

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Reference: Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Parish Room, Satterthwaite, on Tuesday 8th May 2012.

Present: Mr D Fletcher (Chairman), Mrs M Elkington-Crabtree, Mr A Stoker, Mr G Thomason, Mr M Thornley (Councillors), Sgt K Jewell (Police), Mrs S Brooke (PCC) and the Clerk.

1. Apologies and welcome

Apologies were received from Mr P Townsend (Recreation Area).
Members of the public were welcomed.

2. Minutes

Minutes of last year's Annual Parish Meeting were noted.

3. Receipt of Parish Reports

● Chairman of the Parish Council

Councillor Fletcher in addressing the following issues from the year 2011-2012 emphasised the need for the parish council to engage more with the community in 2012-2013:

- policing
- highways
- Grizedale visitors' centre
- housing
- High Furness LAP
- Parochial Church Council

Mrs Brooke, Church Warden, said:

- Since 2003 the Parish of Satterthwaite has formed part of the united benefice based on Hawkshead under the leadership of the vicar, John Dixon. Good relations are enjoyed with neighbouring parishes and all have benefitted from the closer co-operation.
- Satterthwaite still manages to have a service every Sunday, with the fourth in the month being held alternately with Rusland, and enjoys the services of four organists so that virtually all worship has musical accompaniment.
- It is a small group which forms the PCC and regularly attends worship. Fortunately, there is good support for the cleaning and flower rotas, and for the social events, many of which are organised jointly with Rusland. These occasions not only bring people together but generate much needed funds to keep the church going.

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- Last year's quota was £5,778, the amount that has to be sent to the diocese headquarters in Carlisle to pay for administration costs, and vicars' salaries and pensions.
- The costs of heating, insurance, building maintenance and sundries add to the burden. Therefore, the grant from the parish council towards the upkeep of the graveyard is much appreciated.
- The portion of the proceeds from the sale of the school is governed by the terms of the original trust deed and can only be spent on the religious education of children.
- The fabric of the church is in good condition. Internally, four pews from the west end of the building were removed to provide more space for the serving of refreshments after services and during social events.
- The PCC welcome the use of the church by other organisations: visitors such as the Dalton Brass Band and the Frantic Theatre Company (next October 6th) and locals such as the WI (carols evening).
- Thanks are given to all those who support the church but more parishioners at Sunday services would be delightful.
- Satterthwaite Playground
Mr Townsend emailed this report:
- Our report is overshadowed this year by the illness of our Treasurer David Granville, who is currently fighting Leukaemia in the Oncology wing at Blackpool Hospital. Current news is encouraging so we hope that David will be back at the yoke soon.
- For this reason I have no financial position to report in detail, but I can say that current reserves are sufficient for our liability insurance this year and next, and that general maintenance costs will also be covered for the next year.
- This year has seen the purchase of a new (secondhand) ride-on mower due to the demise of the last one and as a result grass maintenance was more timely and less onerous than last year. The mower was almost entirely paid for by generous donations from locals privately and from collections run by the Eagles Head so our thanks are due to all who contributed so generously. Whilst the cutting is going fine, large areas of the grass are now under attack by badgers digging for grubs so we may be looking for a pest controller soon! Some trimming of low branches has taken place to make things safer for young children and easier to mow.
 - Once again, Toby Metcalf has undertaken the strimming and given other help at the ground and we are indebted to him for his unstinting gift of his time.
- We are aware that, in the opinion of the safety inspectors, much of the equipment is showing its age and more maintenance may soon

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be required on swings and slide – but for the moment inspections are passed.

- The tennis court too is beginning to wear and show surface damage. This is used with increasingly less frequency – which ironically doesn't help its condition – and which results in a lower income for the Playground as a whole.
- Our summer barbecue was as popular as ever and once again delivered around £200 to funds. However, there will be no barbecue this year owing to the focus on the Jubilee picnic on the 2nd June and also due to David's ill health.
- Cumbria Constabulary
Sergeant Ken Jewell gave this report:
- In response to pressure on budgets Cumbria Police has undergone significant re-organisation to local policing teams reducing from 21 teams to 10. The team covering the area is the Ulverston & Lakes NPT based at Ulverston and Windermere. Contact Ulverston&LakesNPT@cumbria.police.uk The team sheet and local policing information can be found on our web site.
- Cumbria Police are 36 months into a five year cost reduction plan. The change programme will carry on until 2015. So far, 120 police posts and 180 staff posts have gone or not been replaced, in effect we are at 2002 staff levels. Cost savings of £15m have been identified with a further £5,8m to be found. However, with the announcement, made on 23 April, by Danny Alexander of further departmental cost cutting, we await the impact. A major review of the senior management of the force is taking place to identify savings which will protect front-line positions. This is ahead of the September vote to appoint a Police Chief Commissioner. We are also carting out a value for money review of all police stations and premises to identify savings.
- At a force level our priorities are reducing anti-social behaviour and burglary, and tackling violent crime and drug supply. Our biggest challenge is to maintain the current low rates in a very difficult financial climate.
- At the year end, crime and anti-social behaviour are down across the county by about 3%. Anti-social behaviour is down by a higher margin, about 20%.
- Neighbourhood Policing Team news: In line with the county, overall crime and anti-social behaviour in the Ulverston & Lakes area is lower than this time last year; and, at the year end, crime has reduced across the Neighbouring Police Team area by 6% overall, i.e., down from 1,686 offences to 1,585 offences.
- Crime trends to be aware of across our area:

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- Shoplifting continues to be one of the most frequently reported crimes. Uniform and non-uniform officers, and PCSOs are working on reports of a group of shoplifters who are targeting clothing outlets. We have arrested people in Leeds and Durham for shoplifting offences after close-circuit television identification.
- Metal theft: There have been 45 metal thefts in South Cumbria since 1st January 2012, totalling several thousands of pounds value. Most frequently taken are copper and lead. Copper trades at over £6k per ton. Lead trades at over £1.6k per ton. Operation Amber is in place to get this message over to all our staff and to co-ordinate work with the Environment Agency and dealers.
- We are seeking information about the theft from car park meters at Lakeside over the Easter weekend.
- We are re-launching Operation Trice to combat theft from cars across our police area.
- From a number of hotels in the area, waste cooking oil has been taken, filtered and used in vehicles. On Monday 30th April we arrested 2 men from the North East believed responsible for this sort of offence.
 - On Sunday 22nd April, there was a fire at Vinegar Joe's, causing some disruption at the time and subsequently affecting businesses in Ash Street.
 - A man has been arrested for thefts from church offertory boxes.
- Round up of the police year in beat Z20:
 - In this area we attend about 8 calls per week: of the 406 calls for the year, 76 were from Satterthwaite and Grizedale.
 - 33 calls were 999, highest priority to attend: on 70% of occasions we hit our target of 20 minutes to attend calls of this type.
- Crime in the Z20 area (which includes Satterthwaite and Grizedale) has been reduced by 12%: 49 crimes in 2010/11 – 43 crimes in 2011/12. The area has less than one crime per week.
- The number of more serious crimes has reduced.
- Otherwise, the profile of the crime which is reported is not much changed: violent crime is up; burglary, other than from dwellings, is down; damage is up a little. Stealing from cars is down.
- Anti-social behaviour reports - that are made up of quality-of-life issues like neighbour disputes, boy racers, dog

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- complaints – have increased: last year 17, this year 25 reports.
- Road traffic collisions were up to 34 from 30 last year.
- There were 42 highway disruption logs.
 - There were 4 sudden death reports.
- There were 2 missing people logs.
- There were 15 incidents involving mountain rescue teams.
- There were 11 alarms.
- There were 9 logs involving animals.
- There were 3 on-line meetings and 300.
- Staff News:
 - The team which covers the Z20 area has been stable. However, the policing of the area is so much more than just turning up. We work much more closely with partners, for example SLDC licensing. Violent crime is a priority because across our area it is increasing. Some people are more likely to get drunk in a pub and use their fists and feet to settle their differences. Others who stand by when incidents happen are more likely to say to the police that they didn't see anything. Some victims refuse to give us any information about what has happened and how they got hurt.
 - We have a dedicated member of staff who works on licensing issues. To combat this type of behaviour, as well as visibility around the pubs and clubs, we attend the bar-watch meetings and visit the pubs. We hold landlords to account for the way they manage their premises. If they serve customers until they are so drunk that they cannot remember if they fell over or were punched, we are back through their doors the following day asking for close-circuit television, asking to speak to witnesses and asking to speak with the manager and the door staff.
 - Policing of this area includes support to the surrounding areas. In the forth coming months we will be supplying some staff to Kendal to assist in the build up to Appleby. In the summer some of our staff will be involved in the policing of the Olympics.
- Community Engagement:
 - 2 sports events on the Rec., numerous engagement opportunities for and with local people and visitors, i.e., Booths on Saturdays and Glebe on Sundays.
- Feedback?
 - Stay in touch with police in Windermere.

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- Police contact number 101 has gone live in Cumbria, replacing the 0845 330247 non-emergency contact number, so update your mobiles and diaries.
- Follow crime reports and trends by joining us on Twitter: [Twitter.com@ulvandlakescops](https://twitter.com/ulvandlakescops)

The Chairman thanked all who had given or sent reports to the council.