

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 16th April 2009

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

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

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mr J Bownass, Mr D T Dobson

2. **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES** – none..

3. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 26th March 2009 (already circulated) were approved and signed.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

re: 10 Cross Howe: The Clerk reported on correspondence with the Housing Officer of Two Castles who confirmed that their legal actions against their tenant had not been successful and there was little they could do at this stage. Further complaints had been received about rowdy behaviour and unauthorised camping adjacent to the mill dam. The Clerk was asked to contact Sgt Sizer of the local Community Policing Team to ask for his help.
Action: Clerk

5. **PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS**

5.1 Housing CRHT list of all references to sites made in the returned questionnaires still needed to be addressed.(many references were vague/ill defined) . **Action MH/GP**
CRHT apparently making some progress with the Housing Needs Survey – they had asked for a copy of the photo on the front of the Parish Plan. There was still a need to complete the analysis of parish specific questions in time to append to the HNS. **Action: MH/GP**

5.2 Community Events: No further action.

5.3 Employment and Business: No further action. .

5.4 Roads and Traffic:

Clerk had placed complaints with the Highways hotline - particularly wrt A5074 and danger for traffic approaching Damson Day event. Clerk to pursue. **Action: Clerk.**
Complaint made about state of signpost at Durham Bridge – Clerk to check with John Handley as a job for the Highways Steward.

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

5.6 First Responders: Good progress. First 16 trained volunteers assessed as ‘very high standard’. Team due to go live in mid May. More funding was required towards set up and annual running costs. A ceilidh had been organised for 8th May..

6. **GOVERNANCE**

6.1 SL Strategic Partnership – Locality Working - Consultation document:

The Chairman and Clerk had attended the meeting on a ‘Two Valleys’ LAP on 31st March (see minutes already circulated). There was a consensus in favour of such a LAP (although Levens had not reached a decision on the matter) and GP undertook to draft a case for presentation to the Local Strategic Partnership. Response form completed and returned by 9th April.

6.2 Twinning (with La Pomarede, France)

Councillors were asked to consider what other benefits might come from a twinning arrangement.

7. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 CALC/Community Land Trusts. Reminder that there is a lot of info and reports on the CALC web site(www.calc.org.uk) in the CLT sector. Clerk to list content. **Action: Clerk**

7.2 LDNPA re Parish Council tours: 'Seeing is Believing': Invitation for 11th or 17th September. (Latter to run into Lakes Parish meeting but conflicted with a PC meeting) Two representatives were invited – form was circulated for volunteers to complete.

7.3 SLDC/Allocation of Land DPD. Note to consultees about results of consultation phase – not directly relevant to parishes within Nat Park. Noted and circulated.

7.4 NWRA Strategy Update: Noted and circulated.

7.5 Cumbria CC PPI Newsletter: Noted and circulated

7.6 Rural Services Community: Weekly newsletter for info – circulated

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Application withdrawn:

7/2009/5053; Extension to Rose Cottage.

New applications

7/2009/5142; Garage at 1 Foulshaw Cottages for Mr Postlethwaite. No objection although there was some concern that this had not been included in the original application for extensions to the property.

8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

Income:	NSI interest (March)	£ 13.89
Expenditure approved:	CALC subs for 2009/10 (due 1 st April)	£ 155.50
	Insurance renewal premium	£ 701.26

Draft Annual Accounts: Not yet audited (difficulty with scheduling Auditor)

9 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

10.1 Gordon Pitt, Clerk to PC gave notice of his wish to retire as of April 2010.

10.2 Complaints had been received re burning of unsuitable rubbish at Mirk Howe. Clerk was asked to write to Richard Rose on the subject. **Action: Clerk**

Date of next (monthly) Meeting: Thursday 21st May 2009 7.30pm

Annual General meeting: Thursday 21st May 2009 7.00pm

GP 4th May 2009