

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Reference No: **M036**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 31st October 2005 at 7-30pm in the Parish Room, Satterthwaite.

Present

Mr P.Townsend (Chairman), Mr R.Bruce, Mr T.Gill
Mr N.Buckley, Mr D.Fletcher, Mrs J.Fletcher, Mr A.Stoker (Members of the Public)
The Clerk

1. **Apologies**

Mrs E.Cringle (holiday), Mr P.Brady (in Liverpool).

2. **Minutes**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th September 2005 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

4. **Adjournment of Meeting**

i) Mr Buckley gave an update on the school closure. Under the original gift made by John Twisaday in 1849, if the school ceases to function, the land must be returned to his heirs. As yet these cannot be traced, and if not, the Trustees consider that Low Cost Housing would be the best use of the redundant buildings. Mitre Housing Trust have expressed an interest. Two or three shared ownership houses for locals are proposed, but housing need must be proved. A survey carried out in 2001 indicated no demand, but the situation has now changed. The Trustees ask for the Council's support.

ii) Mr Fletcher reported an incident within Satterthwaite village in which a car travelling too fast nearly collided with a pedestrian. The police could not do anything because there is no speed restriction in the village. As speeding is a growing problem, he asked the Council to consider imposing a 30mph limit.

5. **Planning**

i) Draft Supplementary Planning Document on Demonstrating Housing Need.

Noted.

ii) Grant of Planning Permission for flat at Hawkrigg Garages. Ref 7/2005/5231.

Noted.

6. **Financial Reports & Payments**

a) Financial Report.

There were no changes in the account since the last meeting.

b) Payment of Accounts

i) Satterthwaite Recreation & Play Area £200

ii) Satterthwaite Parochial Church Council £200

iii) Clerk's salary & expenses for 3 months £213-27

c) Budget and 2006/7 Precept.

The Clerk presented a draft budget (copy attached). This was agreed and the precept form was completed asking for £2,200.

d) Clerk's salary and conditions.

This was reviewed. No changes were proposed.

e) Risk Assessment.

The Clerk presented a risk assessment (copy attached). The only concern was possible public liability for the car park in Hawkshead Parish under the joint lease. This matter has never been satisfactorily resolved. Legal advice is needed. **Action** Clerk to ask CALC for advice.

f) Financial Regulations.

These were reviewed. No changes were proposed.

7. **Review of Dog Fouling**

This is still a major problem. SLDC will not provide signs or empty dog waste bins but if an incident is reported and can be proved they will prosecute. This Council cannot afford to appoint its own dog warden. This is an impasse and the Council is powerless to resolve the matter.

8. **Review of Car Parking at Rose Cottages**

The letter sent to residents of Church Lane about parked vehicles blocking the road has had a positive effect. The Forestry Commission has not yet applied for dedicated parking at Rose Cottage as they need the agreement of the owner of Church Cottage. Planning permission for a garage at Church Cottage was granted some years ago, so a problem on highway grounds is unlikely.

9. **30 mph Speed Limits**

There has been a considerable increase of traffic through Satterthwaite village with many drivers travelling at inappropriate speeds. A means of slowing traffic down is needed. A 30mph limit, rumble strips and 'please drive slowly' signs were suggested. **Action** Clerk to ask Highway Authority what restrictions can be applied and how.

10. **Trail Bikes**

Claife Parish Council is starting a campaign about overuse of green lanes and damage caused by trail bikes. It has asked for support. This parish has a similar and growing problem with trail bikes and their use in and around Grizedale Forest. **Action** Clerk to complain to the police, copy to LDNPA, as requested by Claife P.C.

11. **Neighbourhood Watch**

The sign at Low Force Forge has yet to be erected. The sign at High Dale Park has been stolen. It was agreed that the latter would not be replaced at present.

Only the Clerk as coordinator has agreed to be on the new computerised Voice Connect system. As a result, if it fails to make contact after six attempts, there is no one else who can receive the message and the information is lost. Mr Bruce volunteered to be on the system. Mrs Cringle is to be asked. **Action** Clerk to redo the Telephone Snowball and send copies out to all members.

12. **Correspondence Received**

a) LDNPA - Proposed dedication of footpath and bridleway, Grizedale Forest. Noted.

b) P.Naylor - Proposed ban on goods traffic on Newby Bridge-Hawkshead road.

Mr Naylor has asked for support in opposing a ban on heavy goods vehicles using this road as it will seriously affect his timber business. The Council has not yet been consulted on such a ban. It considers that the road is far more suitable for heavy haulage than most others in the area, and given the dependence of this parish on forestry business, the Council would not support a ban. **Action** Clerk to contact Mr Naylor setting out the Council's position.

c) CALC - Training programme 2005/6 and Circular September 2005. Noted.

d) Boundary Committee - Review of electoral arrangements for SLDC. Noted.

e) Post Office - Changes to Carlise Mobile Post Office. Noted.

f) SLDC - Annual Review of Register of Interests. Clerk replied.

g) SLDC - Standards Committee Agenda for 13th September and Minutes of previous meeting. Noted.

h) Clerks and Councils Direct - Magazine September 2005. Noted.

j) High Furness Neighbourhood Forum - Agenda for meeting on 19th September 2005. Noted.

k) LDNPA - Affordable Housing. Noted.

l) Tim Farron MP - Affordable Housing.

Mr Farron is campaigning for Low Cost Housing for locals. The survey carried out in 2001 indicated no need. **Action** Clerk to reply saying there is a need and that, with the Grizedale Project, campsites and other business expansions, the situation is likely to get worse.

m) Grizedale Stages Rally - Rally on 3rd December 2005. Noted.

- n) CALC - Parish Council Representation at Planning Site Visits, update. Noted.
- p) Hawkshead PC - Agenda for meeting on 20th September and Minutes of previous meeting. Noted.
- q) Highways Agency - Roadworks Leaflets Sept-Nov 2005. Noted.
- r) VAC - Parish Plans Newsletter. Noted.
- s) SLDC - Further Electoral Review 2005. Noted.
- t) LDNPA - Cancellation of Parish Councils' Conference on 30th Sept 2005. Noted.
- u) CALC - Proposed World Heritage Site Status - meeting on 14th October 2005. Noted.
- v) CCC - Closure of Satterthwaite and Rusland School. Noted.
- w) CALC - Annual General Meeting on 12th November 2005. Noted.
- x) Morecambe Bay Partnership - AGM and Conference on 20th October 2005. Noted.
- y) Friends of the Lake District - Report and Newsletter Autumn 2005. Noted.
- z) LDNPA - Minutes of Meetings June-Sept 2005. Noted.
- aa) Colton PC - Agenda for meeting on 10th October 2005 and Minutes of previous meeting. Noted.
- ab) CALC - Circular October 2005 and Cybermoor Community Website. Noted.
- ac) SLDC - Proposed Standards Training for Parish Clerks. Noted.
- ad) SLDC - Further Electoral Review of Hawkshead Ward. Noted.
- ae) CCC - Cumbria Second Local Transport Plan 2006-2011. Noted.
- af) High Furness Neighbourhood Forum - Summary of meeting held on 19th September 2005. Noted.
- ag) Hawkshead PC - Agenda for meeting on 18th October and minutes of previous meeting. Noted.
- ah) Tim Farron MP - Petition to Save Cumbria Police Force. (On notice board).
- aj) North West air Ambulance - Request for funding. Noted.
- ak) LDNPA - Closure of Rights of Way in Grizedale Forest for motor rally on 3rd December 2005. Noted.
- al) CALC - Agenda for AGM on 12th November 2005, Minutes of Meeting held 22nd June 2005, and annual Report November 2005. Noted.
- am) Cumbria Police Authority - Potential Re-structuring of Police Services in Cumbria, Questionnaire. Chairman responded.
- ap) Energising Cumbria 05 - Invite to conference at Carlisle on 3rd November 2005. Noted.
- aq) CALC - Proposed World Heritage Site update. Noted.
- ar) CALC - SL District Ass - Notice of Meeting on 24th November 2005 in Kendal. Noted.
- as) In Memorandum - Request for support for a crematorium at Sampool Bridge in Levens Parish. Noted.
- at) North West Regional Assembly - Consultation on Regional Spatial Strategy. Noted.

13. **Items for Inclusion in Next Agenda**

- i) Cycling on the road at Grizedale.
- ii) Obstructive parking on the roads around Grizedale Visitor Centre.
- iii) Flooding on roads.

14. **Dates of Next Meetings**

Additional meeting to consider major planning applications 21st November 2005
 Routine meeting 5th December 2005.

The meeting closed at 9-30pm.