

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 21st January 2010

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

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

1. **APOLOGIES**, Cllr R Ballantyne-Smith (SLDC).

2. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 19th December 2009 (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. Sites had been identified by MLD, MH and GP but data on ownership still to be collected. A number of councillors expressed concern about the uses of this information which might be made by LDNPA in future planning policy decisions and they were also concerned about identifying potential sites without first obtaining the views of owners. Clerk had been in contact with the responsible officer at LDNPA who had offered to advise on the background to the consultation and to help with a draft if required. **Action: MH, Clerk**

re. Village Agents: Clerk had spoken to Jean Denney who had been approached by Age Concern but did not wish to take on the role. Clerk would now speak to Age Concern to suggest their attendance at the Exchange as a means of recruiting a local Agent if required. **Action: Clerk**

re: Flooding at Hollow Clue: J Bownass reported on contacts with a Mr Roberts, Environmental Officer of SLDC. SLDC should be able to help with clearing the stream bed but it would be necessary to identify boundaries and ownership of the land and stream bed. **Action: JB, Clerk**

4. **PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS**

4.1 Housing: MH and Clerk had attended a meeting, with Helsington and Underbarrow PCs, SLDC. CRHT, Two Castles and David Mc Gowan (LDNPA) – and J Bland (CCC) on January 8th to discuss housing needs following local surveys and subsequent meetings. The meeting was mostly concerned with co-ordinating CRHT response to housing needs between Underbarrow and Helsington/Brigsteer. CRHT clear that they would not propose developments which were not required or below a minimum size. There was also discussion on the role of CLTs in part owned and rental areas, JBland quoting Witherslack as a good example.

David McGowan had still not followed up on his offer to hold a planning surgery in Crosthwaite There was some discussion on where to go from this point and it was decided to press DMcG again alerting returnees requiring affordable housing, suggesting that they prepare outline schemes to discuss with DMcG. **Action: MH, Clerk**

4.2 Community Events:

Open Garden/Garden Ramble project: MLD reported that 12 to 15 gardens would be involved; a further meeting would be held soon. Clerk was still seeking insurance cover for the event.

Action: Clerk

4.3 Employment and Business: No further action.

4.4 Roads and Traffic:

Highway Steward: Due for week of 21st December. John Handley had briefed him on road and flooding issues. Pot holes in A5074 surface were again a problem to be advised to Highway Steward.

BWTS: No further information to date.

Fatal accident on A590/Foulshaw lane junction: Response from Area Highways authority in a letter received 21st Dec stating that the authority would carry out a detailed investigation of all crossings between Brettargh Holt and Lindale and that Parishes would be consulted.

4.5 Community Web site; New web management software had been installed (see also Finances)

4.6 First Responders:

4.7 Crime and Disorder; Kent Estuary report extracted from the police web site and tabled. Detailed figures also available on the web site but not extracted.

Email received from CALC asking if personal contact with local police had been made – Clerk to reply no despite the police being informed of PC meeting dates.

5. Governance

5.1 SL Strategic Partnership – Local Area Partnership: Clerk had passed his notes on SW LAP to the Two Valleys magazine and they should appear in the February edition. A note had been received calling the for next LAP meeting end Feb/early March.

Clerk stressed that the PC had undertaken to identify issues of sufficient common interest, if any, to warrant setting up a LAP. There was considerable discussion on issues of common interest. (Housing, Roads, Planning) but it was felt that these would be best handled by ad hoc contacts and did not require the formality of a LAP organisation even at the Two Valleys level. Clerk to report accordingly. In the meantime we would keep a watching brief on the activities of the full South Westmorland LAP.

Action: Clerk

6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

6.1. TSL Allotments Survey: Not relevant – Clerk to make negative return.

6.2 CCC – Public Paths Initiative: Workshop and possibility of small grants. Noted and circulated for Councillors to consider possible projects.

6.3 CALC – Training opportunities: Noted but no takers.

6.4 Natural England – Consultation on the proposed extension of Lakes and N Yorks National Parks.. Responses required by 17th March. Initial reaction was that the proposals would not affect Crosthwaite & Lyth significantly and the outcome would be little changed by the consultation process. Papers were circulated to Councillors and responses made to the February meeting, if any, would be forwarded to Natural England.

6.5 Vision 21 Talk Toilets – Consultation: Noted and circulated – largely irrelevant.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications granted

7/2009/5634: Balcony/Deck at Park Lea for Mr S Jones

7/2009/5648: Extension at Woodhouse farm for Mr & Mrs Clarke

New application – no objection

7/2009/5693: Alterations to Lowfell Cottage, Crosthwaite for Miss S Bourne

8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

Income:	NSI interest (December)	£ 16.60
Expenditure approved:	Eon for electricity	£ 113.78
	Argles Memorial Hall for use (3 meetings)	£ 45.00
	John Sceal for New Hosting Package	£ 97.76

Parish Room: Clerk had produced a final statutory declaration on behalf of the Chairman; when signed the declaration would be used to complete an application to the Land Registry. Clerk had been advised that the PCC would not make any objection.

Action: Clerk

9 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC; None

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS; None

Date of next monthly Meeting: Thursday 18th February 2010 at 7.30pm..

GP 28th Jan 2010