

Minutes of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council meeting of 4th November 14

Present: Mary Harkness (Chair) Bruce Worsley, Chris Smith, Matthew Dobson, Jim Bownass, Paula Cross,

In attendance: J Bland (CCC) J Holmes (SLDC0 PC Martin Boak, Mr & Mrs C Johnson, D Labbe, Olwen Raward

Absent: Judy Goodland, Joanne Taylor (clerk)

1 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from J Goodland, J Taylor (clerk)

2 **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 7th October 14 were approved as a true and accurate record.

3 **Requests for Dispensations, Matters arising**

None

4 **Declarations of Interest**

None

5 **Chairman's Announcements**

Mary Harkness thanked Gordon Pitt for standing in as a temporary clerk in the absence of Joanne Taylor due to the illness of her child.

6 **Open Session**

Olwen Raward spoke in support of their planning application 7/2014/5685 covering modifications to Sibble Howe, Lyth.

Mr Labbe pointed out that he had written to the PC with an offer to purchase two small plots of PC land adjacent to Tarnside Quarry and asked for a decision.

Mr & Mrs Johnson pointed out that they had already offered to buy or lease the remaining PC land and that they had reached an amicable agreement with Mr Labbe as to reasonable boundaries between their respective properties.

7 **County Councillor's Report**

J Bland reported that repairs to the A5074 between Damson Dene and Hubbersty Head were due to start w/c 10/11/14 for at least 3 days and would involve daytime closure with diversions.

The Water Level Management Board (WLMB) had met recently following the announcement of funding from EA and NFU. Investigations would start with a feasibility study, the initial report targeted for January. Public Consultation would not take place until after the 2015 elections. In the meantime the EA would keep some of the pumps in operation until the end 2015 unless the feasibility study considers the WLMB to be viable, in which case until the end of 2016.

8 **District Councillor's Report**

J Holmes reported that kerbside collection of cardboard and plastic would be rolled out in Kendal from Jan 5th and over the rest of the District over the next 2 years.

Since Jan, 61 new jobs have been created and 125 affordable homes completed.(mainly

at the Auction Mart site)

New website is to be coupled with an initiative to improve access to Council by residents via PC, Tablet and Smartphone. Each resident who uses this service will have their own file which will record all dealings with the Council.

9 Clerk's Report

None in the absence of the Clerk

10 PCSO report

PC Mike Boak asked for the PC to respond to the current consultation on changes to the police services arising from further budget cuts. It was agreed to respond supporting retention of PCSO's. **Clerk to action**

Crime trends were still opportunistic – break ins and theft, some number plates have been stolen- presumably to facilitate the movement of stolen vehicles. There was a continuing need to be observant.

11 Planning

11.1 New Applications

7/2014/5685 Sibble Howe, Lyth. Demolition of existing garage/workshop. Repl garage/workshop with home office above – No objections but held reservations on the scale and height of the final building

7/2014/5503 Barrow Tenement- Revised plans – Already approved.

11.2 Planning application decisions of LDNPA

7/2014/5112 South Low Barn-Conversion of existing barn to 2 dwellings – Granted

7/2014/5506 Crosthwaite House – Repl.& refurbishment of dilapidated windows – Granted

7/2014/5528 Sanderson Fold – Single storey extension and garage - Granted

12 Finance

12.1 Income & Expenditure 2014/15

The Parish Council approved the following expenditure and income.

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
Clerk Wages Oct	172.60	
HSBC Coif Charity 4 charities		266.78
NSIB Interest		6.37
Landowners Rent of Parish Room		10.00
Cumbria CC Restoration of Signposts		500.00
Business saver acct interest		0.06

13 LAP Meeting Update

No LAP meeting has been held since Jim Bownass last report.

No volunteers to replace Jim Bownass for the next LAP meeting and it was agreed that J

Holmes' report would be sufficient.

- 14 Parish Council Surgery**
No report
- 15& 18 Crosthwaite & Lyth PC Land at Tarnside between 2 properties– Purchase of separate pieces of land at Tarnside next to and at the bottom of Green Moss Cottage by David Labbe**
After some discussion it was agreed that the PC was willing to sell the land at valuation. It would be necessary to take professional advice on valuation and the correct approach. In the meantime there should be a site visit to agree the boundaries on the ground,
Clerk to action
- 16 Parish Council Newsletter**
Postponed until Dec meeting
- 17 Church Toilets**
JH reported that the old external toilet in the church yard was now redundant on completion of the Church extension, the PC were welcome to take it over to service the Parish room but would have to take full responsibility for cleaning, water, electricity and maintenance etc.
After considerable discussion it was agreed, regrettably, that the proposition was not viable. The PC would seek practical alternatives including the possible construction of a toilet within the Parish room footprint. **Clerk to action**
- 19 Precept for year 2015-16 for Crosthwaite PC**
Postponed until December meeting
- 20 2015 Parish meetings – Dates**
PC advised that the meetings would stay on the 1st Tuesday of every month, with the exception of Jan and August unless there were any urgent items..
- 21 Speed Indicator device for use within Lyth Valley Parishes**
Jim Bland advised that the Speed indicator would be available shortly and the parishes would have to insure it.
- 22 SLDCs Parish of the Month on Explore website**
Postponed until December
- 23 Correspondence received**
None received
- 24 Communications from this meeting**
The council to agree topics to be communicated
via: Website. Westmorland Gazette. Parish Magazine

A5074 closure
Church toilet
PCSO reminder

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Parish Council Meetings

The date of the next parish council meeting is Tues 2nd December in the parish room. Advanced apologies from Jim Bownass

Joanne Taylor Clerk. 11th November 2014