

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Reference No: M086

Minutes of the meeting held at the Hall, Graythwaite on Monday April 11th 2011.

Present: Dr S Tiplady (Chairman), Mr T Gill, Mr A Stoker, Mr M Dickinson, Mr D Fletcher (Councillors), The Clerk, The Police, Mr C Davies (District Councillor)

86.1 **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

86.2 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 28th February 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

86.3 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Dickinson declared a personal interest in item 86.7.

86.4 **Open Session**

The Police reported that crime levels remained low within the area but thefts of fuel and scrap metal continued. People were asked to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to the Police.

Mr Davies reported that SLDC had considered two options for the provision of council housing but it had decided to opt for the option that transferred housing stock to a Housing Trust. SLDC continues to have a concern for promoting affordable housing.

86.5 **Matters Arising**

The Clerk reported that he had written to Better Highways about the quality of workmanship undertaken in Autumn repairs, the delivery of grit bins and the availability of Grit Bin theft signs. A response was received asking for clarification about the location of the repairs which the Clerk provided. The Clerk was told that the concerns had been passed to people to investigate but despite several attempts to seek an answer none had been received. There was general concern about the poor communication from the Highways team and the Clerk was asked to contact the County Councillor to seek help in getting the matter resolved.

It was noted that the letter had been sent to Hawkshead Market Hall Trust about resigning our representation.

86.6 **Financial and Administrative**

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with the internal auditor and she had confirmed her willingness to continue. It was resolved to continue with this arrangement.

The final financial accounts for the year were presented and it was resolved to adopt them.

It was resolved to accept the governance statement and to complete the annual return.

The Clerk reported he had checked with neighbouring parishes whether they had councillors who needed training. Only one had expressed interest. It was agreed to wait to arrange the training until the Autumn.

It was resolved to pay Newsletter Sponsorship £40.00, CALC Subscription £95.00, Clerks Salary and Expenses £211.21, Satterthwaite PCC for room hire £113.00 and the Insurance premium of £170.10.

86.7 **Rubbish at Grizedale**

Concern was expressed about the volume of rubbish and the general tidiness of the bin area outside the cafe adjacent to the road at Grizedale. Further concern was expressed about the increase in the number of vehicles parking on the roadside. The Clerk was asked to contact the Forestry Commission asking them to be prepared to discuss the matter at the Annual Meeting in May and suggest it might be sensible to bring a representative from the cafe.

86.8 **LAP Report**

The LAP had initiated a broadband project but it was still in its early stages. There are to be four pilot broadband projects in Cumbria and partnership with Cartmel had been sought in order to try and secure the area as one of the projects.

Although the LAP had undertaken a major project to improve the links with the Highways team it was recognised that current changes had impeded progress. Our representative was asked to report to the next meeting our concern about the poor quality of communication and the unsatisfactory performance of the website used for reporting defects.

86.9 **Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**

There were no reports.

86.10 **Correspondence**

Items of correspondence were considered.

The Clerk was asked to write to John Ruskin School indicating support for the governors to make the suitable decision regarding academy status.

86.11 **Items for Next Agenda**

The following items were agreed for inclusion at the next meeting:

- Unsightly rubbish on the Old School construction site
- Update on the road maintenance

86.12 **Date of Next Meeting**

The Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting are scheduled for May 16th 2011 at Satterthwaite. The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for July 11th 2011. The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.