

# *Minutes of the meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014*

## *Minutes*

**Present:** Mary Harkness(Chairman), Bruce Worsley, Judy Goodand, Jim Bowness

**In attendance:** Cllr John Holmes(SLDC) Cllr Jim Bland(CCC), Joanne Taylor (Clerk)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Paula Cross sent her apologies,  
Matthew Dobson and Chris Smith absent.

### **2 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> May were approved and signed.

### **3 Requests for Dispensations**

None Received

### **4 Declarations of Interest**

None received

### **5 Chairman's Announcements**

A warm welcome was made to Judy Goodland in her new role and first PC meeting, the Pc are looking forward to working with her.  
Thank you to the clerk for her work in organising the Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM and what a good turn out.

### **6 Open Session**

No members of the public present

### **7 County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Bland assured the Parish Council that the signpost at the Starnthwaite junction would be erected within 3 weeks. The parish Council informed Cllr Bland that they were very disappointed in the length of time this has taken and they would take action if not.  
The white lines at Damson Dene would also be done shortly.

### **8 District Councillor's Report**

Cllr Holmes informed the Pc that SLDC had undertaken a survey which showed that people were most satisfied with refuse collections, their concerns in order of most concerned were for Health services – affordable houses, crime, Road and Highways, decent housing

### **9 Clerk's Report**

The parish council approved the clerks May report. **Banking arrangements to be taken to Julys meeting.**

### **10 PCSO report**

No report received

**11 Planning**  
**11.1 New Applications**

7/2014/5295 Crosthwaite Cof E School- 1 Early years classroom extension – New sports pitch in the front playground – relocation of the dry stone boundary wall and change of use of adjoining land to School Playing Field - **Approved**

7/2014/5220 Laundry Cottage, Whitbarrow – Proposed porch and rear extension - **Approved**

**11.2 Planning application decisions of LDNPA**

7/2014/5059 The Howe Barns, Lyth – Barn conversion to one dwelling – Granted with conditions

**12 Finance**

**12.1 Income & Expenditure 2014/15**

The Parish Council approved the following expenditure:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Income £</b>
Clerk Wages plus extra 7 hrs Jan-May 31 <sup>st</sup> 100659	185.14	
PAYE 100660	46.40	
Clerks Expenses Jan-May 31st 100661	155.73	
Acorn Tree Services 100662	90.00	

**12.2 End of Year Finances**

The parish council approved

- the final accounts for 2013/14 for the Charity accounts
- end of year accounts for external auditor and complete form

All financial information is available for members of the parish to be viewed from 2<sup>nd</sup> June – 27<sup>th</sup> June 14.

**13 Parish Council Surgery**

Nothing to report.

Jim Bowness to attend Julys meeting

**14 Future of Westmorland General Hospital**

Clerk to write letter expressing concerns. During the discussion of the hospital concern was also expressed about the occasional long delays in the ambulance service within the Parish, therefore it was agreed that the clerk would also write a letter regarding this.

- 15 Village E-mail List**  
Clerk has reviewed procedure on website and needs further input. **To be reviewed in Julys meeting**
- 16 Trees at Tarnside**  
PC discussed report from Acorn, clerk to obtain 2 estimates for work to be undertaken. **To be reviewed in Julys meeting**
- 17 Westmorland Cast Iron Highway Signs for restoration**  
Signs in progress, should be in place within next 2 weeks. Grant will be kept open.
- 18 Correspondence received**
- Japanese Knotweed – SLDC have been quick to action on the PCs concern of Japanese knotweed already spraying on areas identified from last months meeting. They will spray again in 3 weeks time.
  - Election of LDNPA south Lakeland nominations- PC voted
- 19 Static Caravan**  
Clerk informed PC on position of LDNPA regarding planning permission for Static Caravans.
- 20 Signposts undergoing restoration**  
As per item No 17
- 21 Leases for Parish Council Land**  
No information received from Solicitor regarding leases. Clerk to contact other Parishes that may be able to help. MH raised the request from one tenant that a longer lease of twenty years be agreed. There was no objection in principle to this and a new lease will be approved in due course. Chair to contact the tenant and explain.
- 22 Communications from this meeting**  
**The council to agree topics to be communicated via:**
- Website -Westmorland Gazette - Parish Magazine
- A warm welcome to Judy Goodland, our new councillor.  
The Parish Council will take further action if the signpost at Starnthwaite is not in place by the next meeting  
PC wishes to advise that due to their correspondence with Highways that the areas of Japanese Knotweed have been quickly treated and will continue to be treated.
- 23 Parish Council Meetings**  
The date of the next parish council meeting is Tues 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 in the parish room

**Joanne Taylor Clerk**  
**05<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

