

Minutes of the Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council meeting held in the Parish room on 1st March 2016.

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

Absent : Cllr Jim Bland

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

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Jim Bland absent. Judy Goodland and Jim Bownass expressed their apologies in advance for missing the April 2016 meeting.

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 2nd Feb 16 were approved as a true and accurate record.

3 Requests for Dispensations

None

4 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mary Harkness declared an interest in planning 11.1

5 Chairman's Announcements

The Landowners of Crosthwaite and Lyth are going to light a Beacon on Whitbarrow Scar on the Queens birthday 21st April – Please note that it is viewing from afar only – please watch it from gardens and homes.

Clean for the Queen – The PC are going to organise a litter pick week commencing 11th April, please contact Mary Harkness if you wish to help.

PC elections are coming up early May – If you wish to volunteer to be a parish councillor then please contact the Clerk for a nomination pack.

A Thank you in advance for Gordon Pitt who will be clerk for Aprils meeting whilst Joanne is away.

Condolences to Alistair Much on Pennys death, she made a great contribution to the village.

6 Open Session

Mary Harkness explained that if this newly submitted application is approved then the side extension already approved will not be built.

7 County Councillor's Report

None Received

8 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Holmes encouraged the parish councillors to make sure that all homes affected by the floods had registered with the SLDC and claimed their £500.00

The Government Flood Resilience Claims are now open until March 2017. Multi claims (max up to £5000.00 can be made for each property) Households and businesses can make claims and also joint claims can be made. Eg for a boundary wall to keep flood water out.

Highways are asking for the PC to advise whereabouts of gullies and drains that are blocked as they now intend to set up a process for maintaining them.

Property Tax – The County, Police and SLDC are increasing their rates this year. The additional cost to a Band D property would be approx. £5.00. There was some indication that a “cap” will be applied to Parish and Town Councils precepts.

9 Clerk’s Report

The parish council to receive the Feb 16 report and there were no questions

10 PCSO report

There have been no crimes reported in the parish, however please keep a look out for any suspicious activity and call 101. They have had a report of a deer’s leg being found in a local field.

11 Planning

11.1 New Applications

7/2015/5768 Hubbersty Head – Extension to the side of Hubbersty Head House- Approved

Mary Harkness left the building

7/2016/5086 West View, Crosthwaite – proposed single storey extension - Approved

Mary Harkness returned to chair the meeting

11.2 Planning application decisions of LDNPA

None Received

12 Finance

Income & Expenditure 2015/16

The Parish Council approved the following expenditure.

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
Clerks Wages – Feb	184.14	

13 LAP Meeting Update

Meeting to be held this week, Jim advised the PC on the agenda items and said he/Cllr Holmes would update at the next meeting.

14 Parish Council Surgery

Nothing to report. Mary Harkness to attend Marchs meeting

15 Pot Hole at bottom of Totterbank

Pot hole now filled in. PC brought up that there was a large one at Burplethwaite

Mill, Bowland Bridge and one at the Winster Boundary coming off Hubbersty Head that also needed work. Clerk to advise Cllr Bland

16 Parking for sheep dog business on Totterbank

Jim has discussed parking with the owners and requested parking to be at one side which they have done but the PC believe there needs to be more parking made available within their grounds. Jim and Mary to go back and discuss – they will report back at the next meeting

17 Motorbike scramblers 6th Mar notification

Mary informed the PC that the scramblers had contacted her regarding the upcoming event and that parking would be at Lamb Howe as there had been difficulties in the past.

18 Reinstatement of Side warning markers by A5074 ditches

The side warning markers have been flattened and there were concerns for people not from the area driving and not being aware of the ditches. Clerk to contact Cllr Bland to action

19 Correspondence received

None

20 Communications from this meeting

The council to agree topics to be communicated via: website , parish news, Westmorland Gazette

21st April Landowners to light beacon for the Queens birthday – to be viewed from afar.

Volunteers for parish councillors in the May elections – Contact Joanne Taylor, Clerk on crosthwaiteandlyth.pc@hotmail.co.uk for a nomination pack

Cleaning for the Queen – Village Litter Pick commencing week of 11th April – please contact Mary Harkness if you wish to offer your help.

21 Parish Council Meetings

The date of the next parish is Tues 5th April 2016 Meeting finished at 8.20pm

Joanne Taylor Clerk