

# Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 4 October 2012

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr Jim Bland (CCC), Cllr John Holmes (SLDC), Kim Kearney(Clerk), Colin Barr (LDNPA).

## Action

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jim Bownass – on holiday, Chris Smith.

### 2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2012

These were approved.

### 3 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

### 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

### 5 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that a decision on Vascular Services at Lancaster has been postponed. Tim Farron is urging everyone to continue to lobby against withdrawal of this local service.

The Snooker club is advertising for new members and is holding an open evening on 23 October.

### 6 OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

### 7 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Jim Bland reported that a new contractor was clearing gullies, but was overwhelmed by the workload at present due to the weather.

He has spoken to Highways department about the hedge at Totter Bank, but the issue is lack of funds this year to replace the iron fence. He agreed to speak to Tony Beaty (CCC Highways department) again.

### 8 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A new contract has been agreed with the gritting contractor and a meeting of the gritting group is planned for 8 November. There is 45 tons of grit in stock, sufficient for at least two full call-outs across the villages.

The car park charges trial is being extended from the end of October to allow accurate results to be considered.

The Community Energy scheme auction has been held and people who expressed an interest are being contacted with details of likely savings.

A meeting was held with the Transport minister, Tim Farron and local parish representatives on 2 October to discuss safety issues along the A590.

### 9 LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK

Colin Barr, the newly elected parish member of the Lake District National Park Authority introduced himself and explained his role.

**10 PARISH CLERK’S REPORT**

The clerk has met with the new internal auditor and familiarised her with the accounts. An audit will be undertaken in the new Year.

The clerk reported several clumps of Japanese Knotweed. Hedge-cutting before frosts knock down the plant is likely to spread this invasive alien species which is very difficult to remove and can seriously impact the value of a property. The clerk was asked to contact Underbarrow parish clerk as that parish council has also raised the issue. The clerk to communicate the issue in the parish magazine etc., maintain a log of where it is growing and raise the matter with Highways (where the plant is growing on their land).

Clerk

The parish council thought that a more user-friendly email address would be a good idea if emails to one address could be forwarded to another.

Clerk

**11 JUNCTION AT TOTTER BANK**

The clerk had written to Highways department on 28 July, but received no response. As noted above, Jim Bland has also raised this and will progress it.

**12 PARISH PLAN UPDATES**

**12.1 Crime & Disorder**

The September report from the PCSO was noted. Martin Casson reported the theft of timber and metal gates from Whitbarrow Road.

**13 PLANNING**

**13.1 New Planning Applications**

7/2012/5496 – New entrance canopy & altered windows, Highfield, Lyth

The parish council had no comment.

**14 FINANCE**

**14.1 Income & Expenditure 2012/13**

The following account was authorised for payment and the receipt noted:

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
CALC Chairman’s Forum	29.00	
NS IB Interest		9.83

**15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- There was no interest in joining the Cumbria Parish Councils Directory
- Paula Cross & Matthew Dobson will attend the LDNPA Planning Pow-Wow on 18 October and provide an update at the next meeting.
- LDNPA Parish Forum – no attendance planned
- CALC AGM – no attendance planned

PC/MD

**16 PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY**

Paula Cross attended the Exchange and received a number of queries and issues that fall within SLDC and CCC responsibilities.

**17 COMMUNICATIONS**

The clerk was asked to communicate the following:

- Japanese Knotweed
- Support for the Snooker club membership drive

Clerk

**18 MEETINGS**

The date of the next parish council meeting is 1 November 2012 in the Memorial Clerk  
Hall.

Mary Harkness will attend the Exchange in October.

Clerk

Kim Kearney  
11 October 2012