

# Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008

**PRESENT:** Mr M L Dobson (Chair), Mr D T Dobson, Mr J Bownass, Mr M Casson, Mr C Smith

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

**1. APOLOGIES,** Mr M J Dobson, Cllr R Ballantyne-Smith (SLDC)

**2. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES** - none

**3. MINUTES** of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008 (already circulated) were approved and signed.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**re: Data Protection Registration:** Registration complete...

**re: Road Closures for Water main repairs** Proceeding as scheduled. Complications at Hollow Clue bridge. No significant complaints..

**re CALC AGM 8<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Attended by J Bownass. His written report had been circulated already..

**re: 11.1 Cross Howe policies.** Reply received giving clear statement as to policies.

**re: CALC paper Employing a Parish Steward:** Paper circulated; but still considered not appropriate at this time. J Bland suggested that this subject be reconsidered in the coming year in the light of funding which he may have available. **Action: Clerk**

**re: NW Regional Spatial Strategy:** Extract circulated no response required or given.

**5. PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS**

**5.1 Housing** Survey questionnaires collected and returned to CRHT for initial analysis.

**5.2 Community Events:** No further action.

**5.3 Employment and Business:** No further action. .

**5.4 Roads and Traffic:** No further action at this stage; Councillors were reminded that any suitable tasks still needed should be advised to John Handley before the next visit of the Highway Steward. Positive response to concerns about flooding between school and church – awaiting report from Highways Dept..

**5.5 Community Web site** Useful informal meeting of the sub group and others on 30<sup>th</sup> Octobe.r. Development on going with more contributors.

**5.6 First Responders:** See latest note from J Holmes. Training due to start 9<sup>th</sup> Jan and team should be up and running by May.

**6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1 CALC Notes on meeting of Lake District Parish Councils 13<sup>th</sup> October.** Key points are: a draft parish charter will be circulated to PCs in January; also the director of WHS bid is willing to visit PCs. It was agreed that it would be best for the Director to attend the neighbourhood forum meeting at Crosthwaite on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. **Action: Clerk**

**6.2 CALC Proposed letter to Planning Authorities:** Agreed to send a standard letter to LDPA pressing for a proper review of development control procedures as a means of standardising responses across planning authorities. **Action: Clerk**

**6.3 CALC:** Free Solar & Wind systems for community halls. Information passed to Memorial Hall Committee for consideration.

**6.4 CALC Oct Circular:** Reminder re mandatory adoption of a 'Publication Scheme' by end December. It was agreed to formally adopt the standard scheme for PCs identified in that document and to amend standing orders and to advertise as required before end December. **Action: Clerk**

Matthew Taylor Review 'Living Working Countryside' re proposals to improve flexibility of rules for affordable housing. Report available on DCLG web site [www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk). Noted; to be reviewed at a later meeting **Action: Clerk**

**6.5 CALC Nov Circular** Reminder re new planning rules for homeowners' improvements and extensions. Interactive house guide available on [www.planningportal.gov.uk/uploads](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/uploads)

**6.6 CALC – Planning Training Seminars: (Gilpin Inn 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec)** Follow on from 'Guide to Planning' publication. Casson and G Pitt to attend.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

Grant of Planning Permission

7/2007/5377; Motorcycle trials (3pa) on Township allotment.

7/2008/5334; Laundry Cottage, Witherslack extension for Mr N Wilkinson

7/2008/5488; Damson Dene Hotel, new sewage treatment for Lakes Hotels.

New applications

7/2008/5511; Park Lea, Lyth extension and alterations for Mr & Mrs Jones no objections.

7/2008/5612; Mirk Howe change of use of agricultural buildings for Mr R Rose – positive support on the basis of additional work and activity in the village.

## 8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

<b>Income:</b>	NSI interest (1 month)	£	43.35
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<b>Expenditure approved:</b>	Eon for electricity	£	47.50
	Citizens advice, SL	£	100.00

**Precept 2009/10** Application made for £1500 as agreed.

**NALC 2008/9 Interim salary scales for Parish Clerks:** It was noted that the minimum hourly rate for Parish Clerks in the award had risen to £8.23 . Since this was still equivalent to 10hrs per month, the Clerk did not feel it was necessary to ask for his salary to be increased. After some discussion it was agreed that no increase was necessary for the coming year.

## 9 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

**Date of next Meeting: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008 (No meeting in December)**

GP 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008