advert for taxi service. Not dicussed.

4.6 **First Responders:** Plenty of activity. Abortive call out to incident on a bus on A590. Current concern is still with funding more defibulators to meet fresh criteria of one for each two responders, funds have now been exhausted and it will be necessary to call on PC’s for their £300 pa support. PC had previously

agreed to look at their support on a year by year basis and would do so at the next meeting. Clerk would produce an updated budget for the next meeting **Action: Clerk**

4.7 Crime & Disorder: May newsletter received and circulated; which included reports on thefts in Crosthwaite.

5. GOVERNANCE

5.1 South Westmorland Local Area Partnership: Meeting of 27th May (see written report from MH)

Future of SWLAP: The review was discussed at length and it was finally agreed that the LAP would continue for at least another year. It was argued that abandoning LAPs would not give any measurable savings 'due to the way costs are allocated in SLDC'.

MH had pressed for the Two Valleys LAP proposal to be reconsidered because of major disparities between SWLAP and other LAPs in both numbers of parishes and total population. It was agreed that this proposal should be referred to SLDC CEO for consideration. The PC's view was that there was very little chance of this proposal being accepted at this time.

New Projects/Action Plan: The meeting debated and set priorities for LAP projects and these are to be used by officers to set up an action plan for discussion at the next meeting. PCs have been asked to put up a wish list of projects for inclusion in the plan There would be new criteria and forms for applications. The PC discussed new projects briefly but did not immediately identify any to put forward..

Removal of bus services: Confirmation of revised once weekly bus service had been received. No formal request for cash yet but request from Cllr Bland for payment now in order to fund until LAP funding resolved. Clerk to contact Diane Whitehead at CCC to check on immediacy of need. It was still not clear where the balance of £3000pa was coming from (SWLAP or CCC?)

It was noted that on the previous Wed the bus was full and did not pick up in Crosthwaite (due to small bus?)– this would need to be monitored particularly if the PC was contributing to the casts.

Funding: It was confirmed that SLDC would provide £21,667 of revenue funding. CCC's contribution would be set at a meeting on 11th July. There was much discussion on the use of funds attached to individual CCC and SLDC councillors –this issue is to be clarified at the next LAP meeting.

5.2 Annual update of Declarations of Interest. - Forms returned to SLDC

6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 CALC SL Notice of next meeting 9th June in Kendal (SLDC). MLD unable to attend.

6.2 CCC Neighbourhood Forum Notice of next meeting 9th June at Dallam School. JB to attend. It was suggested that JB put forward the proposed resurfacing of the approaches to the Recreation Field for funding. Clerk to provide copies of quotations. **Action: Clerk**

6.3 CCC Local News and views. Spring edn. Circulated

6.4 SLDC Code of Conduct Training flyer: No immediate need - circulated

6.5 SLDC Standards Committee Annual Report Foreword from Chairman - circulated

6.6 SLCC Cumbria Branch: Attempt to re-launch 21st June at Houghton.

7. PLANNING MATTER

Permissions granted,.

7/2011/5101 – Mr M Casson High Wood Cottage outbuilding extension.

7/2011/5120 – Mr P Barron, Lamb owe Caravan Park, replacement office & accommodation.

7/2011/5081 – Dr Muller, Smithy Cottage, additional window

7/2011/5092 – Mr C Walmesley, Rock Lea, replacement of substandard building. . .

New applications

7/2011/5183 – Revised alterations to Howfell Cottage for Mr G Wilkinson.

7/2011/5266 – Mr N Fairbrass, Arndale Cottage, 2 storey extension.

8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

Income:	NSI interest (March)	£ 9.86
Expenditure approved:	Eon for electricity to 13 May	£ 84.64

Annual Audit: Return made on time. Notes re points on Audit from CALC.

9. **Parish Room:** Current and future use of the Parish Room was discussed without any firm conclusions. It was agreed to seek other opinions through the Two Valleys mag. **Action Clerk**
It was agreed that the outside window frames needed re-painting and the Clerk was asked to write to the Snooker Club suggesting that they share/carry out this work in lieu of part of the increased rent asked for by the PC. **Action: Clerk.**

Quarries:

Ulverston Road: Clerk had produced a draft agreement for a rolling annual tenancy at £25 pa. Currently awaiting a response from Mr & Mrs Blair.

Clerk had produced a standard agreement for tenants which he had offered to Mr Fereday (Winster Road Quarry) and would offer to the other tenants in due course.

Bowling Green Field; Despite the rejection of the application to FOLD, it was agreed that the PC should continue with plans for a Jubilee Wood in 2012. Clerk would make contact with the Woodland Trust over the scheme and J Holmes would raise the matter with the WDA to see if there was still interest in a community orchard. **Action: J Holmes, Clerk**

9 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC; None

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

Kendal Multi storey Car Park: J Bownass complained that SLDC had reduced the 'free time' on tickets from 30mins to only 10mins thus making it impossible for people to pick up prescriptions from doctors or chemists without incurring parking fees (min £1.20) to add to the cost of the prescriptions. Clerk was asked to write to SLDC asking them to reconsider. **Action: Clerk**

Date of next Monthly Meeting: Thursday 7th July 2011 at 7.30pm, at the Parish Room.

GP 25/05/11