

# **SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL**

Reference No: M039

**Minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2006 in the Parish Room, Satterthwaite.

## **Present**

Mr P. Townsend (Chairman), Mrs E. Cringle, Mr P. Brady, Mr T. Gill  
10 Members of the Friends of Grizedale Forest pressure group  
The Clerk

### 1. **Apologies**

Mr R. Bruce (holiday)

### 2. **Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. **Matters Arising**

#### a) **Response re highway signs in Grizedale Forest**

The LDNPA have erected the highly reflective signs as part of a TRO and are a statutory requirement. If the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill becomes law in its present form, then 4x4s and motorbikes will no longer be able to use the route and the signs will be removed.

#### b) **Response re non horse-friendly tarmac at Breasty Haw**

The Highways Authority resurfaced the road with the only type of material that could be used. As the surface ages, it will become more skid resistant. Surface dressing (tar and chippings) would restore full skid resistance but that process is many years away.

#### c) **Response from Forestry Commission re wall on the UCR at Stricely**

The wall at Stricely will not be removed.

### 4. **Declarations of Interest**

Three of the four Councillors present declared an interest in item 6(a). As the Council was non-quorate for this item, it was not discussed.

### 5. **Adjournment of Meeting**

The pressure group Friends of Grizedale Forest announced they had raised a petition against the development at Grizedale and asked the Council to forward this to the LDNPA as the Council's response to the planning application. The Chairman explained that this would be illegal, and as the Council was inquorate on this item no discussion could take place.

Mr Hyslop declared that the Council was not representative of the community since three of its members worked in the tourism industry and were biased. He demanded that one Councillor resign so that a more balanced Council could be formed. Mr Hyslop was reminded of the difficulties of finding anyone willing to stand for election to the Council 18 months ago.

The access road to Stricely caravan park has been widened and trees felled by Speddings without permission.

### 6. **Planning**

#### a) **Minor amendment to application for development of Grizedale Visitor Centre. Ref 7/2005/5607.**

The Council was inquorate on the item and it was not discussed. **Action** Clerk to inform LDNPA.

With the agreement of the Councillors the following was put on as an emergency item:

#### b) **Application to convert integral garage to kitchen/diner at Cherry Tree Cottage. Ref 7/2005/5773**

The Council supported the application because:

i) The garage was never used for car parking

ii) The appearance of the barn would be visually improved and more in keeping with its neighbour.

7. **Financial Reports & Payments**

- a) The Financial Statement dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006 was received.
- b) Payment of the Clerk's salary and expenses for three months £218-80 was authorised.

8. **Land for affordable Housing**

The Council was concerned that any housing built would not remain affordable, nor for locals only. Mr Farron to be asked how affordability could be ensured since a low cost development built in Satterthwaite some years ago had not remained affordable for locals. **Action** Clerk to write to Tim Farron.

9. **Correspondence Received**

- a) LDNPA - BT's proposals to re-align Public Payphone provision, update. The phones will only use BT Chargecards. Noted.
- b) CCC - Cumbria Countryside Access Strategy questionnaire, deadline 28<sup>th</sup> February. **Action** Councillors to consider and discuss at next meeting.
- c) CALC - Survey of Local Council Functions in Cumbria, results. Noted.
- d) SLDC - New Register of Electors. Noted.
- e) CAB - Request for funding and Annual Report 2004/5. Noted.
- f) GO4Skills - Tree surgeons. Noted.
- g) Network Rail - Closure of Levens Viaduct for 16 weeks March to July 2006. Noted.
- h) CALC - Circular December 2005. Noted.
- i) Highways Agency - North West Roadworks leaflets. Noted.
- k) Impact - Recycling items of furniture and household goods Noted..
- l) LDNPA - Closure of information centres at Coniston, Hawkshead and Grasmere. Noted.
- m) LDNPA - BT's proposals to re-align Public Payphone provision, further update. Noted.
- n) LDNPA - Meetings to discuss Visioning and Partnership on 18th January. **Action** Messrs Townsend and Brady to attend.
- p) Cumbria Highways - Magazine, Winter 2005. Noted.
- q) CALC - SL District Meeting, Minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005. Noted.
- r) CALC - World Heritage Site Status, attendance at Planning Site visits, LDNPA Partnership Meetings. Noted.
- s) SLDC - South Lakeland Gateway Project, display on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2006. Noted.
- t) FLD - Overhead Wires Project, Newsletter no 5. Noted.
- u) LDNPA - Minutes of Meetings Sept-Dec 2005. Noted.
- v) ODPM - Standards of conduct in English Local Government: The Future. Noted.
- w) Colton PC - Agenda for meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January and minutes of previous meeting. Noted.
- x) Local Works - Public meeting in Kendal 19<sup>th</sup> January to discuss Sustainable Communities Bill. Noted.
- y) Clerks and Councils Direct - Magazine January 2006. Noted.
- z) Cumbria Police Authority - Police service restructuring, update. Noted.
- aa) CAB - Health and Community Care Project. Noted.

10. **Items for Inclusion in Next Agenda**

- i) Inability of Council to respond to Grizedale Project because of Declarations of Interest
- ii) Sites for affordable housing.
- iii) Report on meeting Visioning and Partnership
- iv) Code of Conduct.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2006.

The meeting closed at 8-30pm.