

Minutes of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 1st July 14

Present: Mary Harkness(Chair) Bruce Worsley, Jim Bowness, Chris Smith, Matthew Dobson, Judy Goodland

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

1 Apologies for Absence

Paula Cross sent her apologies

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on *03rd June 14* were approved as a true and accurate record.

3 Requests for Dispensations

None

4 Declarations of Interest

Mary Harkness declared an interest of 11.1 planning application
Joanne Taylor declared an interest of 11.1 planning application

5 Chairman's Announcements

Chris Smith was thanked for all the years that he had been Vice Chairman for the parish Council.

6 Open Session

The applicant explained that the site in question has a long planning history and is formerly the site of 3 very large concrete buildings. LDNPA had originally wanted up to 12 houses on the site. The applicants commissioned a comprehensive drainage survey which found that 3 homes was the maximum advisable for the existing drainage capacity and this will include a reed bed treatment system and an attenuation tank at the bottom of the site.

The applicant has spoken to most neighbours and the development was designed so neighbours would be happy with it. It will be local occupancy, 2 family homes and 1 bungalow.

7 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Bland advised that the sign to Starnthwaite was now in place.

The white lining was due to be done in July.

The work at Damson Dene would be done late when tourist trade leaves..around Oct as road will have to be closed.

Jim Bland understood the concerns of our councillors about the imposition of parking fees and will try to get them stopped.

There is surface dressing going on the roads in our parish and it is part of a scheme- it should keep the roads in good condition for a long while.

Cllr Bland was asked about a signpost missing for signs to Winster-Hartbarrow-Kendal and Bowland. Cllr Bland advised that the CCC were aware of this but could give no time scale. The PC advised yes the parish would be interested in a speed device to go round the 7 parishes.

8 District Councillor's Report

Government flood repair and renewal grant – SLDC has adopted this grant scheme

announced 12/2/14 grants are available up to £5000.00 to help with future flood protection. Claims can be made from people who have suffered flood damage between 1/12/13 and 31/3/14.

2014 Strategic Housing Market assessment update is now final – Clerk is to request pdf copy.

Litter review – SLDC is looking to improve Litter Collection, principally encouraging Parishes to conduct regular litter Picks facilitated by SLDC – To be put as item on Agenda in August.

9 Clerk's Report

PC had no questions on clerks June report and agreed clerk to work 5 hours owing within next 6 months.

10 PCSO report

The Police sent a report in: There have been 3 crimes in Crosthwaite & Lyth parish since the last meeting:-

01/4 Burglary – several units at a farm in the Lyth valley were broken into although nothing was taken.

01/4 Theft of pushbike from farm buildings in Crosthwaite.

14/4 Theft of tree saplings from a field near Crosthwaite.

11 Planning

11.1 New Applications

Joanne Taylor left the building

7/2014/5349 – Rosemount Cottage, Witherslack – Mezzanine and rear conservatory – Approved

Joanne Taylor returned, Mary Harkness left the building

7/2014/5351 – West View, Crosthwaite – Proposed housing development- Approved

Mary Harkness returned.

7/2014/5346 – 1 Foulshaw cottages – Variation on condition 2 on planning 7/2013/5219 - Approved

7/2014/5313 – Beckside, Crosthwaite – Proposed extension - Approved

7/2014/5307 – Crosthwaite House – Conv of middle floor into self contained holiday let and use of ground and 2nd floor as owners living accom and home office space- Approved

11.2 Planning application decisions of LDNPA

Bridleway 514044 St Marys Church, Crosthwaite, Notice of confirmation

12 Finance

12.1 Income and Expenditure 2014/15

The Parish Council approved the following. Clerk to look into cost for Signpost Restoration

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
SLDC Precept 30/4		4604.43
PAYE June	34.40	

JT Wages June	138.20	
Draper Ltd Fire and Security	23.94	
SLDC Election costs	604.43	
Signpost Restoration	2291.78 not approved	

12.2 Bank reconciliation and Budget

The parish council approved the bank reconciliation and version 2 of the budget.

13 Parish Council Surgery

The PC were made aware that some dogs cannot get over one of the stiles in Jubilee Wood and that it would be better if it had a stile that had the mechanism that you could lift so dogs can go through rather than over. Clerk to write to LDNP to advise.

Also that the corner at the top of Bowland Bridge was very dangerous- the PC accepted that this was so and had been discussed but unfortunately there was nothing that they could do about this corner as they could at the top of Totterbank. Judy Goodland to attend Augusts Surgery.

14 Procedure for rental of Parish Room

Procedure Actioned.

Parish members to book Parish room with the clerk, £10.00

Clerk to send invoices for payment

As Snooker club pay the electricity bills from Oct – March should anyone rent the room out at this time the clerk will deduct £2.00 for each booking from the Snooker rooms invoice for electricity.

15 Village Email List

Clerk to action

16 Trees at Tarnside

Quotation approved from James Park. Clerk to action.

17 Westmorland Cast Iron Highway Signs for restoration

Signs in place and they look very good.

18 Correspondence received –

None

19 Lease for Parish Council Land

PC approved lease to use. New 20 year lease to be sent to Brian Fereday. Leasing of donkeyfield to new tenants-lease to be sent

20 Sign at Starnthwaite – Sign in place – no action

- 21 Advertising banner at top of Totterbank**
The Parish council would politely ask that no banners are placed at the corner on the railings at the top of Totterbank. The PC have taken action with CCC to make the bend at the top of Totterbank less dangerous to all who use it and that these banners are reducing the visibility and making it less safe.
- 22 LAP & Highways representative**
No meetings .PC decided to opt in the Highways Schedule system proposed by LAP. Jim Bowness to action
- 23 Notice board at The Memorial Hall**
The PC agrees in principle and will go forward looking at costs. Clerk to arrange for quotations to be made for work.
- 24 Communications from this meeting**
The council to agree topics to be communicated via:
- Website Westmorland Gazette Parish Magazine
- In brief- New cast iron signs in place now, thank you to Friends of The Lake District for their grant and the contribution from Cllr Bland,CCC.
- Railings at the top of Totterbank – No banners please.
- 25 Parish Council Meetings**
The date of the next parish council meeting is 5th August 2014 in the parish room

Joanne Taylor Clerk 4th July 2014

