

Minutes of the Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 1st Dec 2015

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

In attendance: Cllr John Holmes, Cllr Jim Bland, Joanne Taylor(Clerk) Mr Ian Tomlinson

1 Apologies for Absence

None

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 3rd November 15 were approved as a true and accurate record.

3 Requests for Dispensations

None Received.

4 Declarations of Interest

None Received

5 Chairman's Announcements

The Chair commented on the open meeting of Two Castles Housing, there had been quite a small turnout, possibly down to late advertising of event by Two Castles. She believed there still to be traffic/ drainage concerns with a footpath needed to be included into the plans which the PC would take into account when the plans are put in.

6 Open Session

Mr Tomlinson thanked the Pc for their accurate minutes from an earlier meeting regarding Two castles and his views.

He had attended the Two Castles open meeting last month and felt there were still issues to be answered :

Drainage, he is happy in principle but would like to know that it was safe and will be maintained and inspected.

Boundaries and their protection with adequate fencing, along with protection for children and pet.

Trees, he had started the process to get the trees around the area for building on to be protected as some were quite old. He also offered his assistance again in supporting a footpath to keep people safer whilst walking to school etc.

He asked the PC to take this all information into account when the plans were sent for approval to the council and the council to be satisfied that Two Castles had answered all these questions.

Mr Tomlinson also discussed the large timber wagons travelling through the village, Cllr Bland informed the PC that the route was an approved route.

7 County Councillor's Report

The Pc were advised that the council was trying to improve drainage around the Parish, the council have bought their own equipment and they will use their own staff, so drainage should improve.

If any residents are aware of any gullies that need digging out to improve drainage then please contact the clerk who will contact our Highways steward and advise. A detailed description of the place would be needed for Highways to locate the exact gully as it may be very overgrown and not noticeable.

8 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Holmes advised: The Draft Council Plan is now out.

The running of the Coronation Hall at Ulverston has been transferred to Ulverston Town Council

Mintworks (Office block at 124 Highgate) has been acquired by council which will provide offices for new start ups

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Improvements to Waterhead Lake frontage at Ambleside has been approved.
 The Locally Important Project Fund is now open and applications are invited up to Jan 29th 2016. **Clerk to apply for funding for creation of a path.**

Draft budget for 2016/17 has been approved and the SLDC element of the council tax is being held.
 There is different information in the public regarding Superfast broadband. If you wish to gain information when broadband is coming to your area please visit:
<http://www.connectingcumbria.org.uk/when-and-where>

9 Clerk's Report
 The parish council received and approved the Nov 15 report.

10 PCSO report
 None received. Cllr Jim Bland notified the PC that our communal SID indicator had been stolen from Witherslack Parish.

11 Planning
11.1 New Applications

None

11.2 Planning application decisions of LDNPA
 Agriculture buildings at Field at Bowland Bridge - Withdrawn

12 Finance
12.1 Income & Expenditure 2015/16

The Parish Council approved the following expenditure and approve the latest bank reconciliation statement.

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
Clerks Wages – Nov + tax refund	221.20	
N power electricity	78.88	

12.2 2016 Precept to be agreed.
 The PC agreed the precept of £4692.00 a 2% increase from 2015/16 after viewing the estimated budget for 2016/17, which means a 40p per household increase from 15/16.

13 LAP Meeting Update
 None

14 Parish Council Surgery
 Nothing to report, Paula to attend December, Bruce to attend January

15 Dates for Parish council meeting for 2016
 The PC agreed that there will be no Jan 16 and August meeting for 2016. They will continue to be held on the 1st Tuesday of every month.

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16 Date for Annual general meeting 2016, Appraisal for clerk.
Clerk to arrange suitable date with the Chair for appraisal.

Parish Council elections will be held on 5th May 2016.

AGM to be held in The Parish Room on 17th May 2016. /,l

The annual Parish meeting will be held on 7th June in The memorial Hall. **Clerk to book Memorial Hall.**

17 Land for sale at Tarnside

Purchase of land at Tarnside by Mr & Mrs Johnson, Pearson and Pearson have reported that this sale will be completed soon.

Sale of land at Tarnside to David Labee, Pearson and Pearson have reported that there is issues with the sale.

Clerk to contact Pearson and Pearson to ask for further details and requests up to date costs incurred to the PC regarding this sale.

Calc has confirmed that the monies do not have to be put in a charitable account.

18 Standing orders / financial regulations / health and safety

Parish Council to approve standing orders, financial regulations and health and safety for 2016 – All approved

19 Parking At the bottom of Totterbank

Parking is becoming an issue parking on both sides of the road at Totterbank. Mary and Jim to discuss with owner and find a resolution.

20 Correspondence received

None

21 Communications from this meeting

The council to agree topics to be communicated via:

Parish Elections May 2016

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The PC will be applying for funding for a potential footpath within Crosthwaite

Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year from all at the Parish Council.

22 Parish Council Meetings

The date of the next parish council will be held on 2nd February 2016. Decembers meeting concluded 9.05pm

Joanne Taylor 4th December 2015
