

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Reference No: M065

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Room, Satterthwaite on Wednesday 29th October 2008 at 7.30pm.

Present: Dr S Tiplady (Chairman), Mr A Stoker, Mr A Threlkeld, Mr T Gill, Mr J Wilson (Councillors), Mr C Davies (District Councillor), Mr N Benbow, The Clerk

65.1 **Apologies**

All councillors were present.

65.2 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on October 20th 2008 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

65.3 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mr A Stoker declared an interest in item 5 as the application was made in his name.

65.4 **Open Session**

a. District Councillor's report

District Councillor C Davies reported that the district is struggling to find 3% of cost reductions in this financial year after having achieved 2.5% in each of the last three years.

He also stated that were discussions taking place concerning the clustering of parish councils and he suspected that this may be related to the cost reductions. He asked the Council if there were any thoughts about which cluster it would like to be connected with.

Mr T Gill commented that there had been several attempts over the last few years to try and form associations with the parish councils that border the parish. No council had expressed interest in combining with us and indeed there was a belief that because of our small size we could be seen as a burden.

Dr Tiplady asked if Mr Davies could identify any benefits to the parish from becoming involved with a cluster. Mr Davies stated that this was for the Council to decide.

Mr T Gill suggested that becoming part of a cluster would only be detrimental since it would give our parish a smaller voice, in a bigger council and consequently reduce our democratic rights. He also believed that it was a cost reduction exercise that would result in District Council activities being devolved to parish councils who neither had the resources or money to perform them appropriately.

Resolved that the clerk should send a letter to the County and District Councils expressing the council's view.

b. General Address

Electors present were given an opportunity to make comments or ask questions related to items of business on the agenda, or of general concern.

Mr Benbow took the opportunity to explain item 6, the Go Ape planning application.

Mr Stoker took the opportunity to explain item 5, the Well Cottage planning

application.

- 65.5 **Planning Application No: 7/2008/5551 Well Cottage, Satterthwaite**
Councillor Mr Stoker declared a prejudicial interest in this item, as the application was made in his name.

Resolved that the application should be supported subject to the conditions that:

1. The garage should only be used for domestic purposes and not for the conduct of a commercial automotive maintenance business
2. The garage should not be used for the storage of items related to a commercial automotive maintenance business

- 65.6 **Planning Application No: 7/2008/5584 Go Ape, Grizedale**

The council discussed the application and deferred a decision until a site visit was possible on November 9th at 12.00pm.

- 65.7 **Financial**

The Clerk presented the draft budget for next year. He also confirmed that he had discussed the cost of elections with SLDC and had been informed that there could be no deferral of the £569 payment.

Dr Tiplady also confirmed that Mr Farron, our MP in writing had indicated that his investigations also confirmed that there would be no discretion exercised on the costs.

The Clerk also mentioned that he had received a letter from the Parochial Church Council seeking a grant for the parish room.

Resolved to seek applications for grants, explaining their request, from interested parties next year before the budget meeting.

Resolved to seek a 10% increase in the precept to £2420.

Resolved to accept the draft budget attached to these minutes.

Resolved that the Clerk should write to the Parochial Church Council declining their request, explaining the financial situation and the proposed process that will be followed next year.

Resolved that a payment to Mr Baverstock for £60 be made.

- 65.8 **Correspondence**

The items of correspondence were noted

The Clerk was requested to prepare a paper for a new publication scheme for the next meeting.

Resolved not to send a representative to the Code of Conduct Training, CALC AGM, or to the CALC Planning Seminar.

- 65.9 **Items for Next Agenda**

Review the charitable contribution from the recent mountain bike event (Minute 64/5a).

Review the Publication Scheme paper.

65.10 **Date of Next Meeting**
Monday 1st December 2008 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room at Satterthwaite.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT BUDGET FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/10

Draft Budget 29th October 2008

	BUDGET	YEAR TO	FORECAST		BUDGET
	2008/09	DATE	31/03/09	VARIANCE	2009/10
Payments					
Insurance	325.00	181.58	181.58	-143.42	200.00
Satterthwaite PCC room hire	110.00	70.00	170.00	60.00	120.00
Satterthwaite Recreation Grant	200.00		200.00	0.00	200.00
Satterthwaite Graveyard Grant	200.00		200.00	0.00	200.00
District Audit	60.00	58.75	58.75	-1.25	60.00
CALC subscription	90.00	89.00	89.00	-1.00	90.00
Clerks salary	960.00	198.99	795.96	-164.04	800.00
Clerk's expenses	100.00	75.63	195.63	95.63	160.00
Hawkshead PC Car park maintenance	240.00		0.00	-240.00	0.00
Training Course	50.00		10.00	-40.00	50.00
Precept for Election Expenses	0.00		0.00	0.00	569.00
Website	0.00		60.00	60.00	60.00
Newsletter sponsorship	0.00		40.00	40.00	40.00
Xmas lights	0.00		20.00	20.00	20.00
Data Protection registration	0.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
Misc/contingency	200.00	0.00	100.00	-100.00	200.00
TOTAL SPEND	2535.00	708.95	2155.92	-379.08	2804.00
Receipts					
Precept	2200.00	2200.00	2200.00	0.00	2420.00
VAT Refund	0.00		8.75	8.75	0.00
Website sponsor			60.00		60.00
Interest	25.00		25.00	0.00	25.00
TOTAL INCOME	2225.00	2200.00	2293.75	68.75	2505.00
SURPLUS INCOME LESS SPEND	-310.00	1491.05	137.83	447.83	-299.00
Balance Brought Forward	1006.18	1006.18	1006.18		1144.01
Predicted Year End Balance	696.18	2497.23	1144.01	447.83	845.01