

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 12 April 2012

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

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

		Action
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Martin Casson – on holiday.	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None	
3	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH 2012 These were approved.	
4	CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS None	
5	OPEN SESSION An elector reported that she was still experiencing problems with water draining off a neighbouring property and damaging her property. The neighbouring property is subject to a retrospective planning application being considered later in the meeting by the parish council. John Holmes reported that he had raised the matter with Building Control who reported that the septic tank had been correctly installed. It seems that land drains had been damaged in the installation of the tank or the Ground Source Heat pumps, but these have recently been repaired. It could be that disruption of the existing water courses has caused the water to find new routes across the elector’s property. The clerk was asked to raise the matter with SLDC and LDNP.	Clerk
6	COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT Jim Bland reported that following safety concerns raised by members of the public, the hedge on the roadside by Lamb Howe Caravan park is being laid.	
7	DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT Litter picking will be discussed at the May meeting, but John Holmes agreed to ask SLDC to pick up the filled bags of rubbish straight away. John Holmes reported that he had advised an elector regarding the installation of a mirror at the turning to their property. John Holmes is to chase SLDC about the problem of dog fouling around the school area. He has provided forms to the proprietor of Bowland Bridge Stores to enable them to claim a further discretionary rate discount from SLDC. Regarding the problem of excessive dog barking, John Holmes reported that the owners had been written to by Environmental Health. An elector reported that neighbours had been given calendars to record when there were problems, but that the barking was not so frequent (but this might be due to the owners sleeping on-site).	

	Since other parishes had not been asked at the LAP if they wanted the towable gritter as he had requested, John Holmes agreed to chase SLDC.	
8	PARISH CLERK'S REPORT This was noted by the council.	
9	South Westmorland LAP Mary Harkness & Jim Bownass reported on the meeting they had attended on behalf of the parish council. Priorities for the LAP would be agreed at the May meeting. Mary Harkness raised that each parish is meant to have an emergency planning document. This would be discussed at the May meeting. Clerk to find out which parishes have already completed one and obtain copies.	Clerk Clerk
10	PARISH PLAN UPDATES	
10.1	Community Website/Broadband No report	
10.2	Crime & Disorder The Police Newsletter has been circulated. There was no crime in the parish to report. PCSO Bullock highlighted fuel tank and metal thefts in neighbouring parishes and warned people to be alert. The police will visit properties on request to advise on security. She also raised that the next online meeting is 24 April. This is chaired by a high-ranking police officer and enables members of the public to ask questions via the web. The link is via the police website.	
11	PLANNING	
11.1	New applications 7/20121/5001/5127 – Moss Side Farm (two storey extension) No objections raised. 7/2012/51124 – Broad Oak Barn (retrospective) Concerns have been raised that installation of the heat pump or septic tank appear to have altered the natural water course or land drainage (a particular issue on limestone). The neighbours did express concerns over drainage on the original application. The ground source heat pump should have been on the original application as it was for a Live/Work unit, but was not shown. The parish council (with their local knowledge) would have flagged a concern if the ground source system had been on the plans. The clerk was asked to raise this issue with LDNP.	Clerk
12	JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS The organisers have decided to arrange fireworks and also give each child in the parish a commemorative mug as part of the Jubilee celebrations. It was proposed that the parish council should donate £100 towards the event. The vote was four for and two against this proposal and so the proposal was accepted.	
13	DATE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING It was agreed that this would remain on 8 May as no alternative date was suitable.	
14	FINANCE	
14.1	Year End 2011/12 The following documents were approved by the parish council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed Asset Register • Risk Management Plan • Terms of Reference for Internal Audit 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Accounts for 2011/12, including reasons for variances against previous year 																
14.2	<p>Income & Expenditure 2012/13 The following accounts were authorised:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 342 1204 566"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Expenditure £</th> <th>Income £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CALC 2012 Subscriptions</td> <td>164.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance renewal</td> <td>738.89</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jubilee Wood</td> <td>489.60</td> <td>408.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hire of Memorial Hall</td> <td>10.00</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Parish council members were asked to complete the insurance declaration and return to the clerk by the next meeting.</p> <p>Requests for donations from charities will be considered at the next meeting.</p>	Item	Expenditure £	Income £	CALC 2012 Subscriptions	164.00		Insurance renewal	738.89		Jubilee Wood	489.60	408.00	Hire of Memorial Hall	10.00		<p>Members</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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15	<p>CORRESPONCE RECEIVED AND TO BE CIRCULATED No action required</p>																
16	<p>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS Annual General Meeting 8 May at 7.30 pm, followed by parish council meeting. Apologies received from Jim Bownass who will be on holiday.</p>																

Kim Kearney
13 April 2012