

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Reference No: **M044**

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Room, Satterthwaite on Monday 4th September 2006.

Present

Mr P. Townsend (Chairman), Mrs E. Cringle, Mr T. Gill, Mr P. Brady, Mr R. Bruce
Mr T. Farron MP, Ms J. Derbyshire (Cumbria Rural Housing Trust)
Mr M. Street (Forestry Commission), Cmdr N. Buckley (School Trustee)
12 Members of the Public

1. **Apologies**

None. All Councillors present.

2. **Guest Speakers - Provision of Low Cost Housing for Locals**

Tim Farron MP - there is an urgent need to make small communities sustainable by providing affordable housing. Average wage in Cumbria £16,000; average house price £250,000. Social rented housing, not shared equity, is the best short term solution. Building on greenfield sites may be necessary and farms should be considered as brownfield land. Land Banks should be created. 'Right to Buy' for current social housing tenants should end.

Judith Derbyshire - there had to be evidence of need. The 2001 Housing Needs Survey was out of date. To maximise returns on the new one, questionnaires should be hand delivered to all properties. A prepaid envelope is supplied. The survey needs to be advertised in the Newsletter and on the Parish website. The information requested was personal and would be kept confidential.

Nigel Buckley - there has been one below market offer from a housing association for the redundant school site. The LDNPA will allow 3 houses but not 6, making the site financially unattractive. The 1949 School Sites Act does not apply, so there are problems proving ownership. Rusland should also be included in the survey.

Mark Street - the FC is supporting the proposal to convert the school as about half of its employees have to live outside the area.

Action - Councillors to hand deliver the questionnaires to all houses and businesses.
The Chairman thanked the speakers for attending.

3. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2006 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Townsend declared an interest in item 9(y) and left the room during the debate.

5. **Matters Arising**

a) **Telephone response from Claife Parish Council re management of Hawkshead Car Park**

The Clerk of Claife PC, Mr Phillips, is a retired solicitor. He is researching the history of the car park, and aims to have a separate management committee set up, made up of members of all three Councils. He considers the letters and phone calls from Hawkshead's Clerk to be offensive. He will keep us updated on progress.

b) **Provision of Website**

Printouts were shown of the proposed site. It will have pages for local organisations, the church, general history and information, and Parish Council news and Minutes. 12 businesses had agreed to each pay £5 per year to cover the £60 cost. The Council would initially liaise with Mr Baverstock but it was hoped that other members of the community would eventually take over. **Action** - Clerk to thank Mr Baverstock.

RESOLVED: That the Satterthwaite Community Website be set up.

c) **Response to request for helping run Satterthwaite Recreation and Play Area**

Three residents, Keith Leatherbarrow, Pete Brown and Paul Brady had volunteered.

6. **Financial Reports & Payments**
a) The Financial Statement dated 28th August 2006 was received.
7. **Planning**
Grant of Planning Permission for upgrade of equipment at High Man radio site was noted.
8. **Forest Commission - Forest Tree Felling Plan**
The Chairman met with Nigel Williams for an update. In certain high value landscape areas the FC had moved away from total clearance to selected felling and natural regeneration.
9. **Correspondence Received**
a) LDNPA - Parkwatch Poster. Noted.
b) Morecambe Bay NHS Trust - Acute Medical Services Public Consultation. Noted.
c) SLDC - Gambling Act 2005. Consultation on Licencing. Deadline 22nd Sept. Noted.
d) Clerks and Councils Direct - Magazine July 2006. Noted.
e) Colton P.C - Agenda for meeting on 10th July and Minutes of previous meeting. Noted.
f) CCC - Cumbria Highways Magazine Summer 2006. Noted.
g) CALC - Free computers, broadband access and computer training. Noted.
h) Digital UK - Update. Noted.
i) NHS - Public Consultation on Acute Medical Services. Noted.
j) Mrs J.Stoker - Complaint about comments made at last meeting re FOGF. The Chairman apologised if any offence was given by his off-the-cuff remark. **Action** - Clerk to write.
k) Mr N.Buckley - Complaint as above in (j). Apology as above, but also to point out that the three Councillors' interests may be personal but are not deemed prejudicial. **Action** - Clerk to write.
l) South Lakeland Gateway Project - Invitation to presentation on 20th July 2006. Noted.
m) CCC - Questionnaire re booklet 'Getting Around'. Deadline 31st August. Noted.
n) CCC - Parish Council Highways Lengthsman Scheme. Noted.
o) CALC - Circular July/August 2006. Noted.
p) High Furness Neighbourhood Forum - Summary of meeting held on 19th July at Skelwith. Noted.
q) LDNPA - Review of planning policies for the LDNP. Noted.
r) SLDC - Provision of Recycling Banks in South Lakeland. Noted.
s) Grizedale Stages Rally 2006 - Information on routes and times. Noted.
t) CALC - Quality Parish Development Programme, update July 2006. Noted.
u) Hawkshead PC - Parish Plan. Suggested extension of Mountain Goat bus service. Part of the route is licenced to Stagecoach. **Action** - Clerk to write to Mountain Goat in support.
v) EnCams - Guide to Improving Local Environment & Litter and the Law. Noted.
w) Ms P.Kirkland - Objection to the Chairman attending meetings with the FC about 2 years ago. It was part of the Chairman's role to attend meetings on behalf of the Council. In this case, the meeting was only a request for information, not a consultation. **Action** Clerk to write.
x) CALC - Minutes of meeting of South Lakeland section on 15th June 2006. Noted.
y) Colton PC - Agenda for meeting on 14th August and Minutes of previous meeting. Noted.
z) Morecambe Bay Partnership - Cross Bay Walk and Beach Cleanup. Noted.
aa) Hawkshead PC - Agenda for meeting on 15th August and Minutes of previous meeting. Noted.
ab) VAC - Invite to Annual General Meeting on 1st September 2006. Noted.
ac) CCC/LDNPA - Consultation on Cumbria Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Noted.
ad) SLDC - Standards Committee Agenda for 29th August 2006. Noted.
ae) FLD - Overhead Wires Project Newsletter Summer 2006. Noted.
af) CALC - Agenda for Meeting of Parish Councils in the LDNP on 9th October 2006. Noted.
ag) SLDC - Parish Remuneration Panel, consultation on Councillors allowances for 2007/8. Noted.
10. **Adjournment of Meeting**
Mr Stoker was still concerned about wheelie bins from holiday cottages, flooding on roads, speed limits on roads, and family cycling on roads. **Action** Items to be put on next agenda.
11. **Items for Inclusion in Next Agenda**
Items as in (10). Pot holes in roads and poor maintenance of verges in Dale Park.
12. **Date of Next Meeting**
Monday 30th October 2006. The meeting closed at 9-55pm.