

# **SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL**

Reference No: **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2007**

**Minutes** of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 14th May 2007 at 7-30pm in the Parish Room, Satterthwaite.

## **Present**

Mr P.Townsend (Chairman), Mr P.Brady, Mr R.Bruce, Mr T.Gill, Mrs E.Cringle  
Mr D.Coverdale, Mr P.Higgins, Mr R.Exley, Mr G.Belcher (Cumbria Fire Brigade)  
Mr G.Jenkinson (CCC)  
Mr M.McClellan (Cumbria Constabulary)  
Mr T.Hill (LDNPA)  
Rev J.Dixon (Satterthwaite PCC)  
Mrs J. Stoker (Rusland and District WI)  
Mr N.Williams (Forestry Commission)  
Mr A.Stoker (First Responders)  
2 Members of the public  
The Clerk

## **1. Apologies**

None, all Councillors present.

## **2. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2006 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## **3. Guest Speaker Mr D.Coverdale**

Mr Coverdale reiterated the problems of a 30 minute response time for this rural area. The brigade is therefore concentrating on fire prevention and saving lives - by education, evacuation plans, installing smoke detectors, highlighting overloaded electrical sockets and replacing chip pans with deep fat fryers. They will visit each home at the occupier's request at no cost, and will carry out a risk assessment. Free smoke alarms and door safety bars will be supplied and fitted where necessary.

**Action** - 300 leaflets to be enclosed with the Rusland and Satterthwaite Newsletter, to be completed by residents.

**Action** - Councillors carry out a house to house collection of forms and encourage people to sign up.

The Chairman thanked Mr Coverdale and his team.

## **4. Parish Reports**

### i) Chairman of the Parish Council (Mr P.Townsend)

- This is the first meeting without a school representative now the school has closed.
- A full programme of meetings was held last year with attendance of Councillors close to 100%. He thanked the Councillors for their work.
- Councillors undertook training session with CALC, who praised the number and structure of the meetings and gave advice on improvements. They also joined a number of neighbouring parishes on a Standards Board training course and regularly attended meetings of the Neighbourhood Forum, the Hawkshead Market Hall Trust, and the Grizedale Consultative Group, as well as a one-off seminar on affordable housing.
- A new website has been launched. A housing needs survey has been carried out. Small improvements have been made in the handling of rubbish by the holiday cottages. New signage warns bikers of the dangers on the road near Bogle Cragg. There is the option of a 30mph speed limit in Satterthwaite at no cost to the parish. Some road repairs have been achieved through constant badgering of the Highways Agency.
- Of the future, there are three thoughts and challenges:
  - i) Supporting initiatives to bring young people into the parish with both work and accommodation.
  - ii) Fostering relationships with second home and holiday let owners, now nearly 40% of the housing stock.
  - iii) Persuade residents to volunteer for the Council. The government wants unitary authorities with Quality Parishes, which is difficult for a parish and Council of this size.
- Thanks the Clerk for her efficiency and advice.

### ii) Cumbria Constabulary (Mr M.McClellan)

- He is the new Community Constable for Hawkshead and surrounding district and will be a

visible presence in the community. His contact details will be in the Rusland and Satterthwaite Newsletter.

- His area covers Coniston, Langdale and Grasmere as well as Hawkshead. He will be joined by a Community Support Officer.
- The amalgamation of the Cumbria and Lancashire forces was abandoned and leaves the constabulary in a state of flux. It will have to restructure to take account of terrorism threats.
- It had its best ever performance figures with an overall 10% reduction in crime.

Q Do you have any local crime figures?

A For Satterthwaite last year there were 24 incidents, with between 8 and 10 of these being crimes.

Q Will you attend parish council meetings in future?

A Yes when able to.

iii) Lake District National Park Authority (Mr T.Hill)

- For the last 50 years there has been a small ranger service and a large volunteer service. Now, because of budget reductions and governmental decrees, these are being restructured into a Countryside Officers Section, which should give a better and larger team for this area.
- Now working in partnership with other groups, such as the police on green road driving and Anna Gray on woodlands. This should give improvements in communication.
- There is now a year by year agreement on repair of Rights of Way with Cumbria County Council but there are only two estate workers covering an area from Broughton to Ennerdale.
- There has been a big drop in numbers of 4X4 vehicles but trail bikes are still going on private land, footpaths and bridleways. It is very difficult to catch them. Please report any illegal activity.

iv) Forestry Commission (Mr N.Williams)

- They are still clearing the windblow of January 2005.
- A new harvesting machine has been purchased, operated by Mike Howgate and Dave Shuttleworth. Two apprentices have been taken on.
- There has been replanting around Wood Moss Tarn and 30,000 Scotch Pine planted near High Cross. A new five year planting scheme will be presented to the Council shortly.
- A number of barriers have been broken, and there is still a large problem with trail bikes.
- 5000 volunteers from the John Muir Trust have been working in the forest.
- There is a new litter check system. A list of safe landing sites for the Air Ambulance is being compiled.
- The temporary car park is working well. The new Resource Centre will not open until July. Tenders for the second phase are being sent out.
- Of the 50 bird of prey boxes, 26 are occupied. There is a dormouse scheme near Linstey Wood. There are otters on two tarns. The deer group is controlled and healthy

v) Rusland and District Women's Institute (Mrs J.Stoker)

- Another successful year for the WI with over 20 members.
- 10 meetings over 12 months with the February meeting cancelled due to bad weather. Recent talks have been on 'The Land We Live In', the RNLI, and hats.
- The Annual Safari supper was up to its usual standard and helps keep the WI financially sound.
- The Christmas Carol evening raised £580.
- Members are involved in so many activities there are not enough weeks in the year to enjoy everything.

vi) Cumbria County Council (Mr O.Pearson)

Mr Pearson was unable to attend.

vii) South Lakeland District Council (Mr Jenkinson)

- SLDC is in a state of flux over unitary authorities. If anyone would like an explanation of the options, then he can provide this documentation.

Q What is the general reaction to fortnightly rubbish collections?

A No loud protests as yet.

viii) Parochial Church Council (Rev J.Dixon)

- Looks after Hawkshead, Sawrey, Rusland, Wray and Satterthwaite. Wray is now redundant.
- There is also a non-stipendiary minister and a lay reader in the benefice.
- There is a small congregation in Satterthwaite, but a very friendly one.
- Contact details have been added to the Satterthwaite website.

ix) Satterthwaite Recreation and Play Area (Mr Townsend)

- The playground now has a committee of three. Ground maintenance is undertaken by members, saving money. Thanks John Davison for repairing the mower.
- The main expense of insurance has been significantly reduced. Sale of tennis court keys is a vital part of fundraising. Similarly the annual barbeque, for which pledges of support have been received.
- Money will be needed in the next few years to update equipment.
- Repair work has taken place on the shed.

x) First Responders (Mr Stoker)

- The Satterthwaite branch had one call out last year.
- They have undergone oxygen training but as yet have no oxygen tanks or certificates.
- In the reassessments, five people attended and qualified for Satterthwaite.
- There are £150 paid up members in the area.
- There are fundraising boxes in the pubs and cafes, and events held.

xi) Friends of Grizedale Forest (Mr D.Shaw)

Mr Shaw was unable to attend.

**5. Open Forum**

Q Hawkshead and Colton have appointed a lengthsman. Is Satterthwaite going to join?

A No. This is too expensive compared to the size of the precept. As it is a trial, it will wait and see whether it works. There are issues about prioritising work.

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

Annual Parish Council Meeting immediately after the end of this meeting.

The meeting closed at 9-20pm.