

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 8 March 2012

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

In Attendance: Cllr J Holmes (SLDC), Cllr J Bland (CCC), Ms K S Kearney (Parish Clerk), PCSO J Bullock, electors of the parish.

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| 1 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
C Smith – unavoidably detained travelling, M J Dobson. | |
| 2 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None | |
| 3 | MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2012
These were approved. | |
| 4 | MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not covered elsewhere in this agenda) | |
| 4.1 | Litter Picking
Martin Casson reported that the main routes through village have been done except for Durham Bridge to Gilpin Bridge. The Parish Council thanked John Holmes for acquiring the equipment from SLDC and also thanked everyone who got involved. John Holmes agreed to find out if the parish council could retain the kit if we undertook regular litter picking.
The clerk was asked to publicise the litter picking in the Parish Magazine, Web site and Westmorland Gazette. | John
Holmes

Clerk |
| 4.2 | Notice Board at Bowland Bridge
Clerk to follow up | Clerk |
| 4.3 | Letter to LDNP re Retrospective Planning Applications(ref 7.3)
Mary Harkness has drafted & circulated a letter for comments. | |
| 5 | PARISH CLERK'S REPORT
Changes to the standard agenda as described in the clerk's 664s report were agreed by the council. | |
| | Following the reply from insurance company regarding the towed gritting machine, the council agreed to return the machine to SLDC. John Holmes agreed to investigate how this should be done. | John
Holmes |
| | Clerk to notify the insurance company. | Clerk |
| | The AGM to be re-scheduled to 8 May to avoid a clash with local elections. | |
| | The Annual Parish Meeting is to be moved to 12 April at 7pm to avoid a clash with other parish events. This will be followed by the normal monthly parish meeting. The clerk to put a notice in the parish magazine about the revised date. | Clerk |
| | Parish council members each to contribute a paragraph on activities this year for the Annual report and copy it to Matthew Dobson & clerk for editing. | Members |
| | The clerk will prepare a report on finances for the meeting. | Clerk |

The parish council agreed that the clerk should continue to supply copy for the Westmorland Gazette.

6 PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS

6.1 Housing

Nothing to report

6.2 Roads & Traffic

A590/A5074 Junction – Meeting with Highways Agency on 13 February

The parish council were asked to put a proposal forward for a roundabout at this junction with the support of Witherslack & Levens parishes. Martin Casson will draft the letter. Martin Casson

Clerk to contact Levens & Witherslack parish councils for a couple of members each to attend a meeting with Jim Bownass & Martin Casson to pull the proposal together. Clerk

Raise at the Local Area Partnership meeting to gain their support for the roundabout. Mary Harkness

Community Engagement on Small Highways Improvements

None of the request from this parish are on this schedule sent by Keith Masser, although they were forward via the LAP. Clerk to follow up. Clerk

Gritting Supplies

Martin Casson reported that the contractor has used all the material purchased by the SLVMG, in the absence of the promised supply from CCC, and has eventually received the delivery from CCC. (6 x 3 tonnes per parish allocated by CCC). Sufficient stock to cover 1.5 trips over the allocated roads remains. Spend to- date will be covered out of the LAP funding.

Safe Routes To School

A DVD was submitted via Jenny Draper (LAP) to Highways, but there has been no feedback on this. To be followed up at next LAP meeting. Mary Harkness

Barrier at Crosthwaite School

John Holmes reported that at meeting with Highways, they confirmed that they do own the footpath running across the front of the school and it could be extended to the car park at a cost of £2k. The parish council should request that the footpath is extended. Clerk

6.3 Community Website/Broadband

No report

6.4 First Responders

No Report

6.5 Crime & Disorder

The Police Newsletter has been circulated. PCSO Bullock that the jacket that was previously reported stolen had in fact been taken for safekeeping by a friend. There was no other crime to report.

7 DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

7.1 Jubilee Wood Progress Report

Trees, stakes & guards have all been delivered and ground is being prepared for planting this Saturday. As well as the Royal oak, 15 other oaks have been delivered and if there is not enough room to plant them all at the site, the parish council agreed that they could be planted on the triangle of land at Mirk Howe.

The school will be planting on the Friday after the main planting and at least 25 trees will be kept to one side for them. Doug Blair was thanked for all his hard work in organising this.

The parish council agreed to consider any shortfall in funds for the project at the next meeting.

The parish council agreed the words proposed by Mary Harkness for the notice board, subject to the guidance in the briefing circulated by CALC on the use of royal names & titles.

7.2 Jubilee Beacon

Daniel Dobson reported that the beacon had been registered and we would be notified closer to the date on the lighting time.

7.3 Other Correspondence on Diamond Jubilee

- Letter from Lieutenancy of Cumbria regarding the Big Jubilee Lunch
- NALC Legal Briefing regarding use of royal names & titles

circulated for information.

8 GOVERNANCE

8.1 Local Area Partnership

The budget left over from the speed indicator device poles has already been reallocated to purchase more defibrillators for the First Responders based on the majority of responses from parishes. Mary Harkness expressed concern that the parish council are giving over 10% of public money from tax payers to charity, of which the First Responders have had the lion's share for the purchase of more defibrillators. It was agreed that bids for funds for the coming financial year will be considered at the next parish council meeting.

8.2 Update on Localism Act

Following papers circulated

- Prayers at Council Meetings
- Localism – From Theory to Practice Seminar

8.3 LDNP – West Distinctive Tours Invitation

Circulated

8.4 NALC Legal Briefing on Expenditure Limits

Circulated

8.5 SDLC Invitation to Council meeting on 23 February 2012

No report

8.6 Environment Agency Consultations

- Diversity & equality information
- Draft water resources planning guidelines

circulated.

9 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Cumbria In Bloom

The parish council decided not to participate this year.

10 PLANNING MATTERS

10.1 Applications Refused

7/2011/5593 – Change of use at Durham Bridge Farm (retrospective)

10.2 Applications withdrawn

7/2011/5647 – Forestry building at Mireside

10.3 Permissions granted

None since last meeting

10.4 New applications - no objections

7/20121/5001/5098 – Internal alterations at Low Cartmell Fold.

10.5 Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework Resubmission of the Site Allocation Policies and Proposals Map

Circulated for information

10.6 Proposed Application for a Development Consent Order for a New Biomass Power Station at Roosecote

Circulated for information

10.7 Neighbourhood Planning Workshops

Details of workshops circulated. Clerk is attending session in Ulverston.

10.8 Local Access Forum Members

Request for new members circulated.

11 FINANCE

11.1 Income & Expenditure

The following accounts were authorised:

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
Clerks Induction sessions	48.00	
Bursary towards Induction from NALC		24.00
Retirement gift	61.98	
Rental from Snooker club		213.00

11.2 Budget & Precept

Draft 2 of 2012/13 Budget was circulated with an estimated outturn for 2011/12. Martin Casson said that the balance of the Calor VOY award would be spent in June.

Jim Bland commented that CCC would be looking for the subsidy for bus route 541 to increase from £100 to £200 in 2012/13. The parish council agreed this increase. Subject to this change, the budget was accepted.

11.3 Requests for Donations from Charities

To be considered at next meeting.

12 ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

None raised

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Jim Bownass reported on the planned celebrations for the parish. In conjunction with the Exchange, a lunch for 100 people is being organised and afternoon entertainment. From 7pm, there will be a Hog roast (by ticket) and further entertainment. There will also be a firework display around the time that the

beacon is lit. They have secured £750 funding from an unnamed source, £100 from the Playing Field Association, £100 from the Village Hall and are requesting for additional funding from the parish council. John Holmes reported that he has made an application for £1000 of matched funding to SLDC, but will not know the outcome until end April. Mary Harkness raised that that the estimated spend on the Jubilee celebrations that the PC was being asked to part fund was the same as the cost of extending the pavement outside school that would represent a permanent improvement for the children's future safety. An elector suggested that if the parish council did not think it appropriate to fund the fireworks, they might consider a memento for children in the parish instead, either given by parish or sold. The parish council agreed to consider ideas at the next meeting.

13.2 Clerk's Contract

This has been signed after a small amendment to section 7.1 to read 'You shall not undertake other employment without notifying the Council'.

13.3 Noise from Dogs barking in Barn

Complaints have been received regarding constant barking by several sheep dogs kept in a barn. The owner has proposed installing an ultrasound device to stop the barking and has asked for 5 days grace. John Holmes offered to take the matter up with SLDC if this does not resolve it.

13.4 Village Shop

Mary Harkness asked the parish council to support the village shop by asking SLDC to discount their business rates further. The clerk was asked to write to SLDC, copying the proprietor.

Clerk

13.5 Internal Drainage Board

As it is anticipated that the outcome from the consultation will be published shortly, this will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

13.6 Cartmell Fold Entrance Warning Signs

Daniel Dobson will pass comments from Highways onto the elector concerned.

14 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Annual Parish Meeting 12 April 2012 at 7pm, followed by parish council meeting. Apologies received from Martin Casson who will be on holiday.

Annual General Meeting 8 May at 7.30 pm, followed by parish council meeting.

Kim Kearney
9 March 2012