

# Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 2 August 2012

**Present:** Mary Harkness(Chairman), Matthew Dobson, Martin Casson, Bruce Worsley, Paula Cross, Jim Bownass, Chris Smith.

**In Attendance:** Cllr Jim Bland (CCC), Cllr John Holmes (SLDC), Kim Kearney(Clerk), PCSO Bullock (item 10).

- |           |  | <b>Action</b>            |
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| <b>1</b>  | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b><br>None .   |                          |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b><br>Bruce Worsley and Paula Cross declared an interest in agenda item 15.   |                          |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 JULY 2012</b><br>These were approved.  |                          |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b><br>The Chairman read out a letter from Crosthwaite & Lyth WI in support of the 541 bus service.  |                          |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>OPEN SESSION</b><br>There were no items raised by members of the public.  |                          |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT</b><br>Nothing to report.  |                          |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT</b><br>John Holmes raised the Clean Streets Consultation which is just as relevant for local parishes and encouraged everyone to take part.<br><br>SLDC are undertaking trials to increase car parking demand by reducing tariffs across selected car parks.<br><br>He also described how easy it is to register an interest in the electricity scheme, Power Up Your Community. Registrations are open until 17 September. The bonus that will eventually be paid to SLDC will be used to help those in fuel poverty. |                          |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>PARISH CLERK'S REPORT</b><br>The parish council agreed that the setting up of a direct debit for PAYE to HMRC should wait until new legislation is passed later this year.<br><br>Paula Cross agreed to take the redundant PC & printer to a shop to see if there was any value in selling it.  | Clerk<br><br>Paula Cross |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>CLEAN STREETS CONSULTATION</b><br>Bruce Worsley has completed the consultation based on local feedback. He urged others to do the same.   | Members                  |
| <b>10</b> | <b>CRIME &amp; DISORDER</b><br>PCSO Bullock report that there had been no crime reported in Crosthwaite in the last two months. In Lyth, tools had been stolen from an unsecured outbuilding. Locally, power tools and a cycle have been stolen in Witherslack and in Levens there have been two burglaries. In South Lakeland there have been many cycle  |                          |

thefts.

Bruce Worsley asked why not all incidents are reported via Neighbourhood Watch. PCSO Bullock thought it was that police officers aren't trained to use the system unless it is explicitly on an action plan (unlike PCSOs). However, she agreed to report this back.

They plan to visit the Exchange next week.

## **11 PLANNING**

### **11.1 Notification of Grant of Planning Permission**

7/2012/5230 - New house at Damson Yeat

7/2012/5184 – Forestry building at Mireside

7/2012/5127 – Extension at Moss Side Farm

7/2012/5025 – Storage area into bedroom at Mearsons Farm

7/2012/5124 - Live/work unit at Broad Oak Barn

These were noted by the parish council.

## **12 PARISH ROOM**

This building is under-utilised by the community and the value tied up in it might be better used. The Memorial Hall would make a more suitable location for parish council meetings. In addition, the building requires further maintenance. There are several options for the building and a wider consultation with the parish may be the next step. However, since the Snooker Club is the main user of the room, Mary Harkness will speak to them first about their appetite for taking over the running costs of the building (including insurance, electricity and internal maintenance).

Mary  
Harkness

John Holmes (as church warden at St Mary's) said that he believed some of the land on which the building stands belongs to the church. Clerk to investigate.

Clerk

## **13 SURGERIES**

Paula Cross has agreed with the Exchange that the parish council surgeries will be held at 2.30 on the second Wednesday of each month. She has prepared a rota and will email it to everyone to comment back by Sunday night.

Paula  
Cross

## **14 BENCH IN JUBILEE WOOD**

No update. Mary Harkness will ask for this to be on the agenda when she and Douglas Blair are ready to ask the parish council for a decision.

## **15 REVIEW OF QUARRY RENTS & LEASES**

Paula Cross and Bruce Worsley left the room. The parish council referred to the schedule of quarries and rents. Many of the rents have not been reviewed for many years. Each piece of land was classed as Rough Grazing, Good Grazing or Woodland and a benchmark of £100/ha for Good Grazing, £75/ha for Rough Grazing and £50/ha Woodland was set. The clerk to review existing rents against this benchmark and report back to the next meeting.

Clerk

The parish council does not have a copy of the original lease agreements for many of the quarries. The clerk was asked to see if SLDC still had the original agreements.

Clerk

Leases need to be drawn up for some newer lets. The clerk was asked to see if CALC had sample leases that could be used as templates..

Clerk

Paula Cross & Bruce Worsley returned for the start of the next item.

## 16 FINANCE

### 16.1 Income & Expenditure 2012/13

The following accounts were authorised:

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
Draper – electrical testing & new Fire extinguisher	348.72	58.12
Web Hosting fees	60	10
COIF Div 513560001T		31.02
COIF Div 513560002T		6.52
BSA Interest 3 months		0.04
COIF Div 539490001T		10.89
COIF Div 934430001B		248.35
NSIB Dividend		9.83
Contribution to Bus 541	200	

### 17 GRITTING ROADS IN RURAL AREAS

Martin Casson to respond on behalf of the parish council to this consultation.

Martin  
Casson

### 18 HIGHWAYS

The only new issue for the next meeting with the Highways Agency is the cattle grid at Stakes Moss. Jim Bownass and Martin Casson will attend for the parish at Gilpin Bridge on 10 August.

Martin  
Casson  
Jim  
Bownass

### 19 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The parish council noted the following correspondence:

- Richard Benyon re Lyth Valley Drainage
- Great North Air Ambulance thanking for donation
- CAB thanking for donation
- SLDC Draft Tenancy Strategy

### 20 COMMUNICATIONS

The clerk was asked to communicate the following:

- Clean Streets Initiative
- Surgeries at the Exchange

Clerk

### 21 MEETING DATES

#### 21.1 2013 Meetings

These will continue to be on the first Thursday of each month. There will be no meeting in January.

Clerk

#### 21.1 Date of Next Meeting

6 September 2012 at 1930 in parish room.

Kim Kearney  
9 August 2012