

# Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008

**PRESENT:** Mr C Smith (Chair), Mr C Fletcher, Mr E Robinson.

**In Attendance:** Mr G Pitt (Clerk.), M J Sceal, chair of Parish web site group..

1. **APOLOGIES**, Mr M L Dobson, Mr J Bownass Mr P Cartmell, Ms M Harkness Mr J Bland. (CCC),
2. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE** : None;
3. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 17th January 2008 (already circulated) were approved and signed.

#### 4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**re: Agreement with Cumbria Wildlife Trust re Sandy Hill quarry:** Revised draft agreement had been forwarded to CWT solicitors but was not yet available for signature.

**re: 8.1 Consultation on Orders re conduct of Local Authority members:** Clerk had responded critically as instructed but no response from DCALG.

**re: 10. Registration of quarries:** Referred to a senior officer at Land Registry who has given notice of up to a further 5 weeks to respond

**re: 12.1 Bottle Bank.** Clerk has approached Punch Bowl management who confirmed that they had an on going need for the bottle bank. They were considering an alternative position.

**re: 12.2 Red Deer intrusion** Advice from CALC was that the Parish Council had no powers over control of red deer – particularly as no parish owned land was involved. No response yet from SLDC.

#### 5. **PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS**

**5.1 Housing** Verbal report. A draft Housing Needs Survey questionnaire had been designed and would be considered at a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb before discussions with CRHT and LDNPA planners.

**5.2 Community Events:** Written report from Penny Mutch; her group were particularly concerned that younger people were encouraged to join existing adult groups and that new groups should be set up to fill gaps in activities (eg badminton, table tennis). The proposal for a history archive from Desmond Holmes was not discussed – to be brought forward at the next meeting.

**5.3 Employment and Business:** Web site information issues raised by J Holmes at the previous meeting were raised under 5.5, below. J Holmes had also forwarded email correspondence with the Ambulance Trust re setting up a First Responders group in the area, plus contacts with the established Grange group. The Ambulance Trust are supportive but their limited resources are insufficient to handle the current level of interest – probably until the end of the year.

**5.4 Roads and Traffic:** Verbal from John Handley – he is pursuing a School Travel Plan with Nick Raymond (Area Highways Engineer) and (Headmistress) with a view to checking feasibility of a footpath from School to Church.

Extensive repairs and resurfacing of roads had been carried out in the last month thanks to release of additional funding by CCC and local pressure.

See also 8.2 re pilot lengthsman scheme.

**5.5 Community Web site:** John Seal demonstrated the web site in its current state of development some 3 months after initial implementation. There was considerable discussion on additional links and material to be considered for inclusion, including proposals from the business and employment group for recruitment and ‘employment exchange’ information. It was agreed that the web site was a valuable means of communication and that it should receive the widest publicity in the parish. John Sceal was congratulated and invited to give a full scale presentation at the April meeting to which the public would be invited..

The PC were very pleased with the progress made by the working groups and wished their thanks to be recorded.

**6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.1 CALC: Consultation on paper ‘Greater Influence for Local Councils – A Call for Action’. Invitation to conference ‘Achieving Influence by Working Together’ 29<sup>th</sup> March**

These papers related to CALC’s determination to press local authorities to deliver some of the improvements required by the White Paper, even though the unitary bid had been rejected’ Clerk volunteered to attend the conference.

Papers circulated -a response is required by 4<sup>th</sup> April; to be brought forward at the next meeting.

**8.2 CALC: Correspondence with CCC and Circular Feb 2008 re Lengthsmen scheme**

It appears that CCC are not intending to extend the pilot lengthsmen scheme but plan to introduce ‘Highway Stewards’ wef 1<sup>st</sup> April.CALC are pressing for a delegation of some of the Highway Stewards’ functions to Parish Stewards (aka lengthsmen). It was agreed that the PC supported CALC’s actions. ...

**8.3 CALC SL: Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> March Kendal.** Noted (Chairman and/or Clerk to attend).

**8.4 SLDC: Parish Charter Launch 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Kendal.** Noted

**8.5 SLDC: Standards Committee Meeting:** Agenda, minutes and supporting papers tabled to give some awareness of the level of activity within this Committee. Circulated.

**8.6 SLDC District Council Elections..** Initial notice for 1<sup>st</sup> May (Thursday).Instructions for PC elections (all seats), will be circulated in mid March..

**8.7 NWRA North West Plan (Regional Spatial Strategy) Partial Review; invitation to participate**  
PC felt that there was little point in contributing given the minimal reference to Cumbria in the original document.

**9. PLANNING MATTERS**

**Planning permission granted - noted**

7/2007/5543 Haycote Farm, Change of use & oil tank for Mr & Mrs Sykes.

7/2007/5663 High Cartmell Fold, alterations to coach house for Mrs E Cartmell

7/2007/5681 Durham Bridge Farm, Alterations to house for Mr D Myers.

**New applications:**

7/2008/5051 Hardriggs, Crosthwaite, alterations and extensions for Mr & Mrs Monaghan.

There were no objections to this application.

**10. FINANCES (Since last meeting)**

<b>Income:</b>	NSI interest (1 month)	£99.94
	VAT recovery (12 months)	£267.42
<b>Expenditure approved:</b>	CALC subscription	£148.50
	SLCC subscription	£ 43.00
	Notice Board (A Mason)	£ 249.50

**Effectiveness of Internal Audit:** Clerk tabled notes on current audit procedures. Council considered them to be effective and in line with current Accounts and Audit regulations (SI 2006 No.564)

**11. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**11.1 Road defects:** John Seal pointed out that the margins of the Toll Bar road were still dangerous and required filling with suitable material. The pot hole near the school was still in need of attention, Clerk to write to Area Engineer (again) **Action Clerk**

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS;** None

**Date of next Meeting:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2008 .