

Minutes of the meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on the 4th Feb 2014

Minutes

Present: Mary Harkness(Chairman), Chris Smith, Bruce Worsley, Paula Cross, Matthew Dobson, Martin Casson, Jim Bownass

In attendance: Cllr John Holmes(SLDC) Cllr Jim Bland(CCC), Joanne Taylor (Clerk) , PC Martin Boak, Jane Lees, Adrian Lees

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence
None | Chairman |
| 2 | Minutes of previous meeting
Minutes were approved | Chairman |
| 3 | Requests for Dispensations
None | Clerk |
| 4 | Declarations of Interest
Chris Smith declared an interest in the planning application on The Howe | Chairman |
| 5 | Chairman's Announcements
The chairman welcomed the new clerk into her Parish Council role. | Chairman |
| 6 | Open Session
No members of the public wished to speak. | |
| 7 | County Councillor's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Jim Bland informed that the signpost at The Green would be fixed shortly• the work to improve safety at South Low bends are also on the work programme• Iron Railings at the top of Totterbank will be done• The road at Damson Dene will not be infilled at sides due to Environmental Agency and dyke.• AGM of the South Cumbria Water Level Management Group on 12th Feb. Cllr Jim Bland to report in next Parish meeting. | Jim Bland |
| 8 | District Councillor's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land development framework approved-Detailed development brief consultations to start• 0% increase to rates• Proposal to stop sale of RTB Council homes in National Parks• Proposal to reduce number of 2nd homes and holiday homes• Government neighbourhood Community budgets to be renamed "Our Place Programme- seeking opportunities to devolve services and assets to Town and Parish Councils. Ie Parks, open spaces, markets• Introduction of Community Infrastructure Levy. To replace 106 agreements. Part of funds raised by this will be made available to local communities. | John Holmes |
| 9 | Clerk's Report
The parish council noted the report from the clerk that all invoices needed to be c/o Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council. | Clerk |
| 10 | PCSO report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PC Martin Boak attended, he reported that crime remains low | PCSO |

in Kendal NPT, the majority of thefts are opportunistic from outbuildings. There have been 13 crimes since the last meeting but none relating directly to the Parish. He highlighted that the community need to secure premises and remove expensive items that can be easily seen from the roadside or footpaths . Rural crimes are still focused on fuel thefts and livestock, which usually need the use of vans. If any suspicious vehicles are seen, number plates need to be recorded and passed to Police.

- He reported that the probation service at Durham have no knowledge of the street sellers who claim to be from Durham Probation Service. Any future issues need to be reported to the Police.
- Jim Bownass asked PC Boak if he was aware of a letter scam from USA, PC Boak commented that he had no knowledge of a letter scam from USA, however was aware of a lot from China and other areas.
- Matthew Dobson asked PC Boak if he had received any reports that 3 sheep had gone missing from High Birks/Low Birks. PC Boak advised that no report had been made and that that the community needed to do a formal report for thefts so they could be looked into.
- He reported a recent operation between Cumbria Police and North Yorkshire, where vehicles travelling between areas were stopped resulted in 2 stolen cars and a JCB being recovered and 2 males were arrested for money laundering.

11 Planning Clerk

11.1 New Applications

7/2013/5652 Field 8662 north of Low Farm – outline for new dwelling. Mary Harkness to attend meeting at LDNP, 5th Feb 2014

7/2014/5021 Haycote Barn, Bowland Bridge

Removal of local occupancy condition

The PC unanimously objected to the application to remove the Local Occupancy condition.

7/2013/5732 Draw Well, The Howe, Lyth

Proposed Extension to wash house.

The PC approved in principal but suggested that the extension may be scaled back in proportion to the old building.

11.2 Notice of Grant of Planning Application

Nothing to declare for Feb meeting

12 Finance Clerk

12.1 Income & Expenditure 2013/14

The Parish council approved the following expenditure and noted the receipts.

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
Investment Bond interest		6.37
M Knipe Grasscutting	130.00	
N Power(chq100640 sent)	42.44	
K Kearney Clerks Expenses claim	135.30	
SLCC Membership	81.00	
Barclay BAS Interest		0.06
Entrance Mat Highgate Carpets	18.50	
Salaries JT Jan	134.96	
PAYE HMRC	33.60	

Clerk

12.2 Bank Reconciliation

The Parish Council reviewed and approved the latest bank reconciliation, receipts and payments

12.3 VAT Return to Dec 2013

The Parish Council viewed the latest VAT Return to Dec 2013 and approved the VAT adjustments.

13 Highways Agency Meeting Re A590 with Levens & Witherslack Parish Councils

Martin Casson

It was noted that Martin Casson will be attending the Highways Agency meeting and is pressing for improvements at the bottom of Lyth Valley Road.

The Parish Council were informed about the planning application to Levens PC for Brettargh Holt to become a Hotel – Concerns were made about the traffic going into and out of Brettargh Holt onto the A590. He confirmed that further highway reports are to be done and no decisions will be made until then. He advised the Parish council to speak to himself or Jim Bownass if they had any issues that they could address at the meeting.

14 Annual Meetings

Parish Council decided on a new date of Tues 6th May in The Memorial Hall, Clerk to book hall and to invite a speaker and invite organisations to attend to speak individually

Chairman
And Clerk

15 Parish Council Surgery

Paula Cross attended - Nothing to report
Mathew Dobson will attend Februarys meeting
Chris Smith to attend in March.

Chairman

16 Correspondence Received

- South Lakeland LAP Conference Tue 4th March invitation- Mary Harkness to attend
- Letter from Playgroup asking for funding Support- The Parish Council felt that the playgroup should be supported , it was noted that the Playgroup are trying very hard to raise money needed. JH undertook to give £250 of his allowance to

Chairman

Crosthwaite and Lyth PC and £250 to Underbarrow for them to pass to Playgroup

- South Cumbria Water Level Management Group- AGM/minutes- This was a notice of meeting and will be commented on at the next PC meeting.

- 17 Communications From This Meeting**
The council is asked to agree topics to be communicated via:
- Website – Westmorland Gazzette - Parish Magazine **Clerk**
 - Welcome to the new clerk – Parish Council Surgeries 2nd Wed of every month – Work at the Green and South Low imminent – Suggestion of village e mail list.
- 18 Update from LAP meeting** **Jim Bownass**
No update
- 19 Notice Boards** **Martin Casson**
No update
- 20 Parish Room** **Chairman**
The parish council to decide on what to do about gutter on Parish room – Chris Smith to take a look at repair and advise.
The parish council to decide on % of water bill to pay- not discussed will bring to March PC meeting
- 21 Signpost at Starnthwaite Junction** **Chairman**
Cllr Jim Bland assures this is in process and will happen
- 22 RoadSign at the Green (Same as above)** **Chairman**
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- 23 Promised Safety Highway works at South Low Bend** **Chairman**
Cllr Jim Bland assures this is in process
- 24 Involving Senior Pupils from Crosthwaite school in Local Democracy** **Chairman**
Cllr Harkness proposed the PC developed links with the village School by inviting the School to give a presentation about the School Council at the AGM and by inviting the Head boy and girl to a PC meeting. This was agreed.
- 25 Updating of contact lists for PC website, Councillors and Who's Who publication** **Chairman**
Parish Council approved an update of records, Mary Harkness to update and make amendments
A suggestion was made of a village e-mail list to provide information quicker throughout the Parish.
- 26 Condition of Grass and pathway on Village Green** **Jim Bownass**
Contractor assures that the condition will be put back (as was)
- 27 Parish Council Meetings** **Chairman**
The date of the next parish council meeting is 4th March 2014 in the parish room

Joanne Taylor
Parish Clerk,
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