

# Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009

**PRESENT:** Mr M L Dobson (Chair), Mr M Casson, Mr J Bownass, Mr D T Dobson.. Mr M J Dobson,

**In Attendance :** Mr G Pitt (Clerk).

**1. APOLOGIES:** Mr C. Smith Ms M Harkness, Cllr R Ballantyne-Smith.. Cllr J Bland

**2. MINUTES** of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> .April 2009 (already circulated) were approved and signed.

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

**re: Cross Howe:** The Clerk and Jim Bownass had met Sgt Sizer who had been most helpful. His advice was to press for an ASBO to restrict anti-social behaviour. This would require an informal record of incidents to support an application but not formal written statements and appearances in court. Clerk had written to interested parties. **Action: Clerk**

**re: 7.2 LDNPA ‘Seeing is believing’:** Volunteers for 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**re: 10.2: Fires at Mirk Howe:** Clerk had written to Richard Rose re material being burnt – no reply yet.

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

**5.1 Housing** Mary Harkness had responded to CRHT on the list of all references to sites made in the returned questionnaires. There was still no date for the CRHT report. There was still a need to complete the analysis of parish specific questions in time to append to the HNS.

**Action:**

**MH/GP**

**5.2 Community Events:** No further action.

**5.3 Employment and Business:** No further action. .

#### **5.4 Roads and Traffic:**

Clerk had discussed state of the A5074 with J Handley – the Highway Steward was aware of the problems and had reported them. Ditto. state of signpost at Durham Bridge. There was some discussion on the transfer of local highways budget to the north of the county. Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Engineer again to express the Parish Councils concerns. **Action: GP**

**5.5 Community Web site;** Still growing with more content and contributors.

**5.6 First Responders:** Good progress with training completed. The. Team goes ‘live’ on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Congratulations. Fund raising still an on going requirement. The Ceilidh was a great success.

### **6. Governance**

#### **6.1 SL Strategic Partnership – Locality Working - Consultation document:**

The Clerk had drafted a letter/case for a Two Valleys LAP and circulated to Clerks of interested Councils. Current situation was that Levens and Cartmell Fell were not interested; Witherslack, Meathop and Ulpha plus Underbarrow and Bradley field had confirmed their interest and approved the draft document. ( This may not be necessary as SLDC appear to have accepted the overall proposal in their next set of consultation).

#### **6.2 Twinning (with La Pomarede, France**

J Bownass had made contact with Peter Hughes at La Pomerade via email and planned to visit later this year. He would take video material of Crosthwaite and film material on La Pomerade while he/they were there. JB was thanked for his efforts on behalf of the parish. There was some discussion on the degree of support for twinning within the Parish. Clearly the school was keen to have contact with a French community but some doubts were expressed about the views of some of the older framing inhabitants who felt that the French were primarily responsible for the restrictions of the EU’s farming policies.

### 6.3 LNPA Parish Charter:

M Harkness and G Pitt had met with Bob Sutcliffe (LDNPA) and Bryant (CALC) at Murley Moss to discuss the PC's response to the most recent round of consultation. The PC's views on the draft charter and other issues, including frustration over the Housing Needs survey, were made clear and Bob Sutcliffe undertook to progress these concerns.

## 7. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

### 7.1 LDNPA LDF Consultation on Core Strategy Policies

Clerk had downloaded the full document. Councillors were given the relevant web site address and asked to read the document on line. A response had been requested by 5<sup>th</sup> June. **Action: Clerk**

**7.2 Equality and Human Rights Commission: Public Sector Equality Duties.** Letter and leaflet advising on current duties and the forthcoming Equality Bill (due 2011). Noted and circulated.

**7.3 CALC/CCC I&E Partnership Survey:** Request for researchers to approach councillors.- superfluous as a number of councillors had already been interviewed.

**7.4 CALC Circular May.** Note on grants for community buildings (relevant to the Memorial Hall?). Also comments on QC requirements being extended to provide evidence of positive attention to improved democratic processes..

**7.5 CALC SL Next Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> June:** Reports from SLDC (LAPs etc) to be given at that meeting.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

New applications

7/2009/5035: Dormer Window at Stonegarth for Charlotte Webb and Glen Sutcliffe. No objection.

7/2009/5178: Multi purpose agricultural building at Totter Bank for Mr Alan Bradbury. PC was concerned that the scale of the building was disproportionate for the area of land and stock levels.

7/2009/5190 Agricultural building at Dawson Fold for Mr Brian Longton. No objection as long as this is a replacement for an existing building.

Other notices

Notification of Agricultural development – Slurry store at High Foulshaw

Road traffic order Row Crosthwaite 27<sup>th</sup> April for 6 months (repairs to lime kiln)

Diversion of footpath at Bell Rake 0 confirmation.

M Casson queried the legal situation relating to a permanent caravan which had been installed on a patch of land against the Gilpin above Durham Bridge. He provided pictures of the site. The Clerk was asked to contact LDNPA planners to clarify the situation. **Action: Clerk**

## 8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

<b>Income:</b>	NSI interest (April)	£ 13.89
	SLDC annual precept	£1557.00
<b>Expenditure approved:</b>	Cumbria Playing fields Assoc subs for 2009/10.	£ 15.50
	Eon for electricity to 8 <sup>th</sup> May	£ 148.21
	Macbeth Scott for insurance (FORTIS) (replacing previous approval for Allianz)	£ 592.97

**Audited Annual Accounts:** Tabled – same as unaudited accounts approved at the last meeting. The audited accounts were formally approved.

**Annual Return to External Auditors:** Council reviewed the required annual governance statements and felt able to reply 'yes' to all those statements. The Chairman was authorised to sign the statement of accounts and the governance statements on behalf of the Council.

## 9 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC; None

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS; None

**Date of next monthly Meeting:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.

GP 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009