

# Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008

**PRESENT:** Mr M Dobson (Chair), Mr C Smith, Mr P Cartmell, , Mr C Fletcher, Ms M Harkness.  
Mr E Robinson, Mr J Bownass

**In Attendance:** Mr G Pitt (Clerk.), Mr J Bland. (CCC),  
Mr J Holmes, chair of Business & Employment group.

1. **APOLOGIES**, Mr R Brown (SLDC)

2. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE** : None;

3. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 15th November 2007 (already circulated) were approved and signed.

## 4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**re: 8.1CCC Highways: Trial Service development:** See Parish Plan reports 5.4.

**re: 8.3 Meeting of Lake District Parish Councils 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007:** Mary Harkness had attended and reported that the meeting had been informative with the new CE Richard Leafe appearing more flexible in his approach to community issues. Bob Sutcliffe had reported that the LDF preferred options will not now be published before May 2008. A project officer is being recruited to promote the establishment of Community Land Trusts.

**re: 8.7 VAC Conference on Sustainability:** Members of Crosthwaite Exchange committee had made a presentation which was well received. The PC wished to congratulate CE on their success. CE due to give a repeat performance at Neighbourhood Forum on 30<sup>th</sup> January, in the Memorial Hall.

**re: 12.4 Agreement with Cumbria Wildlife Trust re Sandy Hill quarry:** Draft agreement circulated in advance. Outstanding terms were set at: 21 years at £25pa with insertion of a clause under which CWT accept responsibility for roadside boundary. Clerk to complete negotiations on this basis – agreement for signature at a the next meeting if possible.

**re: 12.1 Trees at Dodds How;** Some further tidying up had been done. There may be some change due to the disposal of Mirk How land following the death of its owner.

**re: 12.2, 3 No action to date.**

## 5. **PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS**

**5.1 Housing** Report from Mary Harkness. There had been a useful meeting with CRHT on 11<sup>th</sup> December at which Judith Derbyshire (CRHT) had agreed that we could adapt their standard HNS questionnaire to provide the additional information required to identify housing needs other than ‘affordable’. A long letter had been sent to Richard Leafe, CE of LDNPA, spelling out the concerns thrown up by the Plan and suggesting changes to the Authorities planning policies.

**5.2 Community Events:** No formal report. Query about Desmond Holmes proposal for a History Archive was not discussed – to be brought forward at next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**5.3 Employment and Business:** See written report from J Holmes.

The report identified CREA as the ideal agency through which start up or expansion advice could be directed. Key actions accepted were:

- Obtain details of CREA services to be made available through the PC and the web site
- In particular obtain copies of CREA’s ‘Small Business Guide 2007’
- Publicise information that is available through PC and website. (see also 5.6 below)
- Make PC more accessible to people wishing to discuss their business plans.

Unemployment does not appear to be a significant problem but the web site was identified as a means connecting (self employed services with customers.

**5.4 Roads and Traffic:** See written report from John Handley.

JH had been active in making contact with Cumbria Highways, Amey Mouchel et al. a number of outstanding issues had been cleared. However the surface of A5074 was breaking up in many places aggravated by surface water and causing damage to passing vehicles. Actions agreed were:

- Write (again) to Nick Raymond expressing thanks for work done and concern about A5074..
- Press Highways dept re surface water/gulley cleaning.
- Prepare task list before next visit of the Area Highway Team

Preliminary work on a footpath (School to Church) was noted with interest but with some caution over the possible need to acquire land and hence the need for consultation.

**5.5 Community Web site:** Basic framework set up with links to Parish Magazine, Parish Council etc It was agreed that John Seal had done an excellent job and that there was a strong case for increasing the scope of the site and its public profile.

It was agreed that JS should be invited to recommend a series of developments which would meet the Parish's needs and how to maintain the site, with estimates of costs. A public launch should also be discussed and planned in due course. **Action: Clerk**

**5.6 Parish Web Site.** Progressing well

**5.7 Parish Video :** GP had advised J Bownass re availability of some cash.

The PC were very pleased with the progress made by the working groups and wished their thanks to be recorded.

## **6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 DCALG: Consultation on Orders & Regulations re conduct of Local Authority members.**

Document inviting comments on proposed regulation of the Standards Board and Area Committees in applying the revised code of conduct. The PC felt that it had no practical experience in this area and hence could not make any useful comments – Clerk to respond accordingly. **Action: Clerk.**

**8.2 CALC: Advice on Standing Orders/Public Participation.** Para 12.2 was not included in our adoption of the revised model code of conduct – hence not a problem. Current standing orders are sufficient to cover public participation in council meetings. Noted.

**8.3 CALC: Course (4 sessions) 'The Effective Council'** Invitation noted – no takers.

**8.4 SLDC: Recycling News:** Recycling of domestic waste in 2006/7 over 30% - good performance. SLDC are hoping for over 40% in 2007/8. Noted & circulated..

**8.5 SLCC: Conference Programme 2008.** Noted & circulated..

**8.5 FELS: Update on Wind Farms:** Noted & circulated..

## **9. PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Planning permission granted**

7/2007/5446 Greenacre Cottage, alterations and extensions for Mr & Mrs Clement.

7/2007/5490 Greenside, new stable block for Mr & Mrs Clifford

7/2007/5495 Fairy Glen, External door 7 steps for Mr & Mrs Armstrong

7/2007/5516 High Cartmell Fold, Conversion of Coach House for Mr & Mrs Cartmell.

7/2007/5583 Greenacre Barn House, Conversion of garage for Mr & Mrs Bevans

### **Refused**

7/2207/Durham Bridge Farm, Alterations to barn for Mr D Myers

### **New applications:**

7/2007/5643 Haycote Farm, erection of log and oil tank store.

7/2007/5663 High Cartmell Fold, external alterations to coach house for Mr & Mrs Cartmell..

7/2007/5698 Inman Howe, opening window to attic space for Mr & Mrs Taylor

There were no objections to any of these applications.

## 10. FINANCES (Since last meeting)

<b>Income:</b>	NSI interest (2 months)	£99.94
	COIF Interest & dividends (quarterly)	£294.25
<b>Expenditure approved:</b>	M J Knipe grass cutting	£160.00
	Computer Security Software annual subs	£ 30.00
	Eon (electricity) to 10/01/08.	£ 85.88
<b>Annual Precept 08/09;</b>	Clerk had inserted a note in the Parish Magazine for Feb. explaining the need for a precept.	
<b>Registration of Quarries</b>	Application sent to Land Registry – charges to be advised.	

## 11. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - None

### 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.1 Bottle Bank in Church car park:** Parishioners had asked if this was still required given the new door step collection service, pointing out that its present position was unsightly and likely to interfere with access to disabled parking. It was agreed to consult with the Punch Bowl and SLDC waste services to check on current need. **Action Clerk**
- 12.2 Red Deer Intrusion:** Red Deer had been reported as causing damage to gardens in properties below the lots – does the PC have any powers to order a cull? **Action: Clerk**

**Date of next Meeting:** Thursday 21st February 2008 .(MLD and JB apologies in advance)

GP 23/01/2008