

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 7 February 2013

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

In Attendance: Cllr Jim Bland (CCC), Cllr John Holmes (SLDC), Kim Kearney(Clerk)

		Action
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Matthew Dobson	
2	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2012 These were approved.	
3	REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS None	
4	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None	
5	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS Mary Harkness thanked John Holmes for undertaking a survey of the parish room. The recommendations in his report will be reviewed by the parish council at the next meeting. Mary has received a grant application form from Natural England for creating new footpaths. She has expressed an interest in creating a safe route to school in Crosthwaite. Paula Cross volunteered to take the application forward.	
6	OPEN SESSION Electors of Cartmel Fell and Crosthwaite & Lyth addressed the parish council over the public inquiry into the Garden Larch business operated at Hollins Farm. This inquiry is being held on 13 March at LDNPA office at Murley Moss on March 13 at 10.00. in summary, the objections raised were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise of the work-working tools which can be heard across the valley • Lack of incremental benefit to local residents (no new jobs being created for locals) • Negative impact on tourism due to the eyesore being created by the building and hard-standings on natural fell • Concerns over interruptions to water supply on neighbouring land • Incremental development over many years without any planning permission and the negative precedents it may set <p>The electors asked for support from the parish council in this matter and for them to attend the inquiry in person. The parish council agreed that a copy of the original letter to LDNP should be sent to the Planning Inspector in Bristol.</p> <p>An elector of the parish raised concerns over the planning application at Hill Cottage in Crosthwaite which was being reviewed by the parish council later in the meeting. The elector raised the following concerns:</p>	Clerk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the proposed development would take light from surrounding properties • the black weatherboarding would be too dominant, take light and be out of context in the village • the proposed development was too high <p>Representatives from the Snooker club were present to hear the parish council members' debate on the way forward for the parish room scheduled for later in the meeting. The chairman of the snooker club expressed his disappointment at the parish council's attitude, in particular the article that appeared in the Parish magazine and that they had not been able to speak during the debate at the last meeting. He claimed that they had not been provided with the cost of the electricity (which the clerk then provided again as being estimated as £280 this financial year). A summary of the views expressed by other members of the Snooker club were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the parish room did not belong to the parish council, but needs to be run in the interests of the parish • £285 just paid by the club for room rental in 2012 would cover the cost of electricity • Concerns over damage if the table was used unsupervised by for example a junior club, or by residents of the Punchbowl Inn • Consideration should be given to installing a coin meter for the electricity for all users of the room • Club members had offered to undertake decorating and maintenance work on the room at cost • There used to be lots of clubs in the village which had now ceased operating • Other clubs were subsidised by tax-payers <p>Jim Bland suggested that a way forward would be to form a working group to advise the parish council in the way forward, but that the Snooker club should be prepared to undertake some fundraising activities.</p> <p>Item 10 on the agenda was taken out of turn for the parish council to agree the way forward on the parish room.</p>	
7	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT</p> <p>Jim Bland is using funds allocated to him to pay contractors to fix the potholes along the A5074. This work will be starting towards the end of February. The parish council were asked to notify him of any potholes that needed repairing.</p> <p>The flooding outside Crosthwaite school has been sorted out.</p>	Parish council members
8	<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT</p> <p>John Holmes updated the meeting on Dog Control Orders. He offered to ask someone from SLDC to come along to talk to the parish about the implications of applying for one to cover The Green.</p>	John Holmes
9	<p>PARISH CLERK'S REPORT</p> <p>This was noted by the parish council.</p>	
10	<p>PARISH ROOM</p> <p>Mary Harkness proposed that a working group should be established with three members of the Snooker Club to recommend a way forward for the parish room to the parish council and this was agreed. The parish council members will be Paula Cross, Jim Bownass and Bruce Worsley. They will report back to the Parish Council at the March meeting.</p>	Paula Cross

11	LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP UPDATE Nothing to report.	
12	541 BUS SERVICE Since Rural Wheels is a good alternative for electors without their own transport, the parish council will not be supporting the community bus once the 541 service has been withdrawn.	
13	STANDING ORDERS The parish council agreed to adopt the updated standing orders and financial regulations from this meeting onwards.	
14	ANNUAL MEETINGS The parish council agreed to hold the Annual Parish Council meeting and the Annual Parish meeting on the 2 May starting at 7pm. Local organisations such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial hall • Crosthwaite School • Snooker Club • WI • Recreation Trust • Exchange • Playgroup <p>should be invited to attend to update the parish on their activities. Members to email suggestions to the clerk who will draft agendas for review at the next meeting.</p>	Parish Council Members Clerk
15	HIGHWAYS The clerk will maintain a list of all the highways maintenance and capital works required within the parish so that these can be progressed with the appropriate Highways team. The parish council members agreed to update the clerk on outstanding items and to advise when works had been completed.	Clerk Parish Council Members
16 16.1	PLANNING New Planning Applications 7/2012/5693 – Extension, Cannydale, Lyth The parish council had no comments on this application 7/2012/5605 – Reconstruction of extension, Hill Cottage, Crosthwaite The parish council had a number of concerns which they asked the clerk to raise with the planners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The height of the proposed extension is oppressive and blocks light from neighbouring properties • The new roof line is too high and a revised roof line should be considered • The choice of timber cladding materials is out of context and style with the village • Potential for increased illegal parking on the village green <p>Since this development is in the heart of the village, the parish council would like to see a compromise reached with local neighbours.</p> <p>The parish council was pleased to note that this property will no longer be a holiday let, but will be a permanent home for the owners.</p>	Clerk

	<p>7/2013/5041 – New Hall – Crosthwaite C of E School The parish council strongly support this development which will significantly improve the facilities provided for the children at this popular school. The childrens' safety will also be improved as they will no longer have to walk along the road to use the village hall. Lastly, these new facilities will be of benefit to the whole community.</p>	Clerk																																	
16.2	<p>Applications Granted by LDNPA 7/2012/5569 – Extensions & alterations, Gill Head, Crosthwaite 7/2012/5572 – Glasshouse, Inman Howe, Lyth 7/2012/5496 – New entrance & windows, Highfield, Lyth</p> <p>These were noted by the parish council.</p>																																		
17	<p>PARISH PLAN UPDATES</p>																																		
17.1	<p>Crime & Disorder The November report from the PCSO was noted.</p>																																		
17.2	<p>Parish Plan Paula Cross and Mary Harkness agreed to work on the updates to the Parish Plan and update the April meeting.</p>	Mary Harkness/ Paula Cross																																	
18	<p>FINANCE</p>																																		
18.1	<p>Income & Expenditure 2012/13 The following accounts were authorised for payment and the receipts noted:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="288 1016 1193 1473"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Expenditure £</th> <th>Income £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Clerk's expenses</td> <td>106.03</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hire of Memorial Hall</td> <td>20</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>COIF Interest</td> <td></td> <td>12.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COIF Interest</td> <td></td> <td>248.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dividend NSIB</td> <td></td> <td>9.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dividend NSIB</td> <td></td> <td>9.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COIF Interest</td> <td></td> <td>36.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COIF Interest</td> <td></td> <td>7.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank interest</td> <td></td> <td>0.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Electricity bill</td> <td>70.54</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item	Expenditure £	Income £	Clerk's expenses	106.03		Hire of Memorial Hall	20		COIF Interest		12.67	COIF Interest		248.35	Dividend NSIB		9.51	Dividend NSIB		9.82	COIF Interest		36.07	COIF Interest		7.58	Bank interest		0.04	Electricity bill	70.54		
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18.2	<p>Budget & Precept The parish council approved the revised budget. The precept was set at £3,890.83, taking into account the grant of £109.17 to be paid by SLDC.</p>	Clerk																																	
19	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED The following correspondence was noted by the parish council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling Safety Study from Enterprise Mouchel • Report from Parish Remuneration Panel • Malcolm Wilson Rally • Kendal Mountain Rescue Team • Public enquiry regarding Hollins Farm, Cartmel Fell • SLDC Plan for comment by 12 February • Community Land Trust 																																		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northwest Air Ambulance 	
20	<p>PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY</p> <p>There was nothing to report from the Surgery at the Exchange.</p> <p>Chris Smith will attend in February and Martin Casson in March.</p>	Chris Smith Martin Casson
21	<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>The clerk was asked to communicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting up of a working group with the Snooker Club to advise the parish council on the future use of Parish Room That the flooding by the school has been resolved Funding by Jim Bland to repair the A5074 	Clerk
22	<p>MEETINGS</p> <p>The date of the next parish council meeting is 7 March 2013 in the Memorial Hall. Jim Bownass gave his apologies for the March meeting as he will be on holiday.</p>	Clerk

Kim Kearney
15 February 2013