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Minutes of the Meeting of Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council held in the Water Yeat Village Hall on Monday 10 October, 2016.

Present: Councillors Ian Jones (Chair), Richard Sanderson (Vice Chair), Diana Rutherford; Bill Fox; Gill Wardle; David Fletcher & Anne Hall

1) Apologies for Absence

None

2) Representations from Members of the Public

2.a. Cllr Rutherford passed on an enquiry from Sara Keegan regarding the cutting of hedges on the U5081. She has paid for this to be done herself because of her concerns for safety to bikers but wishes to know how this can be actioned by the people who are responsible for doing it. Cllr Jones recalled this same issue from a few years ago when the Chairman at that time went and spoke with the landowner as it is their responsibility. Cllr Rutherford will pass this on to Sara Keegan.

It was also noted in discussions that the footpaths at Blawith have been cut and tidied by CCC as have the hedges.

2.b. An email had been received from Vera Grant regarding the state of disrepair and potential safety risk of the cattle grids on the road at Water Yeat & at Brown Howe. She has suggested that this requires urgent inspection, with possibly a temporary axle weight limit whilst this is carried out. Cllr Fletcher advised that he will arrange for an inspection and assessment to happen and if the assessment is that it is a safety risk, it will be put on CCC priority list. (cattle grids are classed under bridges within CCC & budgets).

Resolved: Clerk to forward Vera Grants email to Cllr Fletcher and to reply to Vera Grant.

2.c. An email had been received from Peter Evans regarding flooding that can happen on the road between Water Yeat & Bouthrey Bridge when the adjacent beck is full. Cllr Fletcher described flooding problems as a multi issue. Whilst CCC need to keep the drains etc clear, it is also the responsibility within parishes and adjacent landowners to keep water from going onto the roads.

Resolved: Clerk to write to the landowner to draw their attention to the problem with the beck and to see if there is anything that can be done. Cllr Fletcher is happy to go and do a site visit in an effort to improve the situation.

Cllr Fletcher advised that CCC, as well as the contracted out annual gulley sucking, now have 5 gulleysuckers, 1 for each county area so that they can act re-actively to any requests. He suggested that when CCC get a cluster of requests in a similar area, they will then dispatch the gulleysucker and so it may be wise to liaise with other PCs.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Lowick & ENMO PCs to communicate this and to report the following flood-spots to the Highways Hotline:

- Gawthwaite Crossroads
- Green triangle at Gawthwaite
- Blawith hill (both sides)

Cllr Fletcher had made enquiries regarding the flooding at Gawthwaite in August but hadn't established any tangible reasons other than already discussed.

2.d. An email had been received from Mr & Mrs Kirkby of The Old Vicarage regarding another accident on the bend and their repeated requests for safety improvements.

Cllr Fletcher will look into this again but also explained the backlog of works for CCC due to cuts. He will see if there is any money left in the pot from the previous assessment and look into renewal of the SLOW signs on the road with possible red tarmac.

Resolved: Clerk to reply to Mr & Mrs Kirkby.

3) The Minutes of the last meeting (5th September, 2016)

Resolved: that the Chairman be authorised to sign the Minutes as a true record.

4) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fox re item 7.a.i.

5) Requests for Dispensations

None

6) Planning Matters

5/2016/9002 & 9003 – Kirkby Slate Quarry-CCC have not yet made a decision on this. SLDC submitted a response to the application to say that they did not object in principle as long as a number of identified concerns were addressed. These concerns were similar to those of B&S PC.

Notifications:

SO/2016/0001 – request for scoping opinion on proposal for life extension of existing Kirkby Moor Wind Farm. Cllr Jones advised that this has been approved.

7/2106/5533 Chalet 4, Lake Bank, Water Yeat – Replacement Chalet. - approved

Crake Valley Caravan Park – Cllr Wardle reported that the caravans at the bottom of the Park have gone. The bins and purple sign are still there. Cllr Jones asked Cllr Fletcher to mention the sign to Mairi Lock at LDNP planning. Cllr Hall said she hadn't seen the mast recently and wondered if this has gone.

7) Financial Matters

7.a. The following orders for payments were authorised:

7.a.i. Blawith Village Hall hire - £19

7.a.ii Clerk's salary-(Oct) - £139.50

7.a.iii. Clerk's expenses – £9.86 (up to & incl 10th Oct 2016)

7.c. A current of statement of accounts was signed by the Chairman

8) Correspondence

[Email correspondence was distributed as it arrived, included in the Agenda and/or dealt with before the Meeting)

VERA GRANT	RE CATTLE GRIDS @ WATER YEAT & BROWN HOWE	9 OCT
CALC	OCTOBER CIRCULAR	6 OCT
CALC	PARISH FORUM CANCELLED	6 OCT
CALC	AGM INVITE	3 OCT
SIMON KIRKBY	ROAD SAFETY CONCERN AT WATER YEAT	29 SEPT
VICTOR MIDDLETON	RE SUPERFAST BROADBAND	28 SEPT
IAN JONES	FWD RESPONSE FROM NAT GRID	28 SEPT
CONISTON PC	AGENDA ETC	27 SEPT
COLTON PC	FWD EMAL RE ROAD REPAIRS AT WATER YEAT	27 SEPT
LDNP	PARISH INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY	27 SEPT
CALC	EMERGENCY PLANS FOR PARISHES	27 SEPT
SLDC	INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL VACANCY	27 SEPT
LDNP	AGENDA SOUTH DISTINCTIVE AREA EVENT	27 SEPT
CALC	KENT & LEVEN CATCHMENT DIRECTOR UPDATE	27 SEPT
POWER WITHOUT PYLONS	SEPT NEWSLETTER	27 SEPT
SIMON BLYTH	LAP AGENDA 19TH OCT	27 SEPT
NATIONAL GRID	NWCC/PC ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP 17TH OCT	27 SEPT
LDNP	LOCAL PLAN/FIRST RESPONDERS&DEFIBRILLATORS	27 SEPT
CALC	CHANGES TO CALC CONSTITUTION	27 SEPT
COLIN BARR	SOUTH DISTINCTIVE AREA TOUR 29 SEPT	27 SEPT
CALC	LDNP PARISH FORUM MEETING	27 SEPT
CALC	SEPT CIRCULAR	27 SEPT
LDNP	CONSULTATION ON HOUSING PROVISION	27 SEPT
MWLP	CUMBRIA MINERALS &WASTE LOCAL PLAN	27 SEPT
CALC	CALC EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS	27 SEPT

9) To receive Reports:

9.a. Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership – Cllr Rutherford is continuing her testing for the CCCP. Charlotte Hall is attending the January meeting to update the PC about the project.

9.b. Illegal Off-roading Group – Cllr Rutherford had been on the recent off roading day.

Nobody was caught but the state of the fell paths and streams show that this is happening a lot. Cllr Rutherford will continue to attend the meetings and co-ordinated days.

9.c. SL District Association – no updates. The next meeting is 24th November.

9.d. High Furness LAP - the next meeting is 19th October.

9.e. Coniston Water Association – no updates

10) Updates for Ongoing Issues, actions from the last meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

10.a. X112 Bus Service – Cllr Hall reported on ongoing fundraising and the bus service status. The forms for the annual £10 (minimum) direct debit are currently being delivered to each house. The Auction of local Art raised £5,000. There is a coffee morning planned at the Coronation Hall on 3rd November. Donation boxes are now on the buses and raising a small amount. Further support is needed and Cllr Hall is asking for help from Parish Councils.

Resolved: Clerk to find out about S137 (which gives the power to a PC to support something such as this) and the limits of £ per elector.

10.b. Superfast Broadband - an email had been received from Victor Middleton to request that the contact for this is passed onto a member of the Council. **Resolved:** Cllr Jones will be the PC representative for Superfast Broadband and will contact Mike Postle.

10.c. Community Plan – no updates.

10.d. NuGen & North West Coast Connections Project – Cllr Rutherford had attended the recent Parish Councils Co-ordination Group meeting. An email had been received today from National Grid canceling their Parish Council workshops. This will be re-arranged but Cllrs were concerned that this would impact on the time limit for response to the consultation.

Resolved: Cllr Rutherford to draft email to go to other PCs in the area who are not involved encouraging their involvement as the UNESCO world heritage status bid for LDNP may be affected by the pylons. The Inspectors for the bid are here currently. Clerk to then send the email to the relevant PCs.

10.f. Burlington Slate development – see item 6 on the agenda

10.g. Crake Valley Caravan Park – see item 6 on the agenda

10.i. Litter – Cllr Rutherford had not heard from the SLDC litter representative.

Resolved: Clerk to write to him and express the Councils disappointment at the lack of further contact or action and to invite him to come to the February meeting.

10.j. South Distinctive Area Meeting - Cllrs Rutherford & Wardle attended the meeting on 29th September and gave reports on the day.

12) Date of Next Meeting: Confirmed as Monday 14th November at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Water Yeat.

Cllr Sanderson advised the Council that Rusland Horizons are delighted to announce their new premises for the Rusland Horizons Project which is at the National Park Southern Office, Lane Ends, Haverthwaite.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm