

Draft Minutes of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council meeting held on the 2nd February 2016.

Present: Mary Harkness (Chair), Bruce Worsley, Chris Smith, Matthew Dobson, Jim Bownass, Paula Cross, Judy Goodland

In attendance: Cllr John Holmes, Cllr Jim Bland, Joanne Taylor (clerk)

1 Apologies for Absence

All present

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 1st Dec 2015 were approved as a true and accurate record.

3 Requests for Dispensations

None

4 Declarations of Interest

Paula Cross declared an interest in agenda item 19.

5 Chairman's Announcements

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Congratulations go to Matthew Dobson who has been invited to meet with the Queen for his service to the church as church warden for 50 years

There have been lots of positive comments from residents for the letter in the gazette regarding the A590 and flooding.

The Chairman requested to the clerk that she writes to KT Travel and asks for drivers of coaches not to use Moss Side Lane

6 Open Session

None

7 County Councillor's Report

There have been lots of problems on the roads due to the standing water from the floods, issues have been reported. They are hoping that Foulshaw Lane will be patched this week. 3/2/16

8 District Councillor's Report

£500.00 government grant available for any home flooded. Administered by SLDC Grants up to £500.00 available from Cumbria Community Foundation for immediate needs.

Government grants of up to £5000.00 to help with flood resilience measures.

Business and homes.

Council tax relief for up to 12 months for homes that have been rendered empty or partially so.

Victoria Bridge – will hopefully reopen this week, but the repairs are only a temporary measure.

SLDC are still looking for temporary accommodation for those made homeless by flooding

9 Clerk's Report

The parish council received the Dec15/Jan16 report

10 PCSO report

No report received.

The PC called for the need of a roundabout again on the A590, too many accidents are happening. **Clerk to write to Jonathon Read – Highways England**

11 Planning
11.1 New Applications

7/2016/5019 Machine and tool store building – Notice of intention
7/2016/5016 Haycote Cottage – Crosthwaite – No comments
7/2016/5048 Agricultural building – Notice of Intention

11.2 Planning application decisions of LDNPA

7/2015/5640 Damson Dene Hotel – Granted
7/2015/5619 Lyth Valley Hotel – Granted
7/2015/5453 Pool Bank North – Granted
7/2015/5506 Brow Cottage, Crosthwaite – Granted
7/2015/5276 Land at Totterbank Fields – Granted
7/2015/5479 West View, Crosthwaite - Granted

12 Finance

12.1 Income & Expenditure 2015/16

The Parish Council approved the following expenditure
PC acknowledged and approved Clerks yearly increment to LC1 SCP 18,
£9.207 per hour. Clerk is having her annual appraisal this month with the chairman
Chair to approve Declaration of compliance for Pensions enrolment at appraisal.

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
Clerks Wages – Dec 15 hrs	139.88	
N power electricity	19.30	
memorial Hall 2015 APM AGM	16.50	
Clerks wages –Jan 16	174.99	
MJ Knipe	150.00	
Expense claim	47.81	
SLCC membership	77.00	

12.2 Vat Reclaim Jan 15- Dec 15

Clerk has claimed £125.29 for the Parish Council

13 LAP Meeting Update

No meeting held.

14 Parish Council Surgery

Nothing to report

15 External Audit for smaller councils

No decision made, waiting for further information. To be brought back to another meeting later in the year when more information available.

16 SID repair

Crook PC are asking if our parish will contribute £25.00 towards their excess of £100.00 for repairing the device damaged by a lorry. PC agreed.

17 Land for sale at Tarnside

One piece of land is near to completion, the other is a bit slower and no definite date can be fixed.

18 Parking at the bottom of Totterbank

Mary and Jim to advise on discussions. Both Jim and Mary have been but have seen nobody yet to discuss the situation with.

- 19 Cllr Cross left the meeting**
Rental of High Heads Quarry
 The PC approved the rental of High Heads Quarry to be changed to Edward Sharp.
Clerk to organise new documents. The PC agreed to write to Mr & Mrs Bill Sharp to offer condolences on the death of their dear son Robert who has been such a good custodian of High Heads for so many years.
- Cllr Cross rejoined the meeting**
- 20 Annual Parish Meeting 7th June in The Memorial Hall**
 Letter to be sent to the bowling club, The Art Club, The Landowners of Crosthwaite and Lyth in addition to the other organisations already noted.
 PC to ask if Peter Windsor would speak about the men who served in the 1st World War – **Clerk to write to Peter.**
- 21 Correspondence received**
 Notification of roadworks & closures affecting A590 – Already on website
 Feedback from open meetings regarding floods – Thank you for making residents aware of the meetings available. If anybody has questions then please contact Ruth Forrester at ruth.forrester@environment-agency.gov.uk
 C5048 – Broken gully – damage to road and access to school hazardous. – PC to action. Cllr Holmes informed us that the CC had seen the gully and accepted something needs to be done and it will be organised
 Grit update for Parish- Noted by PC
 Crosthwaite & Lyth Housing Needs Survey – The PC asks if all the residents can complete the form even if they are not looking for a home and return it to SLDC promptly to enable the parish to get a thorough report
 Woodland Plan – Pool Bank – The PC noted that the Woodland plan did not say anything about the locally renowned bluebell woods and their preservation. **The clerk to write to Longbow Forestry and The Forestry Commission regarding this issue.**
- 22 Communications from this meeting**
The council to agree topics to be communicated via: website Westmorland Gazette and Parish Magazine.
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- 23 Parish Council Meetings**
 The date of the next parish is Tues1st March 2016
- Meeting ended 8.45pm
 Clerk Joanne Taylor

