

Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held on 15th July 2010

PRESENT: Messrs M L Dobson (Chair), Mr J Bownass, Mr M Casson, Ms M Harkness,

In Attendance Cllr J Bland (CCC), Mr G Pitt (Clerk).

1. **APOLOGIES**, Mr C Smith, Mr D T Dobson, Mr M.J.Dobson, Cllr R Ballantyne-Smith (SLDC)

2. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 24th June 2010 (already circulated) were approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not covered elsewhere in this agenda)**

re: 4.4. Winter Gritting etc: Clerk had not yet contacted Keith Masser but would do so. **Action: Clerk**

re: 6.5: Environment Agency – Lyth Valley Drainage: No further contact with M Fell following the reported meeting. A public meeting had been held by the Lyth & Winstar Valleys committee on Monday 12th July. The meeting was well attended and a range of options discussed. The most likely outcome will be the formation of a Local Drainage Board. Individuals and Parish Councils were asked to subscribe to a fighting fund to support the setting up of such a board. It was agreed to grant £250 to the committee. (see also finances below). There was some concern that there was no clear statement of what would be the situation/ what could be done if the pumps were stopped and no LDB was established in time.

re: Bowling Green Field: No action to date re grazing stock. (C Smith) It was also agreed that the future use of the area should be put on a future agenda as a specific item. **Action: Clerk**

re: 10 BT Telephone Box – Damage had been reported to BT but fairly low priority as telephone was still operational.

re: 4.7 derelict car at Fellside MC reported that the car was still there despite a police notice that it was due to be removed by 6th July.

4. PARISH PLAN – PROGRESS REPORTS

4.1 Housing: The Clerk had responded to the invitation to comment on suggested changes to the submitted (LDF) Core Strategy and to the Inspector's observations. The response had been acknowledged and the comments passed to the Inspector.

MH confirmed that she had set up a public meeting in October 2010 with Dave McGowan (LDNPA) to discuss planning issues in the light of the new policies stated in the LDF Core Strategy document which should be approved by then.

4.2 Community Events:

Flower Festival: Confirmed for 2/3rd July 2011.

4.3 Employment and Business: No further action.

4.4 Roads and Traffic:

The C5048 road through the village had been recently surface dressed with tar & chippings. JB and others felt that this work had not been done well, with inadequate tar laid and large quantities of surplus chippings requiring to be cleared from the surface. JB to contact Cumbria Highways/Amey – main contractors. **Action: JB**

4.5 Community Web site; The Web master had provided data on access to various pages over recent weeks.

4.6 First Responders: Plenty of activity;

4.7 Crime & Disorder: The standard monthly report covering the Kent Estuary area had been received. The Clerk had been able to pursue local statistics through the police web site and he tabled 3mth statistics for the Lyth Valley – these were circulated via the homework file.

4.8 Recycling of Plastic Waste: The Chairman and Clerk had met Rob Kitchen, Waste and Development Manager SLDC and Cllr Feeney Johnson, Portfolio holder, at the Memorial Hall on 14th July, They were sympathetic to Crosthwaite's needs but current contracts had gone out to tender – cash limitations would not permit extension to those contracts. It was suggested that the PC should fund a separate contract for all plastic waste (c£500pa?); alternatively larger wheelie bins could be provided for recyclable bottles with an alternative contractor. The PC was not prepared to fund either of these alternatives, leaving inhabitants to make their own arrangement for disposal of domestic plastic until such time as SLDC extended the kerb side collection. MH offered to place a note in the Parish Magazine. **Action MH**

5. Governance

5.1 SL Strategic Partnership – Local Area Partnership:

No further comments on the use of available funding (ref meeting of 12th May). Paper circulated.

5.2 Single Community Strategy Event – 15th July: Email received from Judith Quigley (SWLAP) via CALC re a workshop to develop a 'unified community strategy'. LAP/Parish Councils not invited (SLDC management only?) This appeared to be another attempt to re-organise/re define relationships with communities. Clerk asked to contact Judith Quigley for explanation. **Action: Clerk**

6. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Environment Agency – Assessing Nuclear Reactor Designs – Invitation to comment circulated.

6.2 Neighbourhood Forum – Meeting of Grange NF 29th June noted.
. NB Crosthwaite and Lyth now part of South West NF (in line with LAP)

6.3 SLDC remuneration Panel : - Requests from Councils invited - noted.

6.4 CALC Circular July. Initial reports of Eric Pickles' (aka Sec of State C&LG) comments on 'Localism' – see also David Cameron's 'Big Society'. Noted.
Additional requirements for applicants for Quality Parish Council status to demonstrate 'Democracy and Citizenship' activities, particularly with young people. Noted.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Permissions granted: - noted

7/2009/5221: Alterations to Woodghyll for Mr & Mrs Smith.

New application – no objection

7/2010/5305: Agricultural Store at Howe Lodge for Mr John Trotter/

8 FINANCES (Since last meeting)

Income:	NSI interest (June)	£ 13.71
	Charities (end May)	£ 296.56
Expenditure approved:	BDO Hayward for Audit	£ 141.00
	L&W Local Drainage Board	£ 250.00

External Audit – Completed – returned without comment. Formally approved.

9 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC;

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

It was noted that Tony Schofield, a previous parish councillor and long serving member of the community, had suffered a stroke on 1st July and was presently in WGH. It was agreed that we should send him a card signed by all councillors and that we would make every effort to visit him individually. It was also noted that the emergency treatment he had received at Royal Lancaster Infirmary was unsatisfactory and deserved a complaint. The Clerk was asked to contact Tony's immediate family to establish what had happened and to write a letter of complaint to NHS Trust if appropriate.

Action: Clerk

Date of next monthly Meeting: Thursday 19th August 2010 at 7.30pm