

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 25th September 2008

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

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

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

2. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE None

3. MINUTES of the meeting held on 28th August 2008 (already circulated) were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

re: Data Protection Registration: Clerk was in the process of registering the holding of personal data from the Housing Needs Survey..

re 5.4 Road Closures for Water main repairs Proceeding as scheduled. No significant complaints yet.

re 6.1 CCC/SLDC Locality Working Parish Summit. MLD, MC and GP had attended the meeting on 4th September. MLD and GP reported that the presentations concentrated on the proposed groupings of town and parish councils without defining the delegated powers and funding which these groups were to manage, assisted by seconded staff from district councils (whose role and responsibilities were also not clear). Town and Parish councils had been asked to comment on the proposals as part of the initial consultation process.

After some discussion during which Cllr Bland advised that the PC should make its views known or risk a solution being imposed upon them, the Clerk was asked to prepare a letter to the Chairman of the Strategic Partnership giving the PC's views, ie;

- If groupings were necessary then a 'rural' group based on the existing Two Valleys organisation plus Levens and Crook would be preferable.
- It was unsatisfactory to be asked to comment on such a structure without clearer definitions of powers, duties, funding and organisation..

Given the relatively short time allowed for consultation it was agreed to contact Chairmen of Parish Councils who would be included in the above rural group to see if an informal meeting would help in agreeing/supporting such a proposal

Action: Chairman, Clerk

re 6.4 LDNPA appointments/ TIM Farron letter: M Harkness expressed an interest in her name being put forward to the Secretary of State and she would download the necessary application forms. The PC agreed that they would endorse her application with letters to Tim Farron and the Secretary of State

Action; MH, Clerk

re: 8 Annual Audit: Advertised and displayed as required – cycle complete..

5. PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS

5.1 Housing Mary Harkness reported that the Housing Needs Survey questionnaire and covering letter had now been printed and were ready for distribution. The parish meeting called for 3rd October to would introduce the questionnaire and .The sub group had met again on 23rd Sept to plan distribution and collection of the questionnaires (by 7th November). CRHT would analyse the data and prepare a report. The data would also be made available to the PC.

5.2 Community Events: No further action.

5.3 Employment and Business: No further action. Website being maintained.

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.

5.5 Community Web site. Development on going. John Sceal tabled an email, circulated in advance, which reported that the website had been up and running for a year, but without meeting many of the objectives set out in the Parish Plan which was reflected in the low 'hit rate'. He asked for help in increasing content of the site and raising awareness of its usefulness. It was agreed to set up a small working party to assist John in his efforts. Suggestions were Martin Casson, John Holmes, and Jean Denney. JB agreed to press Val Harrison to maintain hall data and the Clerk agreed to provide up to date paperwork from the Parish Council. **Action: JB, Clerk**

5.6 First Responders: JB reported ongoing problems with the Ambulance Service ij that retraining was held up by shortage of staff and resources. J Holmes had spent much time following up these issues and was now more hopeful. However there was still uncertainty about funding.

6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 DCLG; Making and enforcement of local bye laws. Consultation paper – noted and circulated. Comments to be considered at the next meeting.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Application withdrawn

7/2009/5445 1 Foulshaw Cottages (but see below)

New applications (no formal objections)

7/2008/5535 1 Foulshaw Cottages – Extension & remodelling for M Postlethwaite

Some reservations about the inappropriate scale of development.

7/2008/5517 Orchard Cottage, Lyth – Garden Room extension for Mrs Campbell

Notes from LDNPA re Notice of intentions and email consultations. – circulated.

8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

Income:	NSI interest (1 month)	£ 43.34
	COIF (Charities – 3 months)	£ 295.50
Expenditure approved:	John Sceal; software for website	£ 58.75
	BDO Stoy Hayward audit fees	£ 170.38
	Clerks fees (1 st half year)	£ 500.00
	Postage	£ 19.85
	Petty Cash expenditure	£ 83.30

Annual Audit: Report displayed for required period – no queries. Cycle now complete.

Summary accounts for 6 months to end September and out turn to year end were tabled. There was a surplus to date of £213 with an estimated loss on the year of £20 on normal operations.

2009/2010 Budget and Precept: Clerk would provide a draft budget at the next meeting when a decision on the precept for 2009/10 would be required. **Action: Clerk**

10. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

11.1 Cross Howe vacancy: Clerk was asked to write to Two Castles to ensure that local candidates are sought first. It was also suggested that the CEO of Two Castles be invited to meet the PC to explain their allocation policy.

11.2 JB reported that the digital TV switchover in the area would now be 'end spring 09'

Date of next Meeting: Thursday 16th October 2008

GP 7th October 2008