

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 5th January 2011

PRESENT: Messrs M L Dobson (Chair), C Smith, M Casson, , J Bownass D T Dobson, Ms M Harkness Mr M.J. Dobson.

In Attendance: Cllr J Holmes (SLDC), Cllr J Bland (CCC).Mr G Pitt (Clerk).
Mrs K Kearney (Prospective Parish Clerk) PCSO J Bullock

1. APOLOGIES: None

2. MINUTES of the meeting held on 1st December 2011 (already circulated) were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not covered elsewhere in this agenda) re Resignation and replacement of Parish Clerk. Clerk had resigned with immediate effect after the December PC meeting, but had offered to stay in an acting capacity until alternative arrangements could be made. There had been two responses to the advert for a replacement Clerk in the December edition of Two Valleys magazine. One had subsequently withdrawn; the survivor (Mrs Kim Kearney) had been invited to attend this meeting.

4. SOUTH CUMBRIA WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT GROUP (SCWMG)

Matters Arising from previous Meeting(s)

Clerk had written to EA as requested, reporting the PC's response.

There had been no extension to the consultation period which ended on 19th December.

EA were now in the process of correlating the responses and expected to report their conclusions in the second half of January. After that SLWLMG would consider what their next step should be.

The Clerk had also asked EA for comments on the future maintenance of the embanked rivers and catchment areas in the absence of an IDB. EA (Debbie Peppert) had confirmed that they intended to continue maintenance on a permissive basis as long as they could obtain funding but had no suggestion as to what would happen if/when funding ceased. However the underlying legal responsibility would remain with the

5. PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS

5.1 Housing:

C Smith's application re the Old School House, The Howe had progressed through a site visit 13th December, and the Development Committee's consideration 4th January (attended by 5, nine supporting letters plus PC response)). Despite recommendation from the officers to refuse the outline application, the Dev Cottee had supported PCs contention that the Howe should be accepted as a cluster and hence referred the application back to the officers for action. Presumably this would mean that the Row would be similarly defined as a cluster as and when the need arises. The PC were pleased with this outcome and those involved were thanked.

It was reported that a scheme was under consideration for building mixed affordable and local housing on the site adjacent to St Mary's Green. No formal information was available at this stage.

Neighbourhood Planning Pilots; No further information to date.

5.2 Roads and Traffic:

Highways Authority re A590/A5074 junction safety.; Two emails had been received from Jonathan Reade of the Highways Authority, one containing a summary of the safety report findings and the other confirming his willingness to meet PC reps on site (Gilpin Bridge Inn?) some time in January or February. Clerk had contacted Anne Kerr (Clerk Witherslack & Meathop and Levens) with a view to setting up a joint meeting with HA. Clerk would advise on an agreed date - all PC members would be welcome to attend.

D Dobson commented on the state of the Broad Oak road between Camel Cross and the Lime Kiln as poor drainage was leaving surface water which created sheets of ice in freezing conditions and contributed to break up of the surface. K Masser to be informed. **Action: Clerk**

Winter Gritting: Following a recent cold snap with extensive icing at the Howe, independent action by inhabitants (Adrian Parr) had secured the transfer free of charge of a towable gritter from Staunton where it had not proved successful (due to wet salt/grit mixture?). Clerk had subsequently confirmed that the PC would accept responsibility for the machine. Although it would be held at Howe it would be made available for other areas (Row etc?). There was still a problem with the supply of dry grit. J Holmes questioned the availability of insurance cover whilst the machine was being used by volunteers. Clerk was asked to follow up with the PC's insurers. **Action: Clerk**

Safe Routes to School – No progress to report – see next SWLAP meeting.

Broadband: John Sceal (Broadband Champion) is co-ordinating sample uniform measurements of Broadband speeds across the Parish.

5.4 First Responders.

J Holmes reported that he had applied to SWLAP for funds for defibrillators and had been allocated £6,500 – from which the LV group would receive 3 units.. There had been 5 callouts over Christmas (one per village)

5.5 Crime & Disorder:

PCSO Bullock and colleague had attended Xchange and intended to do so once per month (last Wed). Nov/Dec e-report had been received and e-circulated. PCSO Bullock advised the PC of a local incident in which four tyres had been slashed, and reminded PC of the need for vigilance in respect of scrap metal and fuel thefts. She also reminded PC of the new non emergency telephone number **101** which would give direct connection to Penrith but would have facilities to connect to other forces if necessary. The emergency number was still **999**. PCSO Bullock was thanked for her attendance and report.

6. GOVERNANCE

6.1 South Westmorland LAP: Meeting of 8th Dec attended by M Harkness and J Bownass. Relevant issues discussed were SLWLMG, Grants (including 1st Responders and distribution of moveable speed signs (approx 2 weeks per site pa). .

7. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 NALC Booklet 'Planning Explained' - circulated

7.2 CCC 2012/13 Budget Consultation response required by 31st Jan – circulated, views to Parish Clerk for response.

8. PLANNING MATTER

Permissions granted, - none

7/2011/5552 – Dwelling House at Old School Howe – see above.

New applications , - no objections

7/2011/5593 – Change of Use at Durham Bridge Farm for Mr D Myers

7/2011/5663 – Bay windows & canopy at Lamb Howe Farm for Mr & Mrs Schaeffer

7/2011/ Forestry Building at Mireside - notice of intention for info only. Concern expressed about scale of proposed development. Clerk to advise LDNPA accordingly. **Action: Clerk**

Request for advice and support from Cartmell Fell (J Caldwell) re development of timber processing unit above Bowland Bridge. PC was willing to support Cartmell Fell PC but were unsure as to whereabouts of the site. J Holmes offered to contact J Caldwell to see what could be done in response to the application for retrospective planning permission.

9 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

Income:	NSI interest (Nov)	£ 9.85
	Donations from Charities	£303.00
Expenditure approved	G Pitt: Bal of Clerks fees to 1 st Dec	£166.67

North West Air Ambulance – request for donation It was agreed to leave this application until March

Budgets/Precept 2012/13:

Clerk confirmed that he had applied for an increase in precept of £1250 to make a total of £4000. He also reported that a recent statement by Under Secretary of State (C&LG) said that Council Tax increases would be pegged for 2012/13 except for Parish and Town Councils but exemption may not be available in the following years.

10. PROPERTY

Bowling Green Field:

D Blair reported that application for trees had been made to the Woodland Trust and confirmation should be received in mid February for March delivery. Clerk would ask Woodland Trust for an earlier confirmation in order to meet press date for the March Two Valleys mag. He planned to organise a planting day involving volunteers and the school.. He had been taking advice from Cumbria Wildlife Trust who advised not to use protective tubes and stakes as these led to weedy growth and problems with support on removal of the tubes.

It was agreed that the field would benefit from being ‘eaten off’ by suitable cattle. C Smith agreed to talk to Bill Sharp about possible use of some of his upland cattle. It was noted that some repairs to fencing would be required before cattle could be loosed in the field.

11. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs V Nelson asked for advice and assistance in dealing with drainage and ground movement problems arising out of recent re development of a neighbouring barn. Clerk agreed to find the original planning application and J Holmes agreed to investigate building control issues. **Action, Clerk, JH**

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

12.1 Having sat through the meeting, Mrs Kearney confirmed that she was still interested in becoming the next Parish Clerk. She would provide a CV; M L Dobson, M Harkness M Casson and J Bownass would act as an interview/appointments panel – acting Clerk to provide supporting papers

Date of next Monthly Meeting: Thursday 2nd February at 7.30pm at the Parish Room.

GP 10/01/12