

## SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Reference No: M072

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Room, Satterthwaite on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 at 7.30pm.

Present: Dr S Tiplady (Chairman), Mr T Gill, Mr M Dickinson, Mr D Fletcher, Mr A Stoker (Councillors), The Clerk

72.1 **Apologies**

All councillors were present. The Police had also sent their apologies as had Mrs C Salisbury, County Councillor and Mr Colin Davies, District Councillor.

72.2 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on June 29<sup>th</sup> 2009 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

72.3 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

72.4 **Open Session**

Mrs Salisbury had informed the Clerk that she had asked for the horse riding signs to be ordered. She had also been told that the road repairs with the exception of Middle Dale had been successfully completed. The Clerk was asked to contact her stating that this was not the case and that further problems had emerged.

Mrs Salisbury had also informed the Clerk that some money may be available for repair of playground equipment.

72.5 **Matters Arising**

**a. Pollution from Sewage pumping station**

The Clerk reported that he had received a copy of United Utilities reply to Mr Farron's letter which stated the same defence as conveyed directly to us. The Clerk was asked to write to the Environment Agency and Environmental Health.

**b. Colton Off Road Meeting**

Mr Dickinson and Mr Fletcher reported that the meeting had highlighted the difficulties of finding a solution to this problem. The Police had stated that the Crown Prosecution Service had refused to prosecute offenders. The County Council had stated that they did not have the money to repair the roads. A decision had been taken to erect signs to ensure that users realised the legal status of the roads. Colton PC have promised to keep us informed of developments so that we can support their efforts.

**c. Consultation Code of Conduct**

The Clerk presented a draft code. After lengthy discussion it was decided that each Councillor would prepare amendments and bring them to the next meeting.

72.6 **Parish Plan**

The Chair reported that the working group had held a workshop on July 13<sup>th</sup> and the Clerk provided copies of the outcomes. A stand will be used at the Rusland Show to obtain further information from the community.

72.7 **Turbine at Farra Grains**

The consultant has been engaged to commence the feasibility study.

Mr Stoker expressed reservations about the choice of site stating that Force Mill may be a better location. The Chair informed him that the Council applied for funding for a feasibility project specifically connected to the Farra Grain site. The site was chosen after researching several possibilities. To obtain funding from the sources being used the land on which the turbine will be potentially sited must be owned or have a long term lease. This is clearly a major hurdle, but after discussions with the Forestry Commission they have provided this assurance to us. Secondly, consideration had to be given to the best way to connect the turbine to the Satterthwaite Electricity sub-station. Initial conversations with United Utilities indicated that this would need to be done at Satterthwaite, even if the turbine was sited at Force Mill. Further, it is believed that the old water supply pipe which follows the course from Farra Grain to the village could be used as a duct for the cable allowing the work to be conducted with a minimum of excavation. Whilst, we have received professional advice that this site is a feasible one it is nevertheless necessary to conduct a proper feasibility study. The instruction to commence this work was given to the consultant in early July, following receipt of funding at the end of June.

72.8 **Reports from representatives to Outside bodies**

There had been no attendance at a meeting of the Hawkshead Market Hall Trust.

Mr Gill reported that he had attended an interesting Neighbourhood Forum meeting at Lowick. Information about the Lowick Village Hall project and the work of volunteers maintaining river and lake banks had been provided. The next meeting is at Torver and the one in November is at Satterthwaite.

Dr Tiplady stated that she had been invited to participate in the Coniston and Crake Partnership which is looking at the water quality. The first meeting will be held in September.

72.9 **Financial and Administrative**

The Clerk reported that we had been requested to make an alteration to the annual return by the external auditor. A resolution was made to accept this change.

The Clerk provided a financial statement for the year up to July 30<sup>th</sup>.

It was resolved to pay the Election expenses of £569 to SLDC.

72.10 **Correspondence**

The items of correspondence were noted.

72.11 **Items for Next Agenda**

The organiser of the GMBC had offered to attend the next meeting to answer concerns about the event.

72.12 **Date of Next Meeting**

7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at The Yan, Grizedale. The meeting closed at 9.40pm.