

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Reference No: M076

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Room, Satterthwaite on Monday 30th November 2009 at 7.30pm.

Present: Dr S Tiplady (Chairman), Mr D Fletcher, Mr A Stoker, Mr Dickinson (Councillors), The Clerk, Mr C Davies, District Councillor, Mrs C Salisbury (County Councillor), Ms Hunter (Police), Mr Nickson, Mr Thomason

76.1 **Apologies**

Mr T Gill was absent due to illness.

76.2 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th October 2009 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

76.3 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

76.4 **Open Session**

Ms Hunter informed the meeting that a suspicious black Rover 300 car had been seen in the area and further sightings should be reported to them. There had also been a professional poaching team in operation.

Mr Davies informed the meeting that the reported merger between Eden and South Lakeland councils was not likely to materialise. The discussions had merely been exploring ways that the councils could work together to secure lower costs.

Mrs Salisbury came to the Meeting with information about appeals and funding, and spoke about a range of issues connected with the exceptional weather conditions on and after 19th November. She said that the damage caused could not be quickly or casually repaired and the costs would necessitate a re-jigging of County Council finance and resources from its general budget. Mrs Salisbury drew attention to some developments that took a “tool-box” approach, looking at emergencies in a wider context:

- The Flood and Water Management Bill aims to provide better, more sustainable management of flood risk for people, homes and businesses, help safeguard community groups from unaffordable rises in surface water drainage charges and protect water supplies to the consumer.
- Revision of the Civil Contingencies Act 2011: The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 placed a responsibility upon leading public bodies to co-operate locally, upon matters of civil resilience. The Act requires responders to undertake risk assessments, maintain them in a Community Risk Register and to publish this register. Risks in this context are those that could result in a major emergency. This Community Risk Register is the first step in the emergency planning process; it ensures that the plans that are developed are proportionate

to the risk. The Revision will recognise 3 responders: police, industry and business, and town and parish councils.

- Cumbria Community Emergency Plans: There is no statutory responsibility for town and parish councils to plan for, respond to, or recover from emergencies. However it is good practice for communities to identify hazards and make simple plans on how they may respond when faced with an emergency.
- Cumbria Community Emergency Plan Template defines a community emergency as any combinations of events that endangers life, severely impacts on the medium to long-term habitability of homes, causes structural damage to property and affects a significant proportion of the community.

Mrs Salisbury was asked to forward relevant information to the Clerk.

76.5 **Matters Arising**

a. Pollution from Sewage pumping station

The Chair reported that she had attended a meeting with Mr Farron, United Utilities and the Environment Agency. The EA had undertaken to return to take flow measurements. Mr Farron intends to keep the pressure on to encourage action to be taken.

b. Road repairs

The Clerk reported that he had been informed that there was no budget for road repairs for the remainder of the fiscal year. Mrs Salisbury informed the meeting that due to the flood problems budgets will be relaxed. A report of damage should be sent to her so that actions can be prioritised. It was her belief that the repairs at Low Bowkerstead would happen before Xmas.

c. Consultation Code of Conduct

The Clerk was asked to change the title of the document so that it applies to all events and to insert a point requesting completion of a risk assessment. It was resolved that the document be accepted with these amendments.

d. LDNPA Local Development Framework

Mr Fletcher had reviewed the document and was concerned that Satterthwaite was defined as an open space. In his opinion the document was unsound and he had expressed his views to LDNPA.

76.6 **Planning Application 7/2009/5640 - 1 Rose Cottages, Satterthwaite: Change of use of front garden to provide off road parking with new highway access**

It was resolved to support the application and indicate that it was a good idea to keep cars off the main roads.

76.7 **Planning Application 7/2009/5642 – Orchard Cottage, Satterthwaite: Erection of new external single story domestic storage building with workshop area in garden. Erection of poly tunnel for domestic use (size 6m by 12m)**

The Chair proposed that the Council request the LDNPA to issue a completion notice on Orchard Cottage since people were residing in it without it being completed. After discussion it was agreed to defer this until the next meeting.

It was resolved to object to this application on the following grounds. The erection of a large poly tunnel is not within the keeping of the local landscape as there are no examples of their use. Further the proposed construction materials for the storage building are also not in keeping with those used locally. There are no turf roofed buildings and none that are constructed of timber. It would be more appropriate if it were constructed using local stone. However, the proposed location of the building and poly tunnel is away from any other parts of the development and are in open space.

76.8 **Parking Problems in Satterthwaite**

The problem was discussed with concerns being raised that emergency vehicles might be unable to respond appropriately. The Police informed the meeting that if parked cars caused an obstruction liable to cause problems for emergency vehicles and they were informed at the time they would take appropriate action.

Mr Fletcher raised concerns that there had been repeated breaches of parking restrictions and the offenders had not responded to parking notices. He suggested that the Council should consider developing the area behind the church to accommodate parked vehicles. He was asked to investigate the costs of such development.

76.9 **Parish Plan**

The Clerk reported that all questionnaires had been distributed and the deadline for completion was December 18th.

76.10 **Turbine at Farra Grains**

The Clerk reported that the consultant had submitted a draft feasibility study and a completed report was expected by Xmas. Delays had occurred because of the flooding problems. A report was tabled of the key findings and it was resolved to initiate the gathering of flow data and for the working party to consider the final report and produce some recommendations for the next meeting.

76.11 **Reports from representatives to Outside bodies**

The Chair, Dr Tiplady and Mr Fletcher had attended the first meeting of the LAP. The meeting had largely been about how the LAP would work and a further meeting had been agreed in a few months time.

76.12 **Financial and Administrative**

The Clerk provided a financial statement for the year up to November 30th.

It was resolved to accept the draft budget for 2010/11 and to submit the forms for a precept of £2420.

It was resolved to accept the risk assessment produced by the Clerk.

It was resolved to contribute £20 towards the Xmas lights.

76.13 **Correspondence**

The items of correspondence were noted.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Topley suggesting she contact the Forestry Commission about the location of a commemorative bench at Machells Coppice.

76.14 **Items for Next Agenda**

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

- Orchard Cottage Building Completion
- Dog Fouling
- Parking in the village of Satterthwaite
- Turbine at Farra Grain
- Parish Plan Questionnaire Findings

76.15 **Date of Next Meeting**

18th January 2010 at Graythwaite. The meeting closed at 9.40pm.