

**LANDOWNERS OF CROSTHWAITE & LYTH
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT
THE MEMORIAL HALL, CROSTHWAITE
ON WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 8:00pm**

Present: 20 Landowners were present
Mr J E Lambton and Mr Stephen Cockcroft of Carter Jonas
were in attendance

14/2010 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Alastair Mutch, Peter Hensman, Rodney Sceal, Roger and Anne Smith.

15/2010 **Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Mr Sykes mentioned that the new noticeboard has been erected at The Mill Stone, and recorded thanks to Mr Tony Schofield for his assistance.

Fellside Plantation had been acquired from Mr Bell and Registered Title obtained.

Steve Doyle had generously given his time and a visit to Plantation.

He mentioned that although a majority voted in favour of a trial period of climbing on White Scar, the Trustees at subsequent meetings had felt vulnerable to costs such as insurance and fees, together with the possibility of ongoing inconvenience for the Landowners, the farmer and indeed the Peregrines. On balance therefore they had decided to deny access to BMC.

Mr Sykes expressed disappointment that the Butterfly Transect had not been undertaken in 2009. The Agent advised that he had discovered that this was due to an administrative error at Natural England, not due to lack of funding.

The Chairman reminded the AGM that the Trustees make executive decisions on behalf of the charity; however at the AGM all landowners have an opportunity to elect different Trustees should they wish.

16/2010 **Minutes of Previous AGM**

These had been available for inspection prior to the meeting, and were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

- 17/2010 **Matters Arising**
There were none.
- 18/2010 **Accounts to the 31st October 2009**
Copies of the accounts were circulated at the meeting, and were presented by Mr Peter Sherratt who explained that there had been a net increase in funds during the year of £10,864, and highlighting the major expense of the cost of upgrading the Turner Road.
It was proposed by Martin Casson and seconded by Matthew Dobson that the accounts be adopted, and this was approved by the Meeting.
- 19/2010 **Reports from Trustees' Meetings**
The Agent summarised the main points from recent Trustees' Meetings.
- 20/2010 **Charitable Donations**
There had been no recent requests for donations, but it was noted that a sum of £5,000 has been earmarked for the new children's recreational playground at the Recreation Field.
- 21/2010 **Lease Renewals and Rent Reviews**
The Agent advised that the only pending rent review was for Whitbarrow Allotment which would be discussed, and hopefully agreed, with Mr Bill Sharp during the next few weeks.
- 22/2010 **Woodlands Management**
Mr Colin Park told the meeting that Butterfly Conservation had carried out work on two weekends on various butterfly plots. He had shot another nine grey squirrels, making a total tally of 467 to date.
A number of firewood plots have been let, and it was also proposed to cut a two-metre strip from the walls adjacent to Fellside Plantation.
Stephen Cockcroft explained the progress that the Agents had made in preparing a new Woodland Management Plan with the Forestry Commission and advised that this should, hopefully, yield an annual management grant, and additional woodland improvement grants for specific capital projects.
There was a brief debate about grey squirrels and the fact that certain organisations such as the Forestry Commission and Cumbria Wildlife Trust were not actively controlling greys due to lack of resources, and because the existence of greys was not adversely affecting the degree of tree cover on their holdings. In any event they did not object to having standing deadwood as this is good for other conservation purposes. However it was noted that where greys are heavily controlled, reds do re-colonise the area and breed successfully.
It was noted that there have been no signs of any deer poaching recently on Whitbarrow.

23/2010 **Spring Walk**

This is scheduled for Wednesday 12 May at 6:30pm. Congregate at the northeast corner by Daisy's Cottage. A notice will be placed in the Parish Magazine and John Sceal will post information on the Parish Website.

Tony and Heather Marshall have carried out an environmental assessment of Fellside Plantation, and hopefully may be on hand that evening to answer questions.

24/2010 **Election of Trustees**

It was proposed by Peter Sherratt and seconded by Jim Bowness that all of the Trustees should be re-elected en bloc, this was approved on a show of hands, and thus the nine Trustees remain unchanged.

25/2010 **Appointment of Agent/Secretary**

It was proposed by Robert Sykes and seconded by Claire Hensman that Mr J Lambton of Carter Jonas be re-appointed for a further year as Agent to the charity.

26/2010 **Appointment of Auditors**

It was agreed by the Meeting that Mr Alastair Mutch and Mr Peter Sherratt should be appointed as Auditors for a further year.

It was noted that there will be new arrangements for the preparation of the accounts, as Alasdair Mutch has agreed to take on this role.

27/2010 **Appointment of Representative to Recreational Field Trust**

It was proposed by Robert Sykes and seconded by Penny Mutch that Mr Bruce Worsley continue in this role for a further year.

28/2010 **Appointment of Representative to the Village Hall Committee**

It was proposed by Robert Sykes and seconded by Matthew Dobson that Mr Gordon Pitt continue in this role for another year.

29/2010 **Any Other Business**

The 2010 AGM was not published in the Parish Magazine, and it was agreed to make sure this happened in 2011.

It was noted that Steve Doyle would be willing to lead another walk on Whitbarrow if requested.

30/2010 **Date of Next Meeting**

Date of next AGM, Wednesday 2 February 2011.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8:50pm.