

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Reference No: M084

Minutes of the meeting held at the Parish Room, Satterthwaite on Monday 17th January 2011.

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

84.1 **Apologies**

Councillor Mr A Stoker had sent his apologies. The Police, and Mrs Salisbury (County Councillor) had sent their apologies.

84.2 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th October 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

84.3 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

84.4 **Open Session**

The Police had submitted a report stating that there had been no incidents in the last month, but that within the Coniston area three men had been arrested for the attempted theft of cylinders.

Mrs Salisbury had submitted a report stating that the CCC cabinet had decided not to extend the Amey contract and as a consequence this would cease as of April 2012. The Better Highways initiative had been launched which provides parishes with new contact points.

Mr Davies reported that in Claife Parish the council had worked with local residents to use the new planning rules to persuade the National Trust to reverse its decision to use Castle Cottage as a holiday let. It will now be let to a local family.

84.5 **Matters Arising**

- Grizedale Rally – It was noted that no marshals had been provided though the event was subsequently cancelled.
- Road Maintenance – It was noted that contact had been made with the Highways Steward although this had now been superseded with the Better Highways initiative. Concern was expressed that there had been no information provided to parishes about this scheme. Councillor Fletcher informed the meeting that the LAP had raised this fact with CCC.

84.6 **Financial and Administrative**

The financial statement for the year to date was presented and accepted.

It was resolved to adopt the draft budget for the 2011/12 financial year and to apply for a precept of £2420. The precept forms were completed and signed.

It was resolved to adopt the risk assessment.

It was resolved to pay the clerk's salary and expenses £208.37 and K.Baverstock £60.

84.7 **Road Maintenance and Winter Grit Supplies**

It was resolved to await information about the Better Highways initiative before agreeing contacts with the LAP, CCC and SLDC.

Councillor Fletcher agreed to contact the CCC engineer to obtain confirmation that the requested new grit bins would be provided. It was resolved that since the extra grit bins would ensure Dale Park and Cunsey had grit available there would be no need to seek extra grit supplies.

It was resolved to provide an article for the newsletter to stress to residents that grit within bins is provided for public roads only and not for private drives. In addition if grit was inappropriately used it could result in prosecution by the police.

The Clerk was also asked to find out if the CCC had signs that could be placed on grit bins warning of inappropriate use.

84.8 **Cumbria County Council Budget 2011/12 Consultation**

It was resolved to agree to the LAP letter being sent to CCC.

It was resolved to submit a response raising concerns that:

- The process was a costly one resulting in unnecessary expenditure at a time of financial constraint.
- The Parish Council was not qualified to be able to respond to the issues raised.
- The Council had statutory obligations to provide some services, but these were not clearly identified to enable a more pragmatic response on discretionary expenditure.
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84.9 **SLDC Budget 2011/12 Consultation**

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84.10 **Representation on LAP**

It was resolved to include an item on each agenda for future meetings to allow our representative to report on LAP activity. In addition the agenda item would allow Council to suggest items that need discussing at the LAP.

It was resolved that only one representative was required for the LAP.

84.11 **Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**

The LAP had decided to support three capital projects:

- Hawkshead pedestrian survey
- Crake Partnership Phosphate leaflet
- Lowick computer and presentation equipment for parish halls

Additionally, a survey had been completed on broadband speeds and consideration was being given as to how to link with the county wide broadband initiative.

There were no reports from other representatives on Outside Bodies.

84.12 **Correspondence**

Items of correspondence were considered.

It was resolved that Councillor Fletcher would be the broadband pioneer.

It was resolved not to submit a response on the consultation for the Glebe development and for the governance arrangements for the LDNPA.

84.13 **Items for Next Agenda**

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

- The number of council meetings per year
- Dates for forthcoming meetings

84.14 **Date of Next Meeting**

28th February 2011 at the Yan, Grizedale. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.