

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 2 February 2012

PRESENT: Messrs M L Dobson (Chair), C Smith, M Casson, J Bownass, D T Dobson, M J Dobson, Ms M Harkness.

In Attendance: Cllr J Holmes (SLDC), Cllr J Bland (CCC), Mr G Pitt (Retired Clerk), Ms K S Kearney (Parish Clerk), PCSO J Bullock.

1 APOLOGIES None

2 MINUTES of the meeting held on 5 January 2012 (already circulated) were approved subject to inserting 'the owner of the land.' at the end of section 4.

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

3.1 Parish Clerk

Kim Kearney has been appointed as Parish Clerk from 1 February 2012.

The Parish Council thanked Gordon Pitt for his good service to the parish during the eight years he that served as clerk

3.2 South Cumbria Water Level Management Group (SCWLMG)

Awaiting further developments.

4 PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS

4.1 Housing

It was reported that a scheme was under consideration by Russell Armer and a Housing Association for building mixed affordable and local housing on the site adjacent to St Mary's Green. Any proposal will be brought to the Parish Council.

4.2 Roads and Traffic:

Highways Authority re A590/A5074 junction safety.

Jonathan Reade of the Highways Authority will be meeting with Parish Council representatives at the Gilpin Bridge Inn on 13 February at 10.30. Chris Smith, Matthew Dobson, Jim Bownass and Martin Casson will represent Crosthwaite & Lyth. Gordon Pitt will also attend. The Clerk to contact Anne Kerr (Clerk Witherslack & Meathop and Levens) to find out who is attending from other parishes

Action: Clerk

Winter Gritting

It was unclear where the gritting machine is being stored.

Action: Clerk

The Clerk is awaiting a reply from the insurers regarding cover whilst the machine is being used by volunteers.

No grit has been delivered by CCC to any parishes. Jim Bland explained that CCC had decided to only release the grit with 2-3 days of snowfall. CALC are being used by other parishes to press CCC to release the grit and the Clerk was asked to raise it with CALC.

Action: Clerk

Daniel Dobson commented on the state of the Broad Oak road between Camel Cross and the Lime Kiln as poor drainage was leaving surface water which created sheets of ice in freezing conditions and contributed to break up of the surface. K Masser to be informed.

Action: Clerk

Safe Routes to School

No progress to report

Barrier at Crosthwaite School

The Head Teacher has asked for a metal barrier to be installed in front of the school gate. John Holmes is progressing and has an estimate £700-£800 to make it. It is currently unclear who can do the installation as John Holmes will need to clarify whether the barrier will be on the highway or school land. The Parish Council was asked whether they would give a grant towards the barrier. Other organisations are also being asked. The Landowners have separately agreed to donate £400 towards a better gate. It was agreed that the Parish Council should revisit this next month.

Action: John Holmes

4.3 Community Website/Broadband

John Sceal (Webmaster & Broadband Champion) had nothing to report regarding the website. At the SWLAP meeting he agreed that Crosthwaite & Lyth (along with Hincaster parish) would undertake a pilot survey into Broadband speeds across the parish. The WI and the Exchange have agreed to distribute questionnaires which will also be on the website. John Sceal expects to have about 50 responses and will report back in a couple of months.

Action: John Sceal

4.4 First Responders.

J Holmes reported that there are now 15 static and roving kits available for the 29 First Responders. There had been a few call-outs this month. John Holmes expressed his thanks to the First Responders.

4.5 Crime & Disorder:

PCSO Bullock reported that there had been no crime that month in Crosthwaite & Lyth and the surrounding areas.

Non-emergency telephone numbers: PCSO Bullock agreed to submit an article to the Two Valleys Parish News in order to promote the new non-emergency number **101** to be used for contacting the police. Jim Bland mentioned the telephone number 111 which will be used for non-emergency NHS contact such as out-of-hours GP service. PCSO Bullock agreed to investigate whether this can also be mentioned in the article.

Action: PCSO Bullock

5 GOVERNANCE

5.1 South Westmorland LAP

Next meeting 29 March 2012.

5.2 Update on The Localism Act 2011

Briefing paper to be circulated.

Action: Clerk

5.3 SLDC – Role of Standards Committee re Parish Councils under Localism Act

Standards Committee papers to be circulated for information.

Action: Clerk

6 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons Progress Report

Martin Casson said that The Landowners were OK with the beacon being on the Township Allotment, but Natural England may have concerns. It was agreed that Daniel Dobson, Martin Casson and Matthew Dobson should jointly look at the proposed site.

Daniel Dobson agreed to complete and send the form to register our beacon and to submit an article for the Two Valleys Parish News by 12 February.

Action: Daniel Dobson

6.2 CCC Consultation on Household Waste Recycling

The main implications are the closure of Grange HWRC and changed opening hours for the remaining HWRCs. The consultation document to be circulated for awareness.

Action: Clerk

6.3 Natural England – Lakes to Dales Final Stage

The letter from Natural England to be circulated for awareness.

Action: Clerk

6.4 CALC/NALC Legal Note on May Elections.

Formal papers and notices will be sent out shortly. The Legal Topic Note from NALC will be circulated for awareness. The Clerk to put a note in the March and April Two Valleys Parish News encouraging people to consider standing as a parish councillor.

Action: Clerk

6.5 CCC Bus Stop Infrastructure Information Request

Questionnaire on bus stops in parish has been received.

Action: Clerk

7 PLANNING MATTER

7.1 Permissions granted

7/2011/5552 – Dwelling House at Old School House (outline planning permission)

7/2011/5537 – Solar panels at Redwood House

7/2011/5480 – Orangery extension at Low Yews

7.2 New applications - no objections

7/2011/5703 – Amendment to orangery extension at Low Yews (ref 7/2011/5480)

7/20121/5001 – Internal alterations at Low Cartmell Fold. Concern regarding whether septic tank has capacity to cope with additions bathrooms & toilets. Clerk to advise LDNPA accordingly.

Action: Clerk

7.3 Other Planning Matters

7/2011/5606 Land at Cartmel Fell

This retrospective application in Cartmel Fell parish has been refused but may go to appeal. John Holmes has offered to appear before the planning inspector to object, if necessary.

Drainage Problems at Broad Thwaites

It seems that during the installation of a Ground Source Heat Pump, an existing land drain pipe was damaged. The contractor is aware of this and intends repairing it weather permitting. The Building Inspector is confident that this will resolve the water seepage problem. John Holmes will continue to progress this matter. The elector thanked John Holmes for taking this up on her behalf.

Retrospective Planning Applications

Concerns were raised by the parish council regarding the number of retrospective planning applications being received. Mary Harkness offered to write to LDNPA expressing these concerns.

Action: Mary Harkness

8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

Income:	Snooker Club rental 2011	£213.00
	Donations from Charities	£303.00
Expenditure approved	G Pitt: OOP Expenses	£ 95.12
	SLCC subscription for clerk	£ 61.00
	Eon electricity	£ 53.16

This account is £783.75 in credit. The parish council agreed to let this carry forward.

Requests for Donations:

North West Air Ambulance

Citizens Advice South Lakeland

Great North Air Ambulance

It was agreed to re-visit these requests at March meeting.

Budgets/Precept 2012/13

To be updated for next meeting.

Action: Clerk

Charities – latest valuations:

Name	Previous value	31/12/2011 value
Tarnside Quarry	£17,367.80	£18,417.76
High Birks Quarry	£1,268.20	£1,171.29
Woodside Lane Quarry	£758.84	£700.86
Savin Hill Quarry	£3,611.74	£3,335.74

9 PROPERTY

Bowling Green Field

Doug Blair reported that the tree planting day would be 17 March (or 24 March if wet on 17 March) from 1030 until 1500. Ruth Dalton (RBST) has asked to graze two ponies in the field before planting. She has viewed the site and the fencing is adequate. The parish council agreed she should put the ponies on the field as soon as possible. Matthew Dobson has put up the new gate. LDNP has replaced the wall up to the gate and may re-instate the paths with matting and rubble. It appears that there was a fulling mill in the field at some point and the County Archaeologist will be undertaking a survey before planting. Doug will be putting details of the planting day in the Two Valleys Parish News.

10 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None raised

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

11.1 Litter

Martin Casson commented on the amount of litter around the parish and suggested organising a boon day to pick it up. He asked John Holmes whether SLDC would provide grabbers, high-vis jackets and bags.

Action: Martin Casson & John Holmes

11.2 Parish Notice Boards

Gordon Pitt has another notice board and asked the parish council where they would like it sited. They agreed there should be one at Bowland Bridge. Gordon Pitt to speak to John Wood about it.

Action: Gordon Pitt

11.3 Litter

The parish council confirmed that they were happy for the Clerk to circulate the minutes by email.

Date of next Monthly Meeting: Thursday 8 March 2012 at 7.30pm,at the Parish Room.

Kim Kearney
2 February 2012