

Minutes of the Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 3rd November 2015.

Present: Mary Harkness (Chair) Bruce Worsley, Paula Cross, Judy Goodland

Absent: Jim Bownass, Matthew Dobson, Chris Smith

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

1 Apologies for Absence

Jim Bownass, Chris Smith & Matthew Dobson have sent their apologies in advance

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 6th Oct 15 were approved as a true and accurate record.

3 Requests for Dispensations

None

4 Declarations of Interest

None

5 Chairman's Announcements

The Chair noted the drop in session for the Two Castles Affordable homes development.

Sincere condolences to Bruce on Olives death and remembered her contribution to the village. Bruce was thanked for coming to the meeting.

Get well soon to Matthew Dobson who has now returned home after a recent knee operation.

6 Open Session

None

7 County Councillor's Report

The budget is still out for consultation.

8 District Councillor's Report

Proposed Boundary changes out for consultation – Suggestion is for a vote every year in parishes. **The clerk to write letter in support of keeping the old system of voting. The PC believe it will incur extra costs to the residents- voting every year, it will be confusing and we will lose any familiarity of our District Councillor. Councillors to complete consultation form individually disagreeing to the proposals.**

Revised bin collections are causing chaos in certain areas.

Broadband in village – It could be 18months before it is available in the Parish

Refugees – Accommodation for 25 families of refugees will be found from volunteers and private rented properties

Housing – Government is proposing to “take back into public ownership the HA's. The effect is likely to considerably reduce the future provision of Socially Rented Homes.

9 Clerk's Report

The parish council received and approved the Oct15 report.

10 PCSO report

There have been no crimes in Crosthwaite since the last meeting. However in other areas both secure and insecure outbuildings are being targeted with high value tools and machinery being taken. Please be vigilant and call 101 if you see anything suspicious.

11 Planning

11.1 New Applications

7/2015/5640- Damson Dene Hotel – Amend condition 2 on approval 7/2015/5341 to allow for minor resiting- Approved

7/2015/5619-Lyth Valley Hotel – Resubmission of permission 7/2015/5349 - Approved

11.2 Planning application decisions of LDNPA

None

12 Finance

12.1 Income & Expenditure 2015/16

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

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
Clerks Wages - Sept	176.00	
PAYE	0.60	
Drapers H&S fire extinguisher	25.80	

13 LAP Meeting Update

Minutes of last LAP meeting circulated as Jim absent.

14 Parish Council Surgery

Nothing to report. Judy Goodland to attend Novembers meeting and circulate the Two Castles Housing drop in. Paula Cross to attend Decembers surgery.

15 Land Registry-Unilateral notice to owners

Response from CALC –“Parishes received a lot of these notices in 2013 as there was a change in legislation saying that landowners would lose certain rights to their land if they didn’t register them by October 2013. This apparently doesn’t apply to mines and mineral rights which is why you have received yours now.” There is more information online about this, please see the link below. Essentially, the Lowther estate is formally asserting its ownership of the mines and minerals rights on its land. The advice available is that it doesn’t affect the future sale of properties and it does not affect the value of properties.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/historical-rights-that-could-affect-your-property/historical-rights>”

16 Land for sale at Tarnside

Sale of land going through. Clerk confirmed right of way for Mr Walling of Strickland Tenement to all concerned. **Clerk to contact Pearson and Pearson for update on progress.**

17 Crosthwaite Community Led Plan

Clerk to look at any grants available for printing the plan. To be put back on Januarys agenda.

18 Correspondence received

Thank you letter from Lyth Valley Community First responders
Highways- A5074 onto Tarnside from A5074 – Recomendng ‘SLOW’ markings on both side of roads.
Thank you from Naomi Howard on answering her questions on 2nd homes in our area.

19 Communications from this meeting

The council to agree topics to be communicated via: website/twovalleys news/Westmorland Gazette.

The PC remembered Olive Worsley and her contribution to the village
Proposed Boundary Changes – Costs and complexity of the scheme

20 Parish Council Meetings

The date of the next parish council meeting is 1st December 2015 in the Parish room. Meeting finished 8.30pm Joanne Taylor 5th Nov 15

