

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 18th March 2010

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

In Attendance Cllr J Bland (CCC), Mr G Pitt (Clerk).

1. **APOLOGIES**, Mr J Bownass, Mr C Smith

2. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 18th February 2010 (already circulated) were approved and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not covered elsewhere in this agenda)**

re: 6.1 LDNPA call for sites consultation. Response made. No further action.

re: Flooding at Hollow Clue: J Bownass had reported no further action from SLDC.

re Natural England/Proposals for Nat Park extensions – consultation Response made – no further action required. J Bland commented that CCC were against the proposals and that Brigsteer PC were in favour.

re: 6.5 CALC SL Meeting 4th March: Chairman had attended and had no significant issues to report.

4. **PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS**

4.1 Housing: MH had been in touch with D McGovern (LDNPA Planner) who now wished to delay his open visit/surgery until after the LDF examination was complete and the document was in force (probably September). In the meantime she would initiate discussions with the Landowners on the possibility of setting up a community land trust through their organisation. **Action: MH**

4.2 Community Events:

Open Gardens Ramble: MLD reported good progress with the main effort now on finding volunteer support on the day. Insurance would now be handled through the RHS policy maintained by the Flower Show Committee.

4.3 Employment and Business: No further action.

4.4 Roads and Traffic:

Road Maintenance : Some patching had been done. The Highway Steward had spent a week in the parish on routine maintenance work. He had worked through John Handley but had not taken advice from the Chairman on outstanding jobs. JH to be advised on jobs from the PC and Chairman before future visits. **Action: Clerk**

CCC Highways - Review of Winter Gritting Invitation received to a briefing meeting on Tuesday 23rd March preparatory to consultation with Parish and Town Councils over future priorities to be completed by 30th April. Chairman and J Bownass volunteered to attend.

A590/A5074/Foulshaw lane junction: No further response. Clerk was asked to write again to press for action. **Action: Clerk**

4.5 Community Web site; No change

4.6 First Responders: Training on going. Flurry of call outs in Witherslack area.

5. **Governance**

5.1 SL Strategic Partnership – Local Area Partnership: Clerk and Chairman had attended the SW LAP meeting at Beetham on 24th February. The ‘Two Valleys’ parish councils had been written off as non-joiners. Otherwise there was only limited representation from other parishes but plenty from District and County Councillors. There was much discussion and work done on developing an action plan. A

revised plan will be tabled at the next meeting at end April. (subsequently postponed due to coming elections). It was agreed that we would continue to keep a watching brief and attend meetings if agenda items were relevant.

6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

6.1. LDNPA Core Strategy Independent Examination: Independent enquiry/Public examination of the submitted document set for two weeks 3rd to 15th May. Programme of examination now issued – we may attend but not contribute as our comments did not question compliance. Clerk to filter paperwork and circulate to councillors. **Action: Clerk.**

6.2 CCC/ CVS Cumbria Compact - Draft Dispute resolution proposals. Noted. Clerk was advised that it was not necessary to table routine papers from CVS

6.3 Energy Savings Trust: Circular seeking membership. Noted and circulated.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications granted - none

Public Path Diversion Order 2010 made re footpath 514015 at Pool Bridge, Lyth.- noted.

New application – no objection

7/2010/5065: Vary Occupancy conditions at Greenbank Farm for Mr J Crompton.

8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

Income:	NSI interest (February)	£ 17.33
	COIF Divs	£ 320.00
	Snooker Club	£ 112.00
Expenditure approved:	Clerks fees & petty cash spend	£ 595.65

Parish Room: It was noted that income from the Snooker Club was steadily decreasing year on year and was no longer making a realistic contribution to the costs of running the premises. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the club suggesting that they increase their membership through a range of activities (eg darts). Clerk to offer help from the PC in this process if required. **Action: Clerk**

Audit: Appointment of auditor (Mr J Holmes). Letter approved
Effectiveness of internal audit. Document reviewed and approved.
Risk Analysis. Document reviewed and approved.

9 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC; None

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

Village of the Year Funds: VOY committee had suggested work on the Village Green, including planting a tree with surrounding seat. It was agreed that the green was too rocky to permit tree planting and that the VOY committee might be better off placing a tree/seat on the recreation field. MLD/Clerk to talk to Lorainne Brierley.

Bowling Green Field/Quarries: The VOY item lead to a discussion on the future of Bowling Green Field and ideas for its use for recreational purposes. It was agreed to arrange a site visit in the spring plus visits to other quarries held by the PC in trust for the parish. **Action: Clerk**

Dave Alston – Grant MH advised the PC that this young man was looking for a grant towards a sponsored trip to the Himalayas. It was agreed that it was not appropriate for the PC to make grants to individuals but suggested that applications to Landowners and/or the Crosthwaite & Lyth charities (via the Vicar) would be more appropriate.

Date of next monthly Meeting: Thursday 15th April 2010 at 7.30pm..

Date of Annual Parish Meeting ditto 7.00pm