

## Minutes of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Present: Mary Harkness (Chair) Bruce Worsley, Jim Bownass, Matthew Dobson, Roger Smith, Robert Sykes, Eve Brookes

In attendance: Cllr John Holmes, Cllr Jim Bland, Joanne Taylor (clerk) Ian Tomlinson, Troy Melhuish

### 1 Apologies for Absence

### 2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record.

### 3 Requests for Dispensations

None

### 4 Declarations of Interest

Jim Bownass declared an interest in Planning 11.1 7/2016/5496

### 5 Chairman's Announcements

Eve Brookes was welcomed to the Parish Council meeting as the new seventh councillor.

### 6 Open Session

Troy Melhuish from RG Parkins on behalf of Two Castles Housing went into detail on the new plans for the drainage regarding planning application at 11.1. The plans that he showed were new as of Tuesday 4/10/16 and not yet on the LDNPA planning website and were new proposals due to the concern from Crosthwaite and Lyth residents and PC.

Questions from PC Councillors and Mr Ian Tomlinson were asked regarding the new plans, to ascertain exactly how much water would be flowing through the culvert and other concerns.

### 7 County Councillor's Report

### 8 District Councillor's Report

1. A Report commissioned by the Halifax BS "Children's Quality of Life" notes that South Lakeland rank 14<sup>th</sup> nationally (second only to Ribble Valley in the North East) as a Best place to live and fetch up children. It is one ahead of Harrogate. Top three places go to Scottish LA areas.

2. The Cumbria Leadership Board (of which SLDC is a member) have committed to offer help to resettle Syrian refugees and their families in Cumbria. They are likely to start arriving in spring 2017. This can now be addressed following on the dealing with Flood victims.

3. Housing: A new Housing Strategy has been approved. This reinforces the target already set to provide some 9/10,000 new houses by 2025.

Comprising 1000 homes for affordable rent.

750 affordable houses for sale

6700 houses at market value and affordable sale.

500 self-build houses

300 extra care houses

Note: This does not include the National Parks areas.

However felt that whilst the target for affordable rented houses is being met there is a possible slowdown in new house development sites (of which 35% are for affordable sale/rent.) Schemes being considered with the Housing Associations to develop independent sites for affordable rent/sale to reduce reliance on the development of new housing sites by developers.

4. Recycling rates are increasing in South Lakeland against national trends which show a “levelling off”. Part of the national “slow down” might be attributed to the fact that less newspapers are being sold and manufacturers using more modern lightweight packaging and less glass jars and heavier cardboard.

## **9 Clerk’s Report**

The parish council received the Sept 16 report – No comments

## **10 PCSO report**

The PCSO attended the meeting but unfortunately had to leave due to a call out before the agenda item came up. Apologies from the PC were made.

## **11 Planning**

### **11.1 New Applications**

**7/2016/5602 Skelcies Cottage**, Crosthwaite-Internal renovation works, extending property to West and North Proposing a separate garage.- **Not approved** – Not in Keeping with traditional homes and area.

**7/2016/5496 Land to West of St Marys Green**, Crosthwaite – Amended Plan-  
5 MH,BW,EB,RS,RS / 2 JB, MD

#### **Approved SUBJECT TO:**

- A new culvert under the public highway
- Improvements to be made to stream
- To plans concurring to plans shown by Troy at the PC meeting 4/10/16
- To retaining the bund from previous plan
- To no street lights

### **11.2 Planning application decisions of LDNPA**

LDNPA – Tree preservation Order on Hollow Clough Gill) Crosthwaite

## **12 Finance**

### 12.1 Income & Expenditure 2016/17

The Parish Council is asked to approve the following expenditure and approve the latest bank reconciliation statement.

| Item          | Expenditure<br>£ | Income<br>£ |
|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| JT Wages Sept | 185.98           |             |
| N Power       | 48.64            |             |
| NSIB Interest |                  | 5.10        |

### 12.2 Bank Reconciliation

As per the BDO Audit concerns, the clerk has written off uncleared cheques from previous years in Sept 2016. PC to approve

### 13 LAP Meeting Update

None Held, one on 12<sup>th</sup> October where the A590 and the mental Health Units will be discussed.

### 14 Parish Council Surgery

No Updates, Matthew Dobson to attend Octobers surgery.

### 15 Mearsons Fell Concern

**Clerk to write** to Derek Wilson who rents the Mearsons Fell(low Fell) at bottom of Hubbersty Head, to ask him to maintain the land as trees overhanging are of concern and need trimming.

### 16 Crosthwaite and Lyth Community Led plan Questionnaire

**Clerk writing** new questionnaire, to be ready for early 2017.

### 17 Speed of Traffic on Starnthwaite Lane A5074 Bend at Low Fell

Stuart Braithwaite responded to the clerk from CCC and requested further information on exact locations. **Clerk to write to advise.**

### 18 Sale of Land at Green Moss

Land Registry have been and looked at the land. Waiting for response of this from solicitor.

### 19 Correspondence received

News from the Kent and Leven Catchment  
Helsington Community Land trust- Register interest of affordable homes

### 20 Communications from this meeting

**The council to agree topics to be communicated via:**

A warm welcome to our new Parish Councillor "Eve Brookes"

### 21 Parish Council Meetings

The date of the next parish council meeting is 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 in the parish room at 7.30pm

Clerk 09/10/16

