

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 26th February 2009

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

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

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

2. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES – none, but see matters arising below.

3. MINUTES of the meeting held on 15th January 2009 (already circulated) were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

re: Neighbourhood Forum meeting Crosthwaite 11th Feb: A useful meeting, well attended.

re 6.4 Policing Policy: Clerk had emailed Sgt Sizer with invitation to attend Crosthwaite Exchange as a means of maintaining contact with local inhabitants. No response had been received to date..

re: 6.1 LDNPA/Parish charter: Clerk had co-ordinated responses from councillors and had completed the formal response form before the deadline of 31st January.

5. PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS

5.1 Housing Survey questionnaires collected and returned to CRHT in November for initial analysis. Still no report from CRHT on the affordable housing aspects due to pressure of work. However responses to the personal questions beyond the affordable housing sections had been extracted and supplied to the Clerk (covered by data protection registration). The housing sub group would need to consider how to analyse this data whilst still maintaining data privacy.

5.2 Community Events: No further action.

5.3 Employment and Business: No further action. .

5.4 Roads and Traffic:

A report from the Highways Dept has identified the main tasks needed to resolve flooding between School and High Cartmell Fold entrance. It was not clear when this work would be carried out. D T Dobson had cleaned out gullies at the end of Cartmell Fold drive. This should ease the problem of surface water running across the road at HCF entrance and hence down to the low point.

Cllr Bland reported that Cumbria Highways had set up an additional road gang with a budget of £40k to carry out repairs to road surfaces up end March. The team had already done some work on the A5074.

John Handley was away but a report from the School Travel plan group was tabled. This report stated that the Highways agency believed a footpath on the roadside from School to Church was feasible although no funding was available. The PC felt that even if feasible such a path would be too narrow for safety and they suggested that the group consider reactivating paths across fields to the Church car park. They also felt that the proposal to introduce a 40mph speed limit from Guide Post should be reduced to 30mph. Clerk to write to John Handley on both issues. **Action: Clerk.**

5.5 Community Web site; Still growing with more content and contributors.

5.6 First Responders: Good progress. Training had started. Neighbourhood forum had allocated some funds (£1000) towards set up costs. More funding was required towards annual running costs..

6. GOVERNANCE

6.1 SL Strategic Partnership – Locality Working - Consultation document: Revised proposals and

additional narrative following first round of parish summits held in October. There was discussion on two basic questions:

- a) What services do Councillors wish to influence/control?
The PC were particularly concerned to control all elements of local road maintenance and the local environment, including footpaths.
- b) What organisation/Locality groupings do the councillors favour?
The PC was sceptical about the need for locality groups in the first place but, if introduced/imposed, then a locality group based on the Two Valleys would be the most favoured option.

6.2 CALC Conference on locality working Sat 28th Feb: The Chairman and Clerk had signed on for a half day conference on this topic called by CALC and would report back in due course. In the meantime advice given under 6.1 would advise them on the PC's feelings.

7. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Informal contact re twinning with a French commune: Clerk referred to an email received from a Nigel Bell of Windermere giving contact email and web site of Pomarede, a commune in the Carcassone district of France, who were looking for a suitable match for twinning purposes. The PC felt that this could lead to interesting social contacts and the Clerk was asked to make contact. **Action: Clerk**

7.2 LDNPA re change of Park Ranger's areas. Noted and circulated.

7.3 CALC – SL District Association meeting 7th March Gilpin Br. Normal meeting but with presentation by Land Registry on registering Parish Land. **Action: Clerk/Chairman**

7.4 GONW – NWDSS partial review: Email up dating report of last October stating that the partial review will concentrate only on Gypsies, travellers and showpeople and car parking standards!

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Grant of Planning Permission

7/2008/5511; Extensions to Park Lea, Lyth for Mr & Mrs S Jones.

7/2008/5587; New conservatory to Greenside for Mr B Cifford.

7/2008/5612; Change of use at Mirk Howe for Mr R Rose

New applications

7/2009/5053; Extension to Rose Bank for Mr & Mrs G Smith. After some discussion it was agreed that the PC should object on the basis of restricted access during and after the extension work. **Action: Clerk**

8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

Income: NSI interest £ 23.87

Expenditure approved: None. A request received from MENCAP for a donation was turned down in the light of reduced income. (see below)

Investments - effect of current financial crisis (cf 1st April 2008)

	Cap Val	+/-	Income pa	+/-
National Savings Bond	11,500	0	250?	-240?
COIF Investment Fund	4,764	-1680	100?	-100?
COIF Fixed Interest Fund	18,071	+ 615	993	0

Clerk would provide a revised budget in the light of actual quarterly income at end Feb.

Internal Audit: The PC considered and approved the risk analysis and effectiveness of Internal Audit statements. It was agreed that Mr J Holmes be again appointed as internal auditor and the draft appointment letter tabled by the Clerk was approved.. **Action: Clerk**

9 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

Date of next Meeting: Thursday 26th March 2009

GP 3rd March 2009