

Minutes of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council, held on 7th October 2014

Present: Bruce Worsley, (Vice Chairman), Paula Cross, Matthew Dobson, Judy Goodland

Absent: Mary Harkness, Chris Smith, Jim Bownass

In attendance: Joanne Taylor (Clerk) Cllr John Holmes, Cllr Jim Bland, PC Mark Hutchinson, Mr David Labbe

1 Apologies for Absence

Mary Harkness(Chair), Chris Smith, Jim Bownass

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 2nd Sept 14 were approved as a true and accurate record.

3 Requests for Dispensations

None

4 Declarations of Interest

None

5 Chairman's Announcements

Bruce Worsley asked for a PC member to attend a Proposed Internal Drainage Board for the Lyth Valley meeting on 21st October – No offers made– Cllr John Holmes advised he will be there and would report back to the PC.

6 Open Session

David Labbe explained that he would like to see the privacy at Tarnside between his home and Mr Johnsons maintained. Explaining, since the trees had been cut down by Mr Johnson on his own land at Tarnside and the trees which were deemed unsafe on Parish Council land along with Rhododendron bushes that had been cut back he had even less privacy, he showed the PC a picture of the view now from his conservatory. He explained that not only could he see Mr Johnsons property but also the properties further on too. He advised that he would like to replant the PC land to gain some privacy back with shrubs at no cost to the Parish Council.

7 County Councillor's Report

The white lines down the valley are imminent, unfortunately the work has been put off due to the weather recently.
The work at Damson Dene should be done in November

8 District Councillor's Report

- 1 Individual Electoral registrations – Letter been sent out to residents
- 2 SLDC are making available 796 Food digesters (2 Types) at discounted prices
- 3 The Health and Well Being Strategy 2014-2019 has been approved and available on their website
- 4 SLDC are support a National proposal to charge Levy on Supermarkets, this is yet to go through but will be of benefit to the community.
- 5 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is now out for consultation.

Likely average charge some £5000.00 per residential dwelling
Not applicable in the National Park yet, but could be coming.
Does not apply to affordable housing
It is anticipated the landowner is likely to “stand it”.

- 6 There is a proposal to encourage and train local contractors to tender for services to try and ensure that 40% of work is awarded to contractors based in South Lakeland.
- 7 Audit report on SLDC for 2013/14 praises them for VFM and robust financial processes. An underspend of 1.4m achieved in efficiencies this year.
- 8 Ulverston is hosting an exhibition at the Coronation Hall 23/10/14, 10-12pm on their progress to achieving a “Dementia Friendly Town”
Everybody is welcome.

9 Clerk’s Report

The parish council received the September report and no issues were found.

10 PCSO report

Heating Oil theft is the main problem within our Parish, and it is becoming quite a big thing, with men wearing high visibility vests and also operating in daylight to disguise the theft. Please be vigilant, do not approach these people, just telephone 101 if you see anything suspicious.
An operation is underway where vans, scrap metal vehicles and vehicles with farm equipment and livestock are being checked on County borders.
This is an effort to tackle rural crime.

11 Planning

11.1 New Applications

7/2014/5617 Plumtree Cottage, Witherslack – Erection of garden shed and log store- Granted
7/2014/5590 Listed Building application 7/2014/5589 Rosemount Cottage, Pool Bank, Witherslack – Mezzanine Floor and rear conservatory - Granted
7/2014/5532 Alterations and extension – Chandlers, Crosthwaite - Granted

11.2 Planning application decisions of LDNPA

7/2003/5318 Haycote Barn – Appeal made

12 Finance

12.1 **Income & Expenditure 2014/15**

The Parish Council approved the following expenditure.

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
Clerk Wages Sept	172.60	
BDO External Audit Charges	120.00	
James Park – Tree surgeon	390.00	

12.2 **BDO External Audit**

The BDO audit the Parish Council on its operations and finances. On this years audit it brought 3 minor issues:

The precept and some charity receipts went into the precept box. The clerk advised this she thought this was incorrect only the precept of £4000.00 went into Box no 1.

The approved finances made by the Chairman was not listed in detail enough on the minutes of the meeting it was approved at.

The reference number of the signed minutes was not listed on the paperwork.

The clerk advised that next year she will detail the financial figures accordingly on the minutes and send the minutes along with its reference with the completed form.

13 **LAP Meeting Update**

No LAP meeting taken place this month.

No member of the PC Volunteered to attend 6th Decembers meeting to replace Jim Bownass. – Take to Novembers Agenda

14 **Parish Council Surgery**

Nothing to report, Matthew Dobson to attend Octobers meeting, Judy Goodland to attend Novembers meeting.

15 **Crosthwaite & Lyth PC Land at Tarnside – Privacy**

The clerk advised that Mr Johnson left an answer machine message stating he wanted to lease the PC Land at Tarnside

David Labbe has requested to plant the PC land to upkeep his privacy.

The Parish Council have requested that Mr Johnson and David Labbe put their propositions in writing to the PC before the next meeting of 4th November and the PC will action.

16 **Memorial Hall Notice Board**

Clerk advised that they will pay half the costs for the notice board of £124.00, the WI have confirmed they are to pay half.

- 17 Parish Council Newsletter**
The PC decided what to put in the 1st edition, clerk to advise in Parish Magazine that this is an e-mail newsletter.
- 18 Gilpin Bridge Junction**
Cllr John Holmes advised that The Gilpin Bridge Inn will cover the costs for this Novembers meeting to be held there for drinks etc.
- 19 Hubbersty Head Quarry Rental – Derek Wilson**
The clerk gained info from the Parish councillors and has located the information on the quarry Derek Wilson wishes to rent. Lease will be sent out shortly.
- 20 Church Toilets**
The PC were advised that the church toilet will be turned into a store cupboard shortly. The PC advised their dismay and said the Parish room was now not suitable for a Youths Snooker/Pool club- To be taken to Novembers Agenda
- 21 Litter Pick**
Just to say “Thank you” for all your help to all litter pickers around the parish, it was a great litter pick, plenty of rubbish collected. Cllr John Holmes to advise the Council that rubbish has not yet been collected.
- 22 Correspondence received**
Email to John Holmes – Signpost at Barkbooth – Thank you for efforts
Cumbria Constabulary – recruitment of volunteers for Independent Custody Visitors – To be advertised on notice boards.
Traffic report website- Not to be taken up
Morecambe Car Rally-18/19th Oct
- 23 Communications from this meeting**
**The council to agree topics to be communicated via:Website-
Westmorland Gazette -Parish Magazine**

Litter Pick
Email Parish Newsletter
PC Surgery is held every 2nd Wednesday in the month where a Parish Councillor is there to answer any question.
Oil Thefts – Be vigilant!
- 24 Parish Council Meetings**
The date of the next parish council meeting is Tues 4th November in the parish room. Meeting finished at 8.45pm

Joanne Taylor Clerk. 8th October 2014

