

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

N.B. Minutes remain in DRAFT until ratified and signed at the next Council meeting.

Reference: M194 Minutes of the Meeting of Satterthwaite Parish Council held at Satterthwaite Parish Rooms, at 7pm on 9th October 2023

Present: Gary Thomason (Vice Chair), Mhari Elkington Crabtree, Helen Bright and the Clerk Dawn Yoxall.

123.1. Apologies for Absence: Grant Nickson

123.1.i.

123.2. Representations from members of the Public:

Emma Nield has been co-opted on the Satterthwaite Parish Council. This completes our number of Councillors. We happily welcome to Emma to the Parish Council.

Some members of the parish came to discuss issues regarding the migration of a land line telephone to a digital phone which will be coming into force. The telephone will just be plugged into the back of your internet routers and routers can be provided just for the phones. There are concerns that when the electricity is off people will not be able to make calls, also mobile signal is patchy in the area. They have been told emergency phones can be provided, although some have said this is free and some have said they were told it would be £49.99. Very conflicting information. One parishioner has been told a battery pack for the digital phone can be purchased for £89.00, out going calls can be made but no incoming calls can be received, which is not acceptable. No one will have to change currently and can wait until forced migration in December 2025.

The Parish Council will be providing a warm space for power outages so phones can be charged. There is also a new mobile mast going in down at Force Forge which should help with mobile reception.

Fran has contacted Tim Farron regarding the change to digital phones and lots of constituents have been in touch. He has said that he will bring this matter to the Government as there are lots of black spots in his constituency, and he is not sure that at the moment this is the right time for change. Products need to be more resilient such as a hybrid phone which can swap to mobile coverage. The impact on rural communities will be huge.

Gary will write to CALC to find out if other communities are in contact with them about the impact of the changes.

Alison Leyshon from Forestry England also attended with updates.

- Events at Grizedale 1 & 2 December there will be the Grizedale Stages Rally. Using Grizedale East on Friday 1st and Grizedale West and Broughton Moor on Saturday 2nd.
- Canicross – Running with dogs. A route is being laid out this year and it will be run every 3 months.

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- ❑ Low Bowkerstead Self Catering Cottage – Closed at the moment for redecoration and repairs. Hopefully re-opening again in the spring.
- ❑ Grizedale Hall Lodge – Repairs ongoing to open up again for rental. Staff will be offered the property first and if no staff take on the tenancy it will be opened up to the public.
- ❑ High Barn – This is on the list for renovation but is not currently a priority.
- ❑ The Kennels is going to have work carried out to make it available for the wildlife range currently living in Fern Cottage. Once Jacob moves to the Kennels this will free up Fern Cottage for rent.
- ❑ Forest Update – Planting is currently underway as a priority to replace the number of trees lost to Storm Arwen. There will be some harvesting work carried out, but this will be focused at the top end of the forest/
- ❑ Alison will find out if the Highways or Forestry England are responsible for the culvert flooding at Bowkerstead double gates.
- ❑ Mark Holroyd Head of Recreation and Public Affairs has met with the heads of the new Council and has mentioned issues with the road's closures.
- ❑ Alison is reporting any sightings of illegal motorbikes accessing the forest to the Police.

CRIME FIGURES

Crime figures can be obtained via the Cumbria Police Website:

<https://www.cumbria.police.uk/Your-Area/Your-area.aspx>

Alternatively use the following link:

<https://www.police.uk/>

CRIME PREVENTION

Across the whole of the county, there have been incidences of rural theft, particularly machinery and tools. Please ensure that all sheds, outbuildings and garages are secured and keys for vehicles are kept secure.

Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

Cumbria Constabulary are currently carrying out operations with other agencies and community volunteers targeting rural crime.

123.3. Requests for Dispensations: None.

123.4. Declarations of Interest: None at this time

123.5. Minutes: Agreed and signed

123.6. Planning Matters: Planning Application Submitted by Satterthwaite Parish Council for Proposed Car Park in the land behind the Church.

123.7. Financial and Administrative Matters:

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123.7.a Statement of accounts reviewed.

123.7.b Payments approved

BACS Payment for Clerk Salary for October £155.75

Bacs Payment for HMRC £39.00

Bacs Payment for Clerk for Mileage £46.00

123.8. Village Matters:

123.8.a. Car Park – Some questions were asked about the Car Park in an email from a Parishioner, regarding car park insurance costs, business rates, flooding, and playground insurance, also about the cost of the maintenance going forward.

The surface of the car park is going to be a permeable matting surface filled with stone, so this should not cause any extra water to come off the area of land than already does.

Business rates are not applicable as we are not making money from the car park as a business, contributions will be asked for to help with the maintenance costs.

We will be applying for grants for funding of the car park and the annual maintenance will be funded with contributions and the precept.

We will be asking our current insurer Zurich about the insurance for the car park and under our current policy the playground is already covered. Zurich send out an inspector every year to inspect the playground under the policy and we then complete any remedial works which may arise from this.

A resident asked if the gate was tied up on the gate accessing the land behind the Church was to do with the planning application for the proposed car park. The Parish Council is not aware of any reason why the gate is tied shut.

There has been a delay with the work on Nursery Lane but this work is hoping to start in the next couple of weeks. The bridleway signs have gone and the other signs need some maintenance.

Rural Crime Initiative – the cameras are working and recording data, but they cannot be accessed remotely at the moment due to a current issue with the internet connection.

We will be speaking to Eagles Head about a Parish Event in December. Once this has been formalised, we will have more information. It will be a lovely opportunity for the parish to come together.

We will invite members of the Parish Room Project to come along and talk to us at our next meeting.

123.9.b Highways

The 20mph application – We have had to start this process again, but we are discussing with Highways as the village should be a priority with the amount of traffic coming through.

We will continue to contact Highways about reinstating the white lines at the junction beside the Church.

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It has been suggested by some members of the Parish that double yellow lines be put along past the Church and along part of Church Lane. The Parish Council feels that this should be a consultation with the community.

To report any road problems directly to Cumbria County Council, use the information below.

Highways Hotline - 0845 609 6609

The Highways Hotline should still be used to log defects – parishes shouldn't use their schedule to record defects.

To **report a fault** online: <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/reportandtrackafaultonline.asp>

To **email** your area: Betterhighways.southlakeland@cumbria.gov.uk

To **track an existing fault**: <http://hims.cumbria.gov.uk/ofr/ofrTrackFault.aspx>

Please report any highways emergencies through the **highways emergency telephone number - 0845 6096609** during office hours and via the **police** between 5pm and 8.30am

123.9.C Lengthsman

Phil has been busy with drains and saplings lately. If anyone knows of any work needing carried out please contact clerk.satterthwaitepc@gmail.com direct.

123.10. Correspondence:

The following items of correspondence were noted:

CALC	Weekly Roundup	
LDNPA	Planning decisions	
LDNPA	Planning Applications	
CALC	Newsletter	Monthly
CALC	Circular	weekly email

123.11. Council Calendar:

The following dates were noted:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
13 th November	Parish Council Meeting	7pm Satterthwaite Parish Rooms
1 st & 2 nd December	Grizedale Stages Rally	Grizedale East/West & Broughton Moor
4 th December	Parish Council Meeting	7pm Satterthwaite Parish Rooms

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123.12 Reports

123.12.i None at this time

123.13 Council Matters None at this time.

123.14. Date of Next Meeting:

RESOLVED: the next Meeting will be on 13th November 2023 at 7pm in Satterthwaite Parish Rooms.

123.14.a Items for Agenda for Next Meeting

Village Event
Car Park
RCI
Highways
White Lines
Digital Phones

The Meeting closed at 8.00pm.