

# Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010

**PRESENT:** Messrs M L Dobson (Chair), Mr M Casson,, Ms M Harkness, Mr C Smith, Mr M J Dobson, Mr D T Dobson,  
11 Members of the public were also present.

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

1. **APOLOGIES**, Mr J Bownass,

2. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 14th October 2010 (already circulated) were approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not covered elsewhere in this agenda)**

**re: Winter Gritting etc:** A formal response had been received from John Robinson, Highway Network Manager of CCC, reporting decisions made and confirmed in Cabinet. Existing salt heaps and bins would be/have been topped up. The Parish Salt scheme would not be continued and any supplementary supplies would be managed as in last winter. Additional grit bins were not mentioned. Cllr Bland commented that the local highway committee had met recently and agreed that some new grit bins would be made available – mostly as replacements.

Despite the previous negative response from SWLAP reported at the last meeting, the LAP meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> October had recommended pulling down funds for gritting machines and grit.(see LAP report)

**re: Environment Agency – Lyth Valley Drainage:** L&WLDG still working on setting up an internal drainage board. Correspondence with EA through Tim Farron confirms that ADA are working on guidelines for setting up a new IDB (national standards). These guidelines would cover legal structures and how charges should be levied. However the EA had given an absolute deadline of Nov 2012 for pumps to be switched off if no DB was in place by then Cllr Bland felt that this was EA's formal position and that they would be more flexible on the end date if the IDB was close.

**re: Compliance Section:** Response received confirming that Rickatree Foot owners were in breach of planning control. However he has been advised to make a retrospective application for consideration.

4. **PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS**

4.1 **Housing:**

No further movement in dealings with Manchester Grammar School over their possible development adjacent to St Mary's Green or Dobson's re developments in ...field.

There had been a Public Meeting 'Housing Matters' in the Memorial Hall on Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Nov attended by a team of 4 from LDNPA headed by Dave McGowan and over 60 local inhabitants. Clerk tabled notes on the meeting, the gist of which were as follows. D McG described the Authority's current planning strategy as laid out in the newly approved LDF Core Strategy and the SPD on Housing Provision. The strategy recognises the difference between local affordable housing need and local housing need. The Authority is prepared to consider sensible applications for the development of individual buildings and sites to meet local needs of both types and would be restricted in perpetuity to local use only. In this context 'local' refers to the locality (covering 2 Valleys + Helsington). They are also prepared to consider larger developments on exception sites including affordable housing where sufficient local housing need can be demonstrated.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at this stage to allow members of the public to comment and to ask questions. The main concerns raised were to do with the proposed development of exception sites. How were they selected and what were the requirements for affordable housing on those sites? How was affordable housing need assessed – in terms of 'local' or 'locality'? The uncertainty surrounding the current proposals was worrying inhabitants affected by them and casting a blight on the value of their property. The PC would seek clarification from D Mc Gowan.

4.2 **Community Events:** 4.3 **Employment and Business:** No new matters reported.

#### 4.4 Roads and Traffic:

**Signs at Cartmell Fold:** It was pointed out that drivers leaving the 20mph signs protecting the School were accelerating past the blind entrance to Cartmell Fold and creating a danger to cars emerging from the drive. The PC agreed to warning signs being erected at the owners expense. Clerk to verify with Cumbria Highways

#### 4.5 Community Web site; 4.6 First Responders: No Change

**4.7 Crime & Disorder:** Nov newsletter and crime statistics for the 3 months to end Sept were tabled. Two CPSOs had visited the Exchange. Priorities agreed at the SL Community Safety Partnership were also circulated.

### 5. Governance

#### 5.1 SL Strategic Partnership – Local Area Partnership:

A meeting held at Heron Cornmill on 20<sup>th</sup> October was attended by MLD and JB. JB had reported in writing, MLD verbally. Eight other Parishes had attended. The main discussion had been about projects put forward for partnership funding, in particular for a number of village hall improvements under ‘investing in assets’ Some parishes felt that this should have been dealt with through the Neighbourhood Forum but this was not reflected in the minutes. The road side parking project was dropped and the £2100 allocated was to be made available for grit bin purchasing if required. A proposal for a Community Trust for Helsington is to be developed into a business plan for a LAP wide Trust. Next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January.

**5.2 LDNPA Consultation on governance of National Parks – invitation to comment.** Circulated.

**5.3 Review of Polling Districts and Places – recommendations** (no change in ward or parish).- noted.

### 6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

**6.1 LDNPA – Meeting of LD Parish Councils 4<sup>th</sup> Oct** see notes (circulated) mostly concerned with effects of the spending review.

**6.2 CALC – Draft Letter to MPs re Community Right to Build;** Raises concerns about the role of PCs

**6.3 CALC – November Circular:** See flagged items (circulated).

**6.4 Post Office – Closure notice for Levens PO** (20<sup>th</sup> December) noted.

**6.5 CALC SL – meeting in Kendal 24<sup>th</sup> Nov** (see agenda) last reminder. Cllr Bland recommended attendance as CCC Asst Director of Highways is to report on the Better Highways project and on Winter Gritting. Chairman (MLD) and Clerk (GP) agreed to attend.

**6.6 SLDC – Engaging with young people – Workshop 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Brathay** Noted.

**6.7 West Cumbria MRWS – Drop in event Kendal 30<sup>th</sup> November** Noted

### 7. PLANNING MATTERS

Permissions granted: - noted

7/2010/5413 – Domestic stable block for Mrs C Johnson, Spring Cottage.

New application – no objection

None

### 8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

**Income:** NSI interest (August) £ 11.61

**Expenditure approved:** None

**Parish Room registration:** Clerk had established that the access area outside the Parish Room had been an unmade road, a byway and latterly a bridleway so was still under the control of Cumbria Highways. He intended to press on with registering the Parish Room in its own right. Agreed. **Action: Clerk**

**Snooker Club:** Clerk had talked with David Stott and he suggested that the PC advise him of what is considered to be a fair rent. It was agreed to ask for £400pa (c£12 per night) including electricity as being a fair proportion of the total costs. **Action: Clerk**

**9 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC;**

See comments raised under Housing above

In addition, Mr & Mrs Harrison reported that the drain adjacent to the Old PO required repairs.

Clerk was asked to inform Cumbria Highways and/or the Highway Steward. **Action: Clerk**

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS;**

Mr D T Dobson again requested that he be allowed to offer for Ulverston Road Quarry over which he has access to Broad Oak land. It was decided to have a site visit before considering this request. (see below)

**Date of next monthly Meeting:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at **1.30pm.** at the Parish Room en route to Ulverston Road Quarry

**Dates for 2011 tabled & approved.**

GP 02/11/10