

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Reference No: M038

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th December 2005 at 7-30pm in the Parish Room, Satterthwaite.

Present

Mr P.Townsend (Chairman), Mrs E.Cringle, Mr T.Gill, Mr P.Brady, Mr R.Bruce.

Mr G.Jenkinson (SLDC)

A reporter from the Westmorland Gazette

13 members of the public

The Clerk

1. **Apologies**

None. All Councillors present.

2. **Minutes**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th November 2005 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising**

a) Public liability on Old Police Station Car Park, Hawkshead.

CALC confirm that there are no liability issues. The maintenance charge for the financial year 2006/7 is £134-00. There is also to be a £2-00 administrative charge for each permit.

b) Housing Needs Survey.

Tim Farron MP has asked this parish to be added to the priority settlements category.

c) Speed limit through Satterthwaite village.

The Highways authority will carry out a speed survey to determine the type of measures needed.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

Mr T.Gill declared a prejudicial interest in item 6 as he is an employee of the Forestry Commission. A member of the public believed that other Councillors should also declare an interest in item 6 since they were involved in tourism businesses in the valley and might benefit from increased visitor numbers at Grizedale. The Councillors did not believe they had a prejudicial interest but were prepared to be guided by the public. As the general perception in the room was that they did, Mr P.Townsend, Mr R.Bruce and Mr P.Brady made declarations. This left the meeting inquorate for item 6 and the item was not considered.

5. **Adjournment of Meeting**

Members of the public brought the following items to the attention of the Council:

i) A large number of objections to the Grizedale Project by insisting that this was not the same as item 6, but as all presentations referred to documentation and information submitted as part of planning application 7/2005/5607 their point was invalid. As the Council was inquorate on this item (see item 4) their views could not be heard, noted or minuted.

ii) Non horse-friendly tarmac on the Breasty Haw road. The Chairman said a letter had been sent but there had been no response. The Clerk agreed to contact Capita again.

iii) Family cycling at Grizedale was dangerous as there had been a number of near accidents involving children at Bogle Crag and Grizedale Level. The highway from Bogle Crag to the Visitor centre was part of a designated cycle route. During October half-term the roads around Grizedale visitor centre had been obstructed by parked cars.

iv) The state of the Dale Park road was still giving concern, although the pot-holes have been filled in. A large amount of loose material was washing down onto the road from the forest after timber extraction, filling up the culverts and causing flooding. Flooding was also a problem on other roads.

v) An objection to the possible erection of 30mph signs in the village for aesthetic reasons. The Chairman said that a letter stating this should be sent to the Council for consideration and also to the Highways Authority.

6. **Planning Application for redevelopment of Grizedale Visitor Centre. Ref 7/2005/5607.**
As four out of five Councillors declared an interest, the meeting was inquorate for this item and as it could never be quorate, the Clerk to inform LDNPA that the Council is unable to comment on the application.
7. **Financial Reports & Payments**
a) The Financial Statement dated 28th November 2005 was received.
b) A contribution to electricity costs of Christmas tree lights on the village green was discussed. As the supply is a coin-in-the-slot meter, the PCC. is to be asked to whom the money should be paid.

RESOLVED: a payment of £20 be made this year as a contribution to the Christmas tree lights.

8. **Tourist Problems at Grizedale**
There have been a number of near-collisions with young cyclists near the Grizedale Visitor Centre. The FC actively promotes the use of the road from Bogle Crag to the Visitor Centre and this is dangerous. There are no give way markings where the forest tracks join the highway. The roads around the visitor centre were obstructed by parked cars during half-term. **Action** Clerk to write to FC asking how it intends to tackle these problems.
9. **Flooding on Roads and Maintenance Problems on UCRs**
The wash-down from the forest tracks and UCRs is causing both flooding and safety issues and preventative measures are needed. Poor maintenance by the FC of its drains is exacerbating the problem. **Action** Councillor Jenkinson of SLDC to contact Capita. Clerk to write to FC and ask a representative to attend the next meeting to discuss land drains.
Spedding Brothers have asked the FC to demolish a wall and fell trees at the entrance to a UCR to improve access to their caravan site at Stricely. The Council objects to this work because: there are only five static caravans on the site and the access is adequate for this level of use; road safety would be impaired as vehicles would be able to join the highway at a point with poorer sight lines; it would have a detrimental visual impact on the area; it would encourage additional off-road use on a quiet woodland track. **Action** Clerk to write to FC expressing these views.
10. **Inappropriate Road Signs on Green Lanes**
Two standard, highly reflective road signs have been erected on a green lane in the forest near Parkamoor. These are inappropriate for the location and not considered necessary. **Action** Clerk to write to Highways Authority asking for information about its signing strategy and pointing out that such signs are inappropriate in the middle of a forest.
11. **Correspondence Received**
a) SLDC - Review of Arboricultural Services. Noted.
b) Clerks and Councils Direct - Magazine November 2005. Noted.
c) CALC - Circular November 2005 & Quality Parish Development Programme. Noted.
d) LDNPA - Planning the future of the National Park, questionnaire deadline 23rd December. **Action** Questionnaire Working Party to complete.
e) Cumbria Highways - Magazine Autumn 2005. Noted.
f) VAC - Annual Report 2004/5. Noted.
g) LDNPA - Proposed Windermere Lake User Forum, questionnaire deadline 17th December. **Action** Questionnaire working Party to complete.
h) Hawkshead PC - Agenda for meeting on 15th November and minutes of previous meeting. Noted.
j) Countrywise Consultants - Statutory duty to have regard to the purposes of National Parks, questionnaire deadline 29th November. **Action** Questionnaire Working Party to complete.
k) Colton PC - Agenda for meeting on 21st November and minutes of previous meeting. Noted.
l) CALC - South Lakeland Association, notice of meeting on 24th November 2005. Noted.
m) Hawkshead PC - Invoice for £134-00 for use of Old Police Station Car Park. Noted.
n) Cumbria Police Authority - Restructuring update. Noted.
p) Great North Air Ambulance Service - Report 2001-2005 and request for funding. Noted.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**
23rd January 2006.

The meeting closed at 9-35pm.