

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Reference No: MO69

Minutes of the meeting held in the Old Chapel, Graythwaite on Monday 6th April 2009 at 7.30pm.

Present: Dr S Tiplady (Chairman), Mr T Gill, Mr M Dickinson, Mr D Fletcher (Councillors), Mr C Davies District Councillor, The Clerk

69.1 **Apologies**

All councillors were present except Mr A Stoker who had sent his apologies. Mrs C Salisbury and the Police had also sent their apologies.

69.2 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on February 23rd 2009 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

69.3 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

69.4 **Open Session**

Ms Lague (Police) had sent an email containing information recent thefts in the area and advising residents to tighten their security.

Mr C Davies informed the meeting that he had a role with the Rural Academy of Cumbria which demonstrated the value of locality working to strengthen the offering of the schools involved.

69.5 **Matters Arising**

a. Gritting of roads

The Clerk informed the meeting that the letter had been sent to the CCC with the proposed grit bin locations. A reply is unlikely to be received until after the summer review of the Highways group.

b. Pollution from Sewage pumping station

The Clerk reported that he was still having problems getting a response from United Utilities and explained that he now proposed to write to the CEO. If no response was received he would approach the environmental health authorities.

c. Satterthwaite Recreation Area

The Clerk reported he had had an initial meeting with Mr Townsend and they were exploring the construction of a constitution for the recreation area. In light of the turbine development consideration might also be given to combining these activities into the same organisation.

69.6 **Parish Plan**

The Clerk presented a paper outlining an approach towards developing a parish plan. He also explained why a plan was necessary. Information had been received about a possible grant of £500 to finance the work.

It was resolved to establish a working group consisting of Councillors Tiplady, Fletcher and the Clerk to develop the plan.

69.7 **Local Occupancy**

The Chair explained that with the number of second or holiday properties within the parish now reaching 50% of the dwellings we should be concerned about the breach of any local occupancy clause contained within granted

planning permission. This was especially important with the proposed development of new homes at the old school. The Clerk had obtained copies of the current local occupancy clauses and it was clear that these are inadequate to protect the spirit of the concept. After discussion it was resolved to write to the Planning Authority to seek guidance on how the wording of the clause could be changed to ensure that local occupancy really happens. In addition ACT would be contacted to see if they had any experience of tackling this matter.

69.8 **Parish Clustering Proposals**

The Chair explained that she and the Clerk had attended various meetings about the proposed clustering and in order to ensure that our voice was heard a paper had been prepared. After discussion it was resolved that the paper should be forwarded to the appropriate people.

69.9 **Turbine at Farra Grains**

Progress has been made and applications for funding the feasibility study have been made to Community Sustainable Energy Programme and the LDNPA Sustainability Fund. A briefing paper was also tabled explaining the project.

69.10 **Reports from representatives to Outside bodies**

There had been no meetings.

69.11 **Financial and Administrative**

The Clerk provided a financial statement for the year up to March 31st. The payment to the Clerk was approved. Payment was also approved for the room hire of the Parish Room. A decision was taken to defer the newsletter sponsorship into the next financial year.

69.12 **Correspondence**

The items of correspondence were noted.

In response to a request from Mrs Bright a litter picking operation will be run of the first three Wednesday's in June.

69.13 **Items for Next Agenda**

The format for the Annual Meeting would be the same as last year. A short Council meeting would be held immediate after the Annual Meeting.

69.14 **Date of Next Meeting**

18th May at 7.30pm at Satterthwaite Parish Room. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.