

Minutes of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council monthly meeting held on Tues 6th Sept 2016

Present: Mary Harkness, Bruce Worsley, Jim Bownass, Matthew Dobson, Robert Sykes

Absent : Roger Smith

In attendance: Cllr John Holmes, Cllr Jim Bland, Joanne Taylor (clerk) Mr David Labee Mr Ian Tomlinson

1 Apologies for Absence

Roger Smith sent his apologies in advance.

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 5th July 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record.

3 Requests for Dispensations

None

4 Declarations of Interest

Jim Bownass expressed a declaration of interest in planning application 7/2016/5496 Land to west of St Marys Green

5 Chairman's Announcements

Another fatal accident on the A590 at Gilpin Bridge – clerk to write again to Highways and Tim Farron

Thank you to Aiden and Jill Baron for the visit to the Bees Orchard, they have made an amazing job and we wish them well for the future.

6 Open Session

Mr Tomlinson spoke regarding planning application 7/2016/5496 – No overall objections on the houses but very concerned about the infrastructure-

- 3 concerns – The vulnerability of the Oak trees- has asked the Parish council to support having a protection order put on the oak trees.
- Boundary fencing – Has asked the Parish Council to support boundary fencing being put in place to protect our residents and whilst putting this fencing giving due regard to the oak trees.
- Drainage, where he spoke of considerable concerns that the culvert is insufficient now, with heavy rain water already backs up so there is already a flood risk. If the development goes ahead with this proposed drainage system then this will increase the flood risk. Mr Tomlinson objects to the houses for this reason and would request that the LDNPA ask for a revised drainage proposal before granting planning permission

Jim Bownass also spoke about this application and his concerns regarding flood risk with the proposed drainage plan and suggested that the LDNPA look at upgrading the septic system of St Marys Green and taking the drainage away from the ghyll.

David Labee spoke about item22 saying that he still wished to buy the land at Green Moss but was aware that there was a problem at the moment at registering the land with land registry. He asked if he could purchase the 2 small pieces of land now and wait until the land registry problem had been rectified and then buy the 3 piece.

7 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Bland informed the parish council that the pothole at Tarnside was to be filled, however over the last few weeks all the work undertaken was to make sure the roads for The Tour Du Britain were safe.

8 District Councillor's Report

1. Extended Rubbish Collections now covering some 50% of District Levens & Brigsteer started end of July. Getting nearer to Crosthwaite!

No actual date yet but whole District will be covered by end of March next year.

2. Flooding: Environmental Agency removing gravel from River Kent. Flood alleviation proposals still being worked out. That for our Area not yet proposed by EA – due anytime.

Nothing to do with Lyth Valley Drainage Scheme directly.

3. Tour of Briton – Stage through and ended in Kendal the 5th of Sept.

4. Target for Affordable Homes – 1000 by 2025.

To date 263 achieved throughout District.

Some concern that this could be confounded by Governments proposal to substitute “Starter Homes” replacing 106 agreements (currently calling for 35% of developments to be affordable – 50% for sale 50% for Social Rent)

5. Business Units in District have increased to 7185 as against 6900 in 2014

6. SLDC has recorded lowest reported crime rate in the County for the 1st quarter of 2016/17.

7. Children in Poverty fallen from 9.5% in 2010 to 8% in 2015.

9 Clerk's Report

The parish council to receive the July/Aug 16 report – No comments

10 PCSO report

The Pc received a report after the meeting. There have been no crimes reported.

11 Planning

11.1 New Applications

7/2016/5496 Land to west of St Marys Green – Construction of 13 new dwellings comprising of 10 affordable homes and 3 open market homes, new road access and associated site works. – **Object due to proposed drainage system.** The Parish council has requested that the LDNPA ask for a revised drainage system before approving the application. The Parish Council believe that should the 13 homes be approved with the proposed drainage system then this will increase flood risk to the area.

7/2016/5486 Scar View, Crosthwaite – Variation of condition 2 (office use only) of planning application 7/2008/5418 to allow ancillary domestic use- **No objections**

7/2016/5359 Cowmire Cottage, Crosthwaite – Demolition of existing cottage and erection of 2 storey, 3 bedroom- **No objections**

7/2016/5541 Damson Dene Hotel – Amend condition 2 on approval 7/2015/5341 to allow floor levels to be raised and 3 guest bedrooms introduced into roof space.- **No objections**

11.2 Planning application decisions of LDNPA

7/2016/5250 Sibble Howe, Lyth. Confirmation of compliance with condition no 3 of planning approval,

7/2016/5314 Esp Ford, Crosthwaite – New build domestic double garage with roof void storage

7/2016/5297 – Crosthwaite Cof E School – Approval of certificate of lawful proposed use of

development.

7/2016/5326 – Haycote Cottage, retrospective permission for wooden agricultural building –
Granted

7/2016/5397 – Gilpin green farm – Two storey extension together with new driveway – Granted

12 Finance

12.1 Income & Expenditure 2016/17

The Parish Council is asked to approve the following expenditure and approve the latest bank reconciliation statement. 401 24/06/16

Item	Expenditure £	Income £
JT Wages July	185.98	
JT Wages August including final hardware payment	262.73	
LCN Web Hosting	59.94	
NSIB Interest		4.97

12.2 BDO Audit

Minor issues to relay from BDO Audit to PC

To write off a cheque that has not been cashed since 2013- **Clerk to action**

12.3 Annual Charity Funds

The PC approved the annual charity returns.

13 LAP Meeting Update

No meeting held, Next meeting due October

14 Parish Council Surgery

Concerns of roadside trees on A5074- **Clerk to write to CCC.**

15 Quarry rental Scale Hill

PC discussed the applications received. The lease to be offered to Mr & Mrs Baron – **Clerk to action**

16 Recording of Gullies and drains in the Parish

No information received – **Action -Clerk to write again and follow up**

17 Co-option of seventh parish councillor.

PC discussed the applications received. The PC co-opted Mrs Eve Brooks to the Parish Council –
Clerk to write to applicants and inform of decision

18 Crosthwaite and Lyth Community Led plan Questionnaire

PC decided to hand post the questionnaires. **Clerk to contact SLDC and see if any grants for printing the copies. PC to approve the completed questionnaire.**

19 Potential Poison Hemlock

No Update – **Clerk to follow up**

20 Speed of Traffic on Starnthwaite Lane

Pc discussed the speed of traffic on the Starnthwaite lane and sought ideas to reduce this, such as ‘Slow’ on the road, extending the 30mph limit. **Clerk to write to CCC**

21 A5074 Bend at Low Fell

PC discussed residents concern seeking ideas such as chevrons, rumble strips, “slow, slower” signs on road. **Clerk to write to CCC**

22 Sale of Land at Green Moss

Mr & Mrs Johnson are struggling to get the land bought registered with the land registry, Mr Smith from Pearson and Pearson has advised that its best not to progress with the sale of land to Mr Labee until this is resolved **Clerk to write to Pearson and Pearson to ask if he could continue with the 2 pieces of land (drive way, Bottom corner of garden)**

The Parish Council passed a resolution that Mrs Mary Harkness and Bruce Worsley were the two signatories to execute the transfer deed.

23 Correspondence received

Email from school to say Thank You for Donation

24 Communications from this meeting

The council to agree topics to be communicated via: Two Valleys News, Website, Westmorland Gazette.

**Parish Council have co-opted a new member to the Council-
Welcome to Mrs Evelyn Brooks**

Parish Council to contact Highways again to reiterate a roundabout is needed on the A590 at Gilpin Bridge to prevent further deaths.

25 Parish Council Meetings

The date of the next parish council meeting is 4th October in the parish room at 7.30pm

Joanne Taylor Clerk 09th September 2016

