

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Reference No: MO67

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Room, Satterthwaite on Monday 29th January 2009 at 7.30pm.

Present: Dr S Tiplady (Chairman), Mr A Stoker, Mr T Gill, (Councillors), Mrs C Salsbury (representing the County Councillor), Mr C Davies (District Councillor), Ms Largue (Cumbria Police), Mr Spedding, Mr Dickinson, The Clerk

67.1 **Apologies**

All councillors were present.

67.2 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on December 1st 2008 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

67.3 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

67.4 **Open Session**

Ms Largue informed the meeting that there was now a new website where people could access the latest crime figures. The website is <http://cumbria.crimemapper.co.uk> If Hawkshead is entered in the search field the local figures will be displayed. She also warned the meeting that there had been an increase in house burglaries and that there was a special project to combat poaching.

Mr Davies informed the meeting that he had attended a district council meeting that afternoon to discuss the proposed clustering of councils. A new consultation document was due to be issued that contained a new map of the clusters. Satterthwaite had been placed with Hawkshead, Claife and Coniston.

67.5 **Matters Arising**

a. Mountain Bike Event

The Clerk was reported that there was no information on the event website about charitable contributions. Mr Gill said that he would ask the organiser for more information when he next saw him.

b. Pollution from Satterthwaite sewage works

The Clerk had been in contact with United Utilities, but had been unable to find out more information. He would continue to try.

67.6 **Notice of Resignation**

The resignation of Mr J Wilson was tabled and the Council declared a vacancy. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Wilson thanking him for his efforts and to state that in the absence of his written resignation the council had accepted his verbal instructions.

67.7 **Co-opting of Councillors**

Since no one had requested an election the Returning Officer had informed

the Clerk that the council could co-opt a new Councillor. Mr Dickinson had been approached and he had accepted.

67.8 **Gritting and Maintenance of Parish Roads**

The Clerk explained that he had been in contact with other parishes and jointly they had compiled a letter, to be sent to the appropriate person at the County Councillor, concerning the lack of grit boxes and grit heaps during the cold spell in December. The letter outlines a suggested course of action with the parish councils providing assistance to the County Council to map and identify good locations for heaps and boxes. The Council agreed to the letter being sent.

The Council had received a letter from Mr Buckley raising concern about five local trouble spots that flood during wet weather. Ms Sailsbury said it was important to firstly raise this with the Highways helpline so that a reference number is obtained. The Clerk was asked to do this.

67.9 **Trimming of Trees in Park**

Mr Stoker informed the meeting that he had been able to speak to the person requesting action. He would do so when he next saw him.

67.10 **Planning Application No. 7/2008/5668 Stricely Fell caravan Site**

The application was discussed and the Council had no objection towards the development, but it had concerns about the:

- site becoming over developed if the number of caravans was to exceed ten
- suitability of the access road
- preservation of footpaths since some were currently unidentifiable.

67.11 **Reports from representatives to Outside bodies**

No meetings had been held.

67.12 **Financial and Administrative**

- The Clerk provided a financial statement for the year up to November 30th.
- The Clerk was asked to contact the previous Clerk to finalise his expenses.

67.13 **Correspondence**

The items of correspondence were noted.

67.14 **Councillor Matters**

The meeting was adjourned to allow Councillors to ask questions not covered in the agenda.

67.15 **Items for Next Agenda**

- Enforcement of local occupancy clauses
- Turbine at Farra Grain

67.16 **Date of Next Meeting**

23rd February 2009 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room at Satterthwaite.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.