

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 6 September 2012

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

In Attendance: Cllr Jim Bland (CCC), Cllr John Holmes (SLDC), Kim Kearney(Clerk), members of the Snooker club.

Action

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Martin Casson – on holiday.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Bruce Worsley and Paula Cross declared an interest in agenda item 15.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 JULY 2012

These were approved.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that £3k of funding from the Local Area Partnership had been secured to support the 541 bus route.

She highlighted the upcoming Distinctive Area Parish Tours organised by the LDNPA.

The next CALC District meeting is to be held at Gilpin Bridge on 13 September .

5 OPEN SESSION

Nine members of the Snooker club were present to receive an update on discussions held between Mary Harkness and representatives of the Snooker club (ref item 12). Following a discussion about the issues, the Snooker club agreed to try increasing its membership by advertising the parish magazine.

The Snooker club had offered to undertake some internal decoration which still needs to be done.

The clerk agreed to speak to the insurance company about cost of contents insurance for the Snooker club if they were to lease the building from the parish council.

Clerk

Representatives of the parish council and the Snooker club will continue to meet to see if they can arrive at a mutually acceptable agreement for further use of the parish room.

6 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Jim Bland reported that the new Highways maintenance scheme is up and running.

He thanked Mary Harkness and Jim Bownass for their support at the LAP in securing funding for the 541 bus. Mary Harkness asked why there had been no consultation by Cumbria County Council before de-registering the 541 route. Jim Bland said that he had been unhappy with the criteria set and had forcibly argued against it, but budget cuts had made it necessary.

7 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

John Holmes reported that £1,500 had been secured towards gritting from the LAP.

He noted that SLDC should not be undertaking domestic refuse collections from holiday homes. The owners need to make commercial waste arrangements. SLDC will be tightening up on this.

People still have time to register an interest in the Community Energy scheme until 17 September. The auction is 18 September.

SLDC Clean Streets consultation has received over 1,000 responses to date. The last road-show is at the Westmorland County show.

John Holmes also raised an issue that Vascular Services are planned to be withdrawn from Lancaster Royal Infirmary meaning that people in our parish would have to travel to Preston, Blackburn or Carlisle for treatment. He urged the parish council to protest and has a sample letter. The members asked the clerk to send the letter on behalf of the parish council.

Clerk

8 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

The parish council noted the clerk's report.

9 CODE OF CONDUCT

Members of the parish council were invited to apply for a dispensation to enable them to take part in and vote on the setting of the precept for the remaining life of this council. These requests were granted by the clerk.

10 PARISH PLAN UPDATES

10.1 Crime & Disorder

No update received.

11 PLANNING

11.1 Notification of Grant of Planning Permission

7/2012/5217 – Change of Use Tarnside Farm

7/2012/5298 – New Dwelling Old School House

These were noted by the parish council.

12 PARISH ROOM

12.1 Ownership of Land On Which Parish Room Stands

The clerk had reviewed all the paperwork in respect of this and concluded that the church made no claim to this land. This was accepted by John Holmes who had raised the matter.

12.2 Next Steps

Chris Smith agreed to join in the discussions with the Snooker club. Mary Harkness and Chris Smith to reach an agreement with the Snooker club by the end of October to present to the November parish council meeting.

Mary
Harkness
/Chris
Smith

13 RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mary Harkness raised an issue of a willow tree at the Jubilee Wood. Matthew Dobson agreed to remove any potentially dangerous branches and to plant oak & ash saplings in any gaps.

Matthew
Dobson

The updated Risk Management plan was accepted by the members.

14 HIGHWAYS MEETING UPDATE

The Highways Agency is considering a reduction in the current 70mph speed limit to 60mph from Brettargh Holt to Meathop roundabout. Other points discussed at the meeting on 12 August were:

- Study on cycling on A590

- Self-closing gate at cattle grid
- Some accidents are not appearing in the statistics
- There is insufficient justification for a roundabout at the junction with the A5074.

The next meeting with the Highways Agency is in January.

15 REVIEW OF QUARRY RENTS & LEASES

Paula Cross and Bruce Worsley left the room.

The clerk has obtained a scanned copy of the existing leases, but these need updating and leases drawn up for some newer lets. Mary Harkness agreed to speak to Colin Tomlinson about this.

Mary
Harkness

Paula Cross & Bruce Worsley returned for the start of the next item.

16 FINANCE

16.1 Income & Expenditure 2012/13

The following accounts were authorised:

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
Quarry rental D Blair		25.00
Quarry rental CWT		25.00
Quarry rental RJ Sharp		30.00
Quarry rental B Fereday		15.00
Quarry rental Worsley		20.00
Quarry rental P Crompton		23.00
Quarry rental RA Matthews		12.50
EON quarterly bill	32.27	1.63
NSIB Dividend		9.50

16.2 Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliations were approved by the parish council:

- Receipts & Reconciliation spreadsheet
- Expenses spreadsheet
- Latest Business Saver statement (26 June 2012)
- Latest Community Account Statement (26 July 2012)

16.3 Mandates

The parish council approved the new mandates for the charity investment accounts. Paula Cross and Matthew Dobson are the authorised signatories alongside the Kim Kearney, the authorised correspondent.

17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The parish council did not have any issues on allowances nor expenses to raise with SLDC re Parish Remuneration Panel.

Clerk

The clerk was asked to reply to the SLDC consultation on Council Tax Reduction Scheme on behalf of the parish council, supporting the removal of the Second Home discount. The parish council also supported the removal or reduction of discounts for empty properties and increasing the charge on properties that have been empty for over two years which is under consideration.

18 COMMUNICATIONS

The clerk was asked to communicate the following:

Clerk

- Discussions with the Snooker club regarding future arrangements for the parish room
- Surgeries at the Exchange
- SLDC Consultation on Council Tax Reduction Scheme
- LAP funding for 541 bus and gritting

19 MEETINGS

The date of the next parish council meeting is 4 October 2012.

Clerk

Paula Cross will attend the Exchange in September.

From November, parish council meetings will be held in the small meeting room in the Memorial Hall.

Clerk

Kim Kearney
14 September 2012