

# ***Minutes of the meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on the 4th Mar 2014***

## ***Minutes***

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

**In attendance:** Cllr John Holmes (SLDC) Cllr Jim Bland (CCC), Joanne Taylor (Clerk), Mr Charlie Johnson, Mrs Tracey Johnson

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Jim Bowness sends his apologies for being absent and PC Noted this.

### **2 Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes approved and signed for February meeting.

### **Matters arising**

Martin Casson informed the PC that he had attended a Highways Agency meeting and informed the PC that approval had been made for an automated traffic signal for the Foulshaw Junction – westbound junction, along with minor signing for safety.

Highways Agency have put a holding notice on the planning for proposed access for Brettagh Holt. This will be on the April planning committee.

### **3 Requests for Dispensations**

None

### **4 Declarations of Interest**

Chris Smith declared an interest in planning application 11.1 7-2015/5059 The Howe barns

### **5 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman updated the PC on her current knowledge of the registration of manorial rights, an issue which is causing some resident landowners concern.

### **6 Open Session**

Mr Charlie and Mrs Tracey Johnson showed the PC on a plan the land next to their home at Tarnside Quarry that they wish to lease or buy from the PC. He informed the PC that the trees on the area had been condemned, some of them had come down already and would cost £600.00 to cut down. They were concerned if a tree should fall and hit their property. They informed the PC that if this land is sold or leased then they would leave a row of trees at the boundary and the remainder would be for their garden and a dog kennel.

### **7 County Councillor's Report**

**Clerk**

- Cllr Jim Bland informed the PC that the underpass at Witherslack was still a problem and it would be sorted.
- The LDNPA are going for World Heritage Status and their money is going into this to obtain WHS. This has been accepted by the Government, therefore the Neighbourhood Plan is going on a backburner.

- The Highways now have more manpower and there is a policy to spray Japanese Knotweed at roadside verges. **Clerk to send a letter to Highways expressing concern at Japanese Knotweed.**
- The PC asked about when the safety work at South Low and at the top of Totterbank will be done and JB said it would be soon.

## 8 District Councillor's Report

- Cllr John Holmes informed the PC that he had attended the LAP conference and the level of cuts that have occurred will be repeated again over the next four years.
- The Local government as is may change
- There will be less cash and LAPs may need to take over more local things .

## 9 Clerk's Report

**Chairman**

The Parish Council noted the report from the clerk.

**Clerks contract of Employment noted  
Clerks probation period ends 26<sup>th</sup> March and appraisal to be undertaken noted.**

## 10 PCSO report

No report received for Marchs meeting.

## 11 Planning

**Clerk**

### 11.1 New Applications

514044 Diversion of bridleway at St Marys Church, Crosthwaite – No objections

7/2014/5051 Orchard Cottage, Lyth – Proposed window- No Objections

Chris Smith was requested not to comment on the below application.

7-2015/5059 The Howe barns- Barn conversion to one dwelling- No objections provided Local Occupany Clause

Chris Smith could now recommence in the meeting

7/2014/5083 Cowmire Cottage – Replacement dwelling and change of use for agricultural land to domestic use – No objections provided Local occupancy Clause

### 11.2 Notice of Grant of Planning Application

PC Noted all planning application decisions

**12 Finance**

**12.1**

**Income & Expenditure 2013/14**

The Parish Council approved the following expenditure.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Income £</b>
Mr JW Sharp Low Gate Quarry(Pinfold) inv17-2103JT		15.00
Salaries JT Jan	134.96	
PAYE HMRC	33.60	
Clerk Induction CALC	50.00	

**13 Village E-mail list –**

**Chairman/Bruce Worsley**

The PC commented that this would be useful for a warning system in the event of crime etc..

**Chairman to discuss this with Crosthwaite and Lyth PC webmaster John Scales**

**Bruce Worsley to gain information on how subscribing and unsubscribing could be easy for the parisoners.**

**To be discussed again at Aprils Meeting**

**14 Lease or Purchase of Treed area land next to TarnSide Quarry to Charlie Johnson**

**Clerk**

The PC advised that they needed to obtain more information regarding the land that Mr Johnson wishes to lease /purchase and could not make any decisions

**To be discussed again in Aprils meeting.**

**15 Annual Parish Meetings**

**Clerk**

Clerk advised the PC that letters had gone out to all organisations in the Parish to invite them to make a short talk at the Annual Parish meeting and is awaiting confirmations.

**16 Parish Council Surgery**

Nothing to report

Chris Smith will now attend Aprils Surgery

Bruce Worsley will attend Marchs.

**17 Correspondence Received**

- Great North Air Ambulance – Grant for 2014 - £100.00 Donation to be made
- Publication of Registor of Electors – Clerk to request register
- Cumbria Rural Citizens Advice Bureau – Donation or grant - £100.00 Donation to be made
- Grit Bins – Costs of refills – PC commented that the worst weather is over now for this year. Chris Smith advised it could be done cheaper than the County Council’s costs.

**18 Development Briefs. Local Plan for South Lakeland**

No comments

**19 Update from LAP meeting**

Nothing to report

**20 Parish Room**

**Chairman**

The Parish room uses almost no water but in principle are happy to contribute to the cost in order to ensure continued future supply. Cllr John Holmes to advise cost of water bill.

**To be discussed in Aprils meeting**

**21** The council is asked to agree topics to be communicated via:

- Website
- Westmorland Gazette
- Parish Magazine

**Chairman**

Parish Council Surgeries are held at The Exchange from 2.30-3pm every second Wednesday of the month in the village hall.

Invites parisoners to attend the Annual Parish meeting at The Memorial Hall on the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

The Foulshaw Lane proposals to improve safety.

Awaiting safety improvements at South Low, and signposts at The Green.

**22 Parish Council Meetings**

The date of the next parish council meeting is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 in the parish room

*Joanne Taylor*

*Parish Clerk,*

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