

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Reference No: M080

Minutes of the meeting held at the Parish Room Satterthwaite, on Monday 17th May 2010.

Present: Dr S Tiplady (Chairman), Mr T Gill, Mr A Stoker, Mr Dickinson, Mr D Fletcher (Councillors), The Clerk, , Mr C Davies (District Councillor), 1 member of the Public

80.1 **Apologies**

All councillors were present.

80.2 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th April 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record with one adjustment. During the meeting Councillor Fletcher had asked the Chair, Dr Tiplady to resign.

80.3 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Fletcher and Stoker expressed concern that Councillors Gill and Dickinson had a personal interest in the Hydro project because they were employed by the Forestry Commission. Councillor Gill and Dickinson both stated that in their belief they had no personal interest in any item on the agenda. The Chair informed the meeting that if Councillors were not happy with this assurance they should address their concerns to Debbie Storr, the Monitoring Officer at SLDC.

Councillor Gill stated that if the Monitoring Officer showed he had an interest he would withdraw from the project.

80.4 **Open Session**

Mr Spedding informed the meeting that he was upset by the Council's submission to the Planning Authority on 8th October 2009 implying that he had removed the planning notice signs from the site in question. The Chair explained that the comment had been made by a member of the public and because of the time constraints for submitting our response it had not been checked. The Council apologised for implication and the Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Authority to remove that comment from the submission.

80.5 **Matters Arising**

It was noted that:

1. There had been no Community interest relating to major events from the newsletter
2. Lapsed sponsors have been removed and the Community Plan and Hydro feasibility study had been added to the Council page
3. The Winter Road Maintenance submission had been made.

80.6 **Financial and Administrative**

The Clerk reported that the internal auditor had completed the audit and had

found no issues that needed addressing. It was resolved to accept the audit.

It was resolved to approve annual return for 2009/10.
The financial statement for the year to date was presented.

It was resolved to pay:

- Insurance Premium £196.70
- Information Commissioner £35.00

It was resolved to delay the payments regarding the Community Interest company and Trust until further progress had been made on the Hydro project.

80.7 **Satterthwaite Community Trust and Interest Company**

Councillors Fletcher and Stoker expressed concern that the formation of these organisations was occurring before the hydro project had reached an appropriate stage. There was considerable debate.

In an attempt to resolve the impasse the Clerk suggested that the Council holds a public meeting in the near future to allow the community to vote on whether they want this project to progress. The Clerk would meet Councillors Fletcher and Stoker to try and reach a position that satisfies their concerns. He would then propose an agenda for the meeting.

80.8 **Communication of Council Activity**

It was agreed that due to time constraints that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

80.9 **Correspondence**

The items of correspondence were noted.

80.10 **Items for Next Agenda**

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

- Development at the Old School
- Illegal parking in the village
- Communication of Council Activity

The Clerk was asked to write to GMBC informing them that the June meeting was too early to meet with them again.

80.11 **Date of Next Meeting**

28th June 2010 at Satterthwaite Parish Room. The meeting closed at 10.30pm.