

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 1st September 2011

PRESENT: Messrs M L Dobson (Chair), C Smith, M Casson, M.J Dobson, J Bownass
Two members of the public.

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

1. APOLOGIES:, Mr D.T Dobson, Ms M Harkness.

2. MINUTES of the meeting held on 4th August 2011 (already circulated) were approved.

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

re: Lyth Valley Land Drainage Group:

J Bland reported progress which was slow. LWDG had provided all the information required by ADA who were still in discussion with EA on guidelines for the formation of an IDB in the area as a model for a new generation of IDBs. It appeared that these guidelines would not now be available until end October. Until they were available it was not possible to produce outline proposals for the local IDB or how it was to be implemented. At that stage full public consultation would be carried out by SLDC (not the LDWG). Failure to gain public support would mean that the scheme could not be implemented.

John Holmes tabled a copy of an article 'Drainage Matters', published in the current Two Valleys magazine, written by Mary Harkness and appearing to be on behalf of the PC. He asked if the article had, in fact, been written on behalf of the PC. He was particularly concerned as he considered a number of the statements made in the article to be inaccurate. It was confirmed that the PC had not authorised the article and the Clerk was asked to contact Marty Harkness to arrange a disclaimer. (NB Mary subsequently confirmed that she had signed the article in her own name and that the editor had incorrectly attributed it to the PC). The particular statements made in the article were not discussed per se as they were largely covered by previous reports and PC minutes.

A paper was tabled from John Sceal who had attended the previous meeting. He was particularly concerned with the economic case for the proposals, given that the EA had already decided it could not afford to run the current system. This reiterated the main concerns of many locals who are also particularly worried over proposed charges through the council tax precept system

There is a general concern in the community over the apparent lack of information and /or the presence of some misinformation. This does emphasise the need for the PC to make a clear statement as to its position on the issues raised by the LWDG's proposals as part of clearing the air. No doubt LWDG will make its own statements on the matter..

re: 3a Winter Gritting of Minor Roads .

John Holmes reported that that the LAP had allocated the funding in full.

First meeting of the management company/organisation would be on 19th September. Each Parish would have one representative – Martin Casson had been appointed on behalf of C&L PC.

John Holmes was congratulated and thanked for all his efforts.

4. PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS

4.1 Housing:

4.2 Community Events: Crosthwaite Show.6th August was reasonably successful.

4.3 Employment and Business: No new matters reported.

4.4 Roads and Traffic:

Fresh response from Highways Authority re A590/A5074 junction - still awaiting report on A590 security.

A briefing had been received from CCC re the local (Area 21) Highways team and timetable of visits. The team is due in the week of 19th September. The team leader had not been contacted directly, so work will have to be listed. Matthew Dobson agreed to be primary contact and CC Smith's name will be appended for contact on drains. Any last minute tasks to be forwarded to the Clerk **Action: CCS, Clerk**

It was reported that the bus on the 541 route could not be replaced with a larger model for financial reasons (c£30 extra per journey)

4.5 Community Web site;

The webmaster (John Sceal) had asked for advice on the insertion of an article 'It's a bogs life' relating to bunding on Foulshaw and Meathop Moasses.. The article could be considered contentious but the PC felt that it should be posted on the web site as it was in the public domain anyway.

Broadband: John Holmes reported that no contractor had yet been appointed, although BT had applied. Regional BB Board had not yet met (J Sceal as PC rep)

4.6 First Responders.

Few callouts. Funding for additional units still required (see Finances)

4.7 **Crime & Disorder:** July newsletter had been received and was to be circulated. (nil return).;

5. GOVERNANCE

5.1 **South Westmorland LAP:** Next meeting Wed October 19th

6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 **CCC – Adult Day Services Consultation:** Comments invited by 23rd September. Circulated..

6.2 **CALC – Changes to Business Rates Briefing** Noted

6.3 **CALC – Managing radioactive waste:** Invitation to meetings and conference noted

6.4 **SLCC - District Association meeting:** Thursday 15th Sept Brettagh Holt. Noted (Clerk away)

6.5 **CALC/CCC – Changes to Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths** Circulated

6.6 **SLDC _ Changes to Bulky Household Waste Collection:** Oaklea Trust. Noted.

6.7 **LDNPA – Central & SE Distinctive Area Tour** 27th September MLD, MC, JBo interested

7. PLANNING MATTER

Permissions granted,

7/2011/5239; Crosthwaite CE School solar panels.

7/2011/5153; Howefell Cottage, extensions for Mr G Wilkinson

7/2011/5286; Arndale Cottage, extensions etc for Mr N Fairbrass.

New applications , no objections

7/2011/5420; The Old Vicaage; Alterations & Extensions for Drs Sloss.

7/2011/5315; Gilpin Bank Farm, conversion of ag buildings to domestic use

8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

Income:	NSI interest (June)	£ 9.85
Expenditure approved	J Sceal for website domain fees	£ 6.40
	First Responders grant	£300.00

PAYE registration done - .awaiting starter pack for 30th Sept –may be necessary to pay clerk quarterly

9. Property

Parish Room: Clerk had not yet responded to contact from Snooker Club.

Action: Clerk

Bowling Green Field: The clapper bridge was still closed (by LDNPA ranger service) pending arrival of suitable material.

NB Since the meeting we have been informed that a suitable slab of limestone is on order from Burlingtons and delivery is dependent on activity in the quarry.

9 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC; None

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

10.1 Michael Dobson gave notice of his resignation from the PC depending on the timing of his planned move to Scotland – possibly by the October meeting.

10.2 The Clerk gave notice of his intention to resign not later than his 80th birthday in June 2012

Date of next Monthly Meeting: Thursday 6th October 2011 at 7.30pm, at the Parish Room.

GP 18/09/11