

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 19th November 2009

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

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

1. **APOLOGIES**, Ms M Harkness, Cllr R Ballantyne-Smith (SLDC).
2. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 29th October 2009 (already circulated) were approved and signed.
3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not covered elsewhere in this agenda)**
re: Cumbria CALOR Gas VOY. Results of the national competition were still awaited (24th Nov?)
Comments from the judges during the last round were available and very complimentary.

4. PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS

4.1 Housing The Clerk had received 6 hard copies of the HNS for circulation and a pdf copy was also available through the Community Web site. MH has made contact with Robert Sykes re involvement in possible Community Land Trust. GP referred to previous suggestion from J Bland re contact with the new Director of 2 Castles. GP to make direct contact to propose a meeting

4.2 Community Events:

Open Garden/Garden Ramble project: Clerk is to produce a statement on insurance cover provided by the PC policy. MLD reported that the next meeting of the Working Group was due shortly. J Bownass had been asked to make a video record of the event.

4.3 Employment and Business: No further action. .

4.4 Roads and Traffic:

Highway Steward: See exchange of emails between GP, JH and CCC etc over jobs for the Highway Steward.

Flooding at Hollow Clue: Recent heavy rain had caused flooding to Farley Cottage (again). There had been considerable activity including a visit by CCC Highways to inspect and clear the offending culvert. There was considerable discussion re possible long term solutions for this problem. It was agreed that the flooding was aggravated by restrictions to the stream bed below the cottage and that the area should be inspected. If necessary the PC would consider bringing in a local contractor to clear the stream bed..

BWTS Clerk tabled John Handley's email (from Capita Symonds) re the installation of flashing lights to protect the school approaches. Confirmed £3000 from CCC and £1400 from existing school grant. Jim Bland is progressing a 30mph limit before the 20mph signs.

Fatal accident on A590/Foulshaw lane junction – The Councillors were concerned that there had been another fatal accident at the A591/A5074 junction, albeit at the junction with Foulshaw Lane. After considerable discussion it was agreed to write to the responsible authorities pressing for a roundabout at lighting at the junction, with lighting covering the whole area as far as Foulshaw Lane. **Action: Clerk**

4.5 Community Web site; Still growing. HNS added; to be given its own web page.

4.6 First Responders: Now up to 27 call outs. See finances for request for annual funding.

4.7 Crime and Disorder; Clerk tabled a report covering the Lyth Valley area (Crook to Witherslack and High Newton) extracted from the Cumbria police web site. Noted and circulated.

5. Governance

5.1 SL Strategic Partnership – Locality Working Minutes of meeting of LAP Project Board 7th Sept. were tabled. These covered funding and structures of LAPs and how the facilitated meetings are to be handled. NB D Dobson and G Pitt, Clerk to attend initial Kent Estuary LAP meeting on 10th Dec.

5.2 Twinning (with La Pomarede, France): Clerk had emailed the Mayor and other contacts – no response received yet.

6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

6.1.LDNPA Call for sites consultation PCs and individuals asked to identify possible spaces for local/affordable housing, employment and/or recreation covering Crosthwaite village only. (as a village service centre). A number of plots of land along the main road through the village were identified although it was recognised that the authority would only allocate land in villages to open spaces or local housing where need is particularly high. It was agreed that the Chairman & Clerk would complete return forms for consideration at the next meeting. **Action: MLD, Clerk**

6.2 CCC Neighbourhood Forum. Meeting on 23rd Nov at Witherslack. J Holmes to attend to support First Responders and to report on CALOR VOY results.

6.3 Self Directed Support – consultation Comments invited on proposed control of individual budgets under new NHS initiative. Material circulated for individual consideration.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications granted:

7/2009/5258: Conversion of barn at Broad Oak for Mr Paul Hudson

7/2009/5245: Leisure facilities at Damson Dene for South Lakes Hotels.

7/2009/5328: Garden Room at Greenfold for Mr & Mrs Gilbertson

7/2009/5337: Change of use of agricultural buildings at Rawsons for Mr D H Willacy

7/2009/5426: Domestic extension to Corner Cottage for Mr D Farrimond

T/2009/0047: Thinning of trees at Cragg Howe for Mr & Mrs Marshall

New applications – no objections

7/2009/5634: Balcony/deck at Park Lea for Mr S Jones

7/2009/5648: SS Extension to Woodside Farm for Mr & Mrs P Clark

8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

Income:	NSI interest (September)	£ 16.07
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Expenditure approved:	Great Northern Air Ambulance donation.	£ 100.00
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A request had been received from First Responders for an annual contribution of £300 - as already pledged by Witherslack and Crook PCs. Despite feeling that this represented a degree of moral blackmail, the PC was happy to make a grant of £300pa to be reviewed annually in the budgeting process (ie November).

A request had also been received from the Recreational Field Trust for a contribution towards their project to replace the children's play area (total cost of £36,277). It was agreed to grant £2,000 from reserves towards this worthwhile project.

Precept 2010/11

Given the additional commitments made above, together with depressed charitable income and rising costs, the PC felt it was prudent to increase the precept by £250 to £1750 for the coming financial year.

Parish Room: Clerk had carried out further research but as yet had found no further evidence to support registration of the Parish Room with Land Registry. He had taken informal legal advice and would set about producing additional Statutory Declarations to bring the paper trail up to date.

NB The PCC (through J Holmes) were reported as showing interest in the Parish Room and may query the PC's right to register a Possessory Title. Either way they were interested in developing the Parish Room as facility for the whole village.

9 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC; None

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS; None

Date of next monthly Meeting: Thursday 17th December 2009 at 7.30pm..

GP 23rd Nov 2009