

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 12th June 2008

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

In Attendance: Mr G Pitt (Clerk). Cllr J Bland (CCC), Cllr R Ballantyne-Smith (SLDC) Sgt Sizer

The Chairman welcomed Rosie Ballantyne Smith as the newly elected Councillor for the local SLDC ward.

1. APOLOGIES, Mr C Smith

2. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE** Sgt Sizer reported that PC Judith Mallinson was off duty with a potentially long term injury and no replacement was in post. There had been no reported incidents in the last two months; they were aware of an attempted burglary in the church (collection box). There had been some theft of car contents at Scout Scar car park and thefts of scrap metal were an on going problem. Vigilance was necessary. Clerk was asked to provide current addresses for Neighbourhood Watch contacts. **Action: Clerk** Sgt Sizer was invited to visit the Crosthwaite Exchange.

3. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 15th May 2008 (already circulated) were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

re: Appointment of Parish Member to LDNPA: An election had been held and J Bownass was second in line with W Barr first. Mr Barr has been recommended to the Secretary of State for appointment..

re: CALC Conference 29th March: J Bownass tabled copies of a map shown at the conference which showed the CCC preferences. JB had also written to CALC complaining about the short notice given for comments on their paper 'Call for Action'.

Re: CALC Guide to Planning Clerk reported that additional copies were available at £4 each. It was decided to make do with the 3 copies already in circulation.

re: 9.1 Road repairs: Hole near Dodds Howe had been repaired see also report under Parish Plan.

Re 11.1 Sewerage Scheme. Drawings recovered but no contact with UU yet. **Action Clerk**

5. PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS

5.1 Housing Mary Harkness reported that the Housing Needs Survey had been revised again and was now back with Judith Derbyshire (CRHT) who would clear its format/content with LDNPA.. MH and GP have signed on for a 1 day conference on 'Owning the Assets' exploring the development of Local Trusts (on 26th June). They would report back at the next PC meeting.

5.2 Community Events: No further action.

5.3 Employment and Business: M Casson reported for J Holmes. They had useful discussions with John Seal and the web site would provide information on business with links to individual business web sites where they exist.

5.4 Roads and Traffic: John Handley reported on helpful contacts with Nick Raymond (Area Highways Manager) However funding for road speed restrictions was now with CC Councillors (ie J Bland) Cllr Bland confirmed that this was the case. He recommended that J Handley should write to him with a firm proposal when it was available.

NB: The Highways Stewards scheme was being introduced at a series of local meetings – the relevant meeting for this parish would be at Milnthorpe on Tuesday 8th July (7.00pm St Thomas' Church Centre)

5.5 Community Web site. Development on going. Clerk had provided detail on spend to date and asked for agreement to invest the remaining £600 in software and video content

5.6 First Responders. JB reported on recent progress. Discussions had been based on a grouping of parishes – Crosthwaite, Crook, Underbarrow, Brigsteer and Levens) The latest memo from Lancashire Ambulance Service stated that they could pay for the necessary equipment (but not yet confirmed?) They could not provide training until September.

6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 LDPA LDF & Waste Core Strategies Preferred Options - consultation: An invitation to consult on two key documents supplied (summaries already circulated). Comments required by 11th July. See also discussion on core strategy documents under planning matters.

6.2 CALC June Circular: Circulated – items of interest were:

Hazel Blear has promised additional powers to Parish and Town Councils. There is to be a new white paper on citizens rights within local democracies.

The revised CALC Call for Action paper has been sent to principal authorities.

Quality Parish Scheme changes – accompanied by pressure to qualify (see discussion under AOB)

7. PLANNING MATTERS

No new applications or approvals

Clerk referred to the various papers received in recent weeks

NW Regional Assembly, Spatial Strategy, Preferred Options

Defines top level planning objectives/constraints

Cumbria and N Lancs covered in 4 pages, focussing on development of service centres with little detail about rural communities. We did not respond to this round of consultation.

Consultation now complete and preferred options are firm.

SLDC Local Development Framework, Core Strategy – Preferred Options.

Key planning document for S Lakes outside the National Park, constrained by NWRA Spatial Strategy. We agreed not to respond to this consultation as Crosthwaite and Lyth planning issues were not directly affected. Consultation ends

LDNPA Local Development Framework, Core Strategy – Preferred options.

Key planning document for the National Park, partially constrained by the MWRA Spatial Strategy.

Summary document already circulated to PC, two full copies to be circulated after the meeting.

Full document is heavy going but the key issues and preferred options addressing those issues are clearly defined. Preferred option 6 relates to lesser villages linked to ‘cluster communities’ for development purposes; Crosthwaite is shown as linked to Underbarrow and Row.

Closing date for consultation responses is 11th July. As this is before the next PC meeting, Clerk will compose a response incorporating any comments from councillors, including a request for Howe to be included as a cluster community.

8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

Income:	NSI interest (1 month)	£ 45.86
	Rent for Sandy Hill (yr 1)	£ 25.00

Expenditure approved:	Fees for CALC conference	£ 20.00
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Bank Mandate: Remaining signatories were M L Dobson, C Smith, J Bownass Bank now applies a limit of three within free banking. Agreed to leave mandate with remaining three signatories but to press for a fourth (Mary Harkness) **Action: Clerk**

10. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

The need to obtain Quality Parish Status was discussed – this hinges around the Clerk’s willingness to qualify for a CILC through preparation of the required portfolio. At this stage the Clerk was unwilling to do so, seeing the qualification as superfluous given the current good management of the Council’s affairs. It was agreed not to press for QP status without more evidence of need and benefits.

Date of next Meeting: Thursday 17th July 2008

GP 23th June 2008