

# Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009

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

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

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Mr C.Smith, Cllr R Ballantyne-Smith (SLDC),
- 2. MINUTES** of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (already circulated) were approved and signed.
- 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not covered elsewhere in this agenda)**  
**re: 4.7 Finances/Funding** for Parish Plan – no response from VAC to date.

**re: 10: Open Gardens proposal** Clerk had emailed John Handley assuring him of PC support. He was now seeking to bring together a group to organise the event.

**re: Planning query re Caravan off A5074:** Clerk confirmed that there had been no further response from LDNPA planners. He was asked to follow up with LDNPA. **Action: Clerk**

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

**4.1 Housing** M Harkness reported that there still had been no signs of the HNS from CRHT although they had reported on Underbarrow's survey which had been carried out after Crosthwaite. MH had talked to David McGowan who had repeated his offer to attend a public meeting with a planning officer to respond to particular issues – it was agreed to set this up in October. There was still a need to complete the analysis of parish specific questions in time to append to the HNS. **Action: MH/GP**

**4.2 Community Events:** No further action.

**4.3 Employment and Business:** No further action. .

**4.4 Roads and Traffic:** A number of sections of A5074 had been resurfaced but there were still some unsafe patches. It was noted that signs had just appeared closing the road through the village for up to 4 weeks, without any advance notice or reason given. Clerk had established that these related to corrective work by Balfour Beatty following water mains work for United Utilities. J Bownass reported that there were still complaints about the state of verges etc on the Starnthwaite road **Action: Clerk**

John Handley had reported via email on progress with the School BWTS through Judith Aris (Capita); some funding for flashing warning lights was available, the balance to be provided by the school from their Capital Reward Grant – amount unspecified. Judith Aris stated that the footpath proposal was still on their list but no funding was available. There was a general understanding that this proposal had been considered impractical at an earlier stage. Clerk to clarify with JH. **Action: Clerk**

Highway Steward due in two weeks time – his job list includes re-erecting warning posts on the A5074.

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

**4.6 First Responders:** 6 callouts to date (3 Witherslack, 1 Crook, 1 Underbarrow, 1 Crosthwaite)

## **5. Governance**

### **5.1 SL Strategic Partnership – Locality Working - Consultation document:**

SL Strategic Partnership have produced a summary of the results of the latest round of consultations in which the Two Valleys proposal is acknowledged (but listed under Kent Valley) and not shown on the definitive map. Observations refer to the Two Valleys proposal, pointing out that it would be the smallest LAP with only 3000 inhabitants; and suggests leaving the issue to the Kent Estuary LAP to resolve the issue. SLDC were meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July (same day) and their agenda included approval of the setting up

of LAPs. J Bland commented that CCC would decide their position on LAPs at their meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> July, but it was likely that they would support the proposals.

M Harkness proposed that the PC should withdraw from the LAP scheme forthwith as there was little or no chance of the Two Valleys proposal being accepted and there were still serious doubts about the purpose and effectiveness of LAPs. After some discussion it was agreed to leave a decision until the next PC meeting when the positions of CCC and SLDC would be clearer.

**5.2 Twinning (with La Pomarede, France):** Clerk had responded and J Bownass had agreed a date for his visit to La Pomarede – confirmed in email response from La Pomarede (circulated). JB had prepared video material from the within the Parish including French lesson in School. He confirmed that he would carry all expenses for his trip and there would be no charge on the Council. It was agreed not to take any further initiatives and to wait for JB's report before calling a public meeting to gauge support

**5.3 LNPA Parish Charter:**  
Awaiting final version.

## 6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

**6.1 Rural Community Network:** Weekly digest of PC news and items of interest. Request for email addresses of councillors who wish for a direct delivery by email.

**6.2 CALC Circular:** emailed out. Clerk asked to download and to retain a copy of the new toolkit.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications Granted

7/2009/5035 Dormer window at Stonegarth for Ms Webb and Mr Sutcliffe

7/2009/5082 Porch extension at High Barn, Lyth for Mr & Mrs Mitchell

7/2009/5130 Garden room at Greenfold for Mr & Mrs Gilbertson.

7/2009/5142 Garage at 1 Foulshaw Cottages for Mr & Mrs Postlethwaite.

New applications

7/2009/5310: Replacement for 5178 (withdrawn) New documentation is a notification of an agricultural development – not subject to full planning procedures/controls and hence PC comments are irrelevant! None the less the Clerk was asked to convey the PC's reservations about the scale of the development and problems with access.

7/2009/5328: Garden room with disabled access at Greenfold Crosthwaite for Mr & Mrs Gilbertson – no objections (revision of 5130, already approved).

Application no 514029 for footpath diversion at Haycote Barn associated with the introduction of security gates. No objection to the diversion but severe reservations about the need for security gates. Clerk to respond.

**Action: Clerk**

## 8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

<b>Income:</b>	NSI interest (June)	£ 13.89
	Quarry rentals (CWT)	£ 25.00
<b>Expenditure approved:</b>	BDO Stoy Hayward (Auditors)	£ 57.50 inc VAT

**Annual Return:** Accepted and returned from External Auditors. The only issue raised was the correct description of grants made under powers in section S137. The final annual return and issues were discussed and approved by Council. Clerk to post final return and notice as legally required.

## 9 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC; None

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

**10.1** Lorraine Brierley had entered the village in this year's CALOR gas Village of the Year competition and had progressed to the second round, involving a visit by judges (25<sup>th</sup> August). The Chairman and Clerk had declared the PC's support for the application and would participate in the judges visit. This action was ratified.

**10.2** J Bownass proposed that the Clerk should be asked to write to SLDC supporting the retention of New Road Kendal for car parking – as part of the final week's consultation. Agreed. **Action Clerk**

**Date of next monthly Meeting:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm.

GP 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009