

**Minutes of the Annual General Council Meeting of
Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held In the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 5th May 2015**

Present: Mary Harkness(Chair), Bruce Worsley, Chris Smith, Paula Cross, Jim Bownass, Matthew Dobson, Judy Goodland, electors of the Parish, Belinda Randall

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

1 Election of Chairman for 2015/2016 and to receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Mary Harkness was proposed for Chairman and seconded.

2 To elect a Vice Chairman for 2015/2016

Bruce Worsley was proposed and seconded.

3 Apologies for Absence

None

4 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Council meeting on 6th May 2014 were approved as a true and accurate record.

The minutes of the meeting on 7 April 2015 were approved a true and accurate record.

5 Requests for Dispensations - Declarations of Interest

None

6 Review of Membership of Other Bodies

- CALC - Renewal approved for year at £177.00
- Society of Local Council Clerks – renewal approved for year

7 Review of Contracts

- Grass Cutting – Renewal approved- to add strimming of the paths of Jubilee wood

8 Review of Fixed Assets

Same as previous year- Quarries that are rented, Parish Room

9 Review & Confirmation of Insurance Cover

Parish Council approved the 3 year long term agreement

10 To appoint representatives to outside bodies and working groups

- South Westmorland Local Area Partnership – Jim Bownass to continue to represent Parish Council
- Highways – Jim Bownass to continue to represent Parish Council
- Gritting – Paula Cross to continue to represent Parish Council

11 Chairman's Announcements
None

12 Open Session

Parish Council received a letter from Belinda Randall regarding the objections being made to planning application at Hardriggs Barn, the PC confirmed they had read the information given.

13 County Councillor's report

Wanted to remind everybody that there is a Community Bus Service every Wednesday stopping at Crosthwaite to go to Bowness or Kendal, which is struggling to get people using it. It can only be maintained when it is being adequately used, so please support it or when you need it, it won't be there. You have to apply to go on the bus but you can get the forms on the bus and take an initial journey.

14 District Councillor's report

Reinforced Cllr Blands report, to use the bus service and if anybody would like to drive the bus then please get in touch. It will start to be questionable if viable if not used.

15 Clerks report

The Parish council received the clerks April 15 report and thanked the clerk for starting the Community Parish Plan for 2015

16 PCSO report

The Chairman read the annual report from the local police.(report on website)

17 Planning

17.1 New Applications

7/2015/5225 Hardriggs Barn, Crosthwaite- Conv.of redundant building to dwelling with associated sewage disposal plant and car parking

The Parish Council consider that the information provided in the application is not sufficiently accurate or detailed to enable a decision to be reached about approval or refusal for the change of use of Hardriggs Barn. For example in answer to the question 24 asking if the development is visible from a road or public footpath the applicant has answered "No".

The development is right by a public road and can clearly be seen from a public footpath. Also Qu 13 is answered inaccurately. The barn is used by bats and owls, and there are currently swallows nesting.

The Parish Council would also like to see the exact siting of the treatment plant and the discharge details on the applicant's plans.

In principle the Parish Council supports local occupancy homes but the applicant has not specified that this use is their wish.

It was also advised by members of the public that there was no LDNPA notice pinned to the site as there normally is.

17.2 Planning application decisions of LDNPA

Beck Cottage, Crosthwaite – Lodged an appeal to secretary of State

18 Finance

18.1 Income & Expenditure 2015/16

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
Clerks April Wages ½ annual hardware payment	256.00	
PAYE	20.60	

19 LAP Meeting Update

No meeting held, next one in June.

20 Parish Council Surgery

Matthew Dobson to attend the May Surgery

21 Correspondence received

None

22 Communications from this meeting

Thank you for all attendance at the Annual Parish meeting, Mr Robert Sykes on his talk of the 200yrs of The Landowners of Crosthwaite and Lyth, the organisations within the Parish
Reminder of the Bus service every Wednesday to Bowness and Kendal
New Parish Community Plan Questionnaire is underway.

23 Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next parish council meeting is Tues 2nd June in the Parish room.

Finish time of this meeting 9.20pm

Joanne Taylor, Clerk of the parish Council Date: 11th May