

# Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009

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

**In Attendance** Cllr J Bland (CCC), Cllr R Ballantyne-Smith (SLDC): Ms J Darbyshire (CRHT) Mr G Pitt (Clerk).

1. **APOLOGIES:** None

2. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2009 (already circulated) were approved and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not covered elsewhere in this agenda)**  
**re: Cumbria CALOR Gas VOY.** The village had won the award for Cumbria and were now to go forward to the next (regional) round on Tuesday A plaque and a sum of £500 were awarded – but not yet received. PC agreed to distribute the award monies in line with recommendations from the participants.

**re: Open Garden/Garden Ramble project:** Clerk had been in contact with John Handley offering PC support with PC owning the project in order to provide insurance and banking facilities plus recovery of VAT. These undertakings were approved by the PC and Mr M L Dobson volunteered to represent the PC on the working party. Clerk to advise John Handley accordingly. **Action: Clerk**

**re: 10.1 Himalayan Balsam:** An email had been received from Keith Lockwood confirming that he had pulled most of the clump at Bowling Green field. He and the Clerk would check the river bank upstream to identify the source of the infestation. **Action: Clerk**

**re: 10.2 Blocked culvert** Reported but no action yet?

**re: May meeting 7: Caravan between A5074 and R Gilpin:** Clerk had received no further formal response from the LDNPA Compliance Team since 21<sup>st</sup> July. However it was understood that the owner had been asked to remove the caravan. Clerk was asked to follow up with the compliance team to establish the current state of affairs. **Action: Clerk**

**re: Disabled Parking on Kendal Market Square:** Clerk was asked (again) to write to SLDC re cut off time of 11.00am for disabled parking. **Action Clerk**

## 4. PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS

**4.1 Housing** Judith Darbyshire tabled the draft Housing Needs Survey report with apologies for the length of time it had taken to produce it. JD explained that the report that there was a broader need than just for affordable social houses for rent and that the additional questions in our questionnaire helped to identify those needs. She supplied copies of the returned questionnaires and summaries of those identified as being in need of affordable housing (13) and those locals in need of intermediate housing (20). JD offered to set up a meeting with LDNPA, SLDC and Two Castles to go through the report and its findings – preferably before the public meeting with Dave McGovern on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. MH, and GP agreed to go through the draft report and to respond to JD as soon as possible. **Action: MH, Clerk**

J Bland reported that there was a new Director of Two Castles HA who was keen to meet Parish Councils to discuss particular issues. The PC were happy for JBI to arrange such a meeting. **Action: J BI**

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

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

**4.4 Roads and Traffic:** Highways Steward briefed on outstanding issues. Renewal of white lines on the A5074 was still outstanding. **Action: Clerk**

CS raised the issue of drains not being cleared (ie sucked out) in the normal programme – presumably because the contractors had no clear schedule. JBI suggested that a definitive list be produced for the contractors.

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

**4.6 First Responders:** 15 callouts to date in 18 weeks. Regular training continues.

## 5. Governance

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

There had been no response to Clerk's email to other clerks re issues of common interest - hence no response to JB et al. There had been some correspondence (emails) with the SLDC Community Engagement Officer re an initial meeting of the Kent Estuary LAP – date not yet set. Two volunteers were required Daniel Dobson and Clerk would attend. **Action: DT, Clerk**

**5.2 Twinning (with La Pomarede, France):** JBownass reported verbally and in writing on his successful visit, with his wife Pam, to La Pomarede over the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September. They had been well received and entertained. JB's video material from Crosthwaite, with French dialogue, was very helpful in showing what Crosthwaite and Lyth were all about. JB obtained video material whilst in La Pomarede which will be shown to the inhabitants on 16<sup>th</sup> October. It was agreed that the PC would use that meeting to sound out feelings about a twinning arrangement so that a considered response to La Pomarede could be made. Jim and Pam were thanked for their efforts on behalf of the PC, particularly as they paid their own way, without costs to the PC.

### **5.3 LNPA Parish Charter:**

Still awaiting a final version.

## 6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

**6.1 LDNPA LDF Core Strategy Document, pre-submission representation:** Full printed copy received with CD copy for individuals to load if required. Clerk tabled a summary of the key development planning strategies laid out in the documents which were relevant to C&L. He felt that, at this stage there was some prospect of more flexibility in the acceptance of the need for more piecemeal development of intermediate affordable housing – as shown in our supplementary analysis. However detailed planning guidelines had not yet been published so it was difficult to understand how the planning officers would interpret these strategies. It was recommended that Councillors studied this document as it was fundamental to understanding what might be possible in planning terms. See also meeting with Dave McGovern LDNPA Planning Officer on 28<sup>th</sup> October..

**6.2 MWRA (4NW) Regional Spatial Strategy Partial Review submission document:** Complete with sustainability appraisal. Mostly concerned with provision for travellers and show people, plus issues relating to car parking for disabled. Neither relevant to C&L. Response by 19<sup>th</sup> October. **Action Clerk**

**6.3 LDNPA Fix the Fells alignment project:** Notification that work on checking alignment of reconstructed paths is about to start, with relevant website for further information. Noted.

**6.4 SL Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership:** Note re completed strategic assessment (available on web site). Invitation to comment by 16<sup>th</sup> October. **Action: Clerk**

**6.5 CALC Circular September 2009:** No direct elections to LDNPA. New consultation from Communities Sec "Strengthen Local Democracy" re transfer of power/more effective local councillors. Councillors were concerned that this could mean yet another initiative involving all levels of local govt.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

Footpath diversion orders confirmed.

Footpaths 583033/514007 at Bell Rake.

Footpath 514029 at Haycote Farm

New footpath diversion order proposal received

Footpath 514015 Pool Bridge (Low Farm)

**8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)**

<b>Income:</b>	NSI interest (August)	£ 16.07
<b>Expenditure approved:</b>	Clerks fees 1 <sup>st</sup> April to 30 <sup>th</sup> September	£ 500.00
	Postage to 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept. per Clerks account	£ 18.46
	Other sundry expenditure per Clerks account	£ 102.12
	Information Commissioners Office fees	£ 35.00

Clerk tabled summary receipts & payments account for the half year to end September with an estimated turnout for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. The out turn showed an overall deficit of £106 after allowing for grants of £200. These accounts were approved.

Clerk also tabled a summary of receipts & payments for the Parish Room over recent years, showing an average net cost to the PC of £426 pa. Councillors were asked to consider what action should be taken, if any. It was agreed to put this issue on a future agenda. In the meantime Clerk would research legal evidence to support a Land Registry application. **Action: Clerk**

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

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS; None**

**Date of next monthly Meeting:** Thursday 29th October at 7.30pm.  
(Change of date to meet Clerks timetable and to avoid clash with a Snooker Club match).

GP 2nd Oct 2009