

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Reference: Annual Parish Meeting 2010

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Satterthwaite Parish Council in the Parish Room, Satterthwaite at 7.30pm on Monday 17th May 2010.

Present: Dr S Tiplady (Chairman), Mr T Gill, Mr D Fletcher, Mr M Dickinson, Mr A Stoker (Councillors), Mr D Lowe (Forestry Commission), PCSO L Jackson (Police), Mr C Davies (District Councillor), Mrs C Salisbury (County Councillor), Mrs Brooke (PCC), Mr P Townsend (Recreation Area), 5 members of the public, The Clerk

1. Apologies and welcome

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr A Hill (LDNPA), Mrs J Dobson (First Responders), Mrs J Stoker (WI). Members of the public were welcomed.

2. Minutes

The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2009 as a true record.

3. Receive Parish Reports

- Chairman of the Parish Council
 - During the year meetings had been held at Grizedale, Graythwaite and Satterthwaite
 - A feasibility study had been completed for the proposed hydro scheme at Farra Grain. Detailed flow measurements and a habitat survey were now being prepared to enable application for licences to the Environment Agency to be made.
 - Questionnaires for the community plan had been delivered to every resident in the parish and the results had been collated into a draft set of actions.
 - Reports for the both the community plan and the hydro scheme are now available on the parish website
 - During the year there had been two planning appeals relating to Stricely Fell Caravan Park and Orchard Cottage.
 - Probably the biggest achievement had been getting the road through Satterthwaite upgraded to Priority 2 for gritting.
- Cumbria Constabulary
PCSO Jackson reported that:
 - There had been no recent incidents within the Parish and things were relatively quiet
 - New dog fouling signs have been erected
 - The response to the mobile police station has been good
 - There had been a multi agency meeting about off road biking and MPVs with the result that several riders have been cautioned.
- Forestry Commission
 - Mr Lowe reported that all the building works were complete and the new team structure had been embedded

- The FC is looking at renewable energy generation for income opportunities
 - The annual budget for the FC had more than halved for this financial year creating a funding gap
 - At Grizedale there is two sources of income: timber and leisure. The amount of income from timber can't be grown because of land shortages so they were looking for an increase from leisure.
 - To help close the funding gap 5 plots of forest were being sold in South Lakeland
 - As a result of the parish producing a leaflet for the organisers of the mountain bike events the FC will improve the liaison with the parish on future event dates.
 - A new project was to start soon to reintroduce Red Kites into the Grizedale valley
- County Councillor
 - Mrs Salisbury reported that half of the County Councillor had been new at the start of the year
 - The CCC had implemented the strong leader model built upon a cabinet system of governance. The elected leader had died suddenly and it had taken some time to fill the gap. In addition a new Chief Executive had been appointed.
 - The winter had been a traumatic time with the floods and bad weather
 - The biggest residual problem now relates to the road conditions as a result of frost damage.
 - The Capita contract is due for replacement in January and the Amey contract a year later. Alternative methods of working were being considered because the existing approach was unsuccessful
 - In addition to roads she was involved with two other projects linked to emergency planning and child and family health.
- District Councillor
 - Mr Davies reported that the district council also worked on a cabinet system and it had taken sometime to become used to it.
 - The scrutiny committee is asked to examine any decision that cabinet has made if it is questioned
- Parochial Church Council
 - Mr Brookes reported that the parish had been saddened by the death of Commander Buckley who had been a key figure in the church activities for many years
 - The biggest items of expenditure are the parish offering and insurance. With the help of several fund raising activities the council was doing slightly better than break even
 - Two open air services had been held during the year at Bowkerstead farm which had been well supported.
- Satterthwaite Recreation Area
- Mr Townsend reported that it has been a good year for the playground with progress on a number of fronts and the play area in generally better fettle than a year ago – and if we could all report that, we would all be very lucky.

- This year we have acquired a new and efficient Treasurer in David Granville who has not only looked after the finances but has injected a steady impetus into running the playground.
- Secondly, we have had the playground re-fenced and gated, and for this profuse thanks go to Councillors Miles Dickinson and Tim Gill for their labour and skill. As a result of this work the playground looks tidier than for many years.
- Thirdly, the committee applied for and received a grant towards the cost of replacing all the swing seats and this work was completed this early spring. Again thanks go to David Granville and Tim Gill.
- Fourthly, we have had considerable assistance in ground maintenance over the year from Toby Metcalf, particularly in the unenviable task of strimming and big thanks are due to Toby for this work freely given.
- Fifthly, in a year of sometimes abject and at best ordinary weather, our Barbecue received at least a dry evening, the Kwik Cricket was a great success with the children (thanks to Renelle for the equipment and to all those who helped on the night) and the BBQ was able to raise its normal contribution to playground funds.
- Sixthly, our mower has come through another winter and appears to be at least no worse than a year ago.
- Lastly, our finances are still healthy with a balance of just about £1800.00 and annual expenditure more or less keeping pace with income – or rather the other way round.
- This coming year we need to tackle the long term solution to making the concrete crawling tunnels safe; ie closing them up. Any suggestions welcome. We should also like to add a new seat for parents and picnickers.

4. Open Session

No members of the public asked questions of the council.

5. Date of Next Meeting

16th May 2011