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Minutes of the Meeting of Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council held in the Water Yeat Village Hall on Monday 9th January, 2017.

Present: Councillors Ian Jones (Chair), Richard Sanderson (Vice Chair), Diana Rutherford; Gill Wardle; Anne Hall; PCSO Paul Harris; Charlotte Hall from Conserving Coniston & Crake Project, the Clerk & 3 members of the public

1) Apologies for Absence

None.

2) Representations from Members of the Public

2.a. PCSO Paul Harris advised that there were no incidents to report within the Parish other than a report of anti social cars parking at Brown Howe Car Park (noise). The Police have been also working recently on poaching activities and off roading.

Cllr Jones advised he was aware of 2 accidents recently at Birkrow. PCSP Harris advised that they had not been reported to the Police.

2.b. Charlotte Hall from Conserving Coniston & Crake HLF Project gave an update on the project.

The 2nd round funding application was submitted in November and they will find out in March if they have been successful. The overall aim of the project is to improve water quality, bio diversity & engage the community in this.

In the last year, (the development year), they have been collecting data, conducting feasibility studies, building up a picture of water quality and ways to improve this. Volunteers have been helping. They have done walk over surveys to view habitat; Electrofishing.(low nos of fish) & reed bed surveys.

They have highlighted a number of projects such as fencing; Bats & Bird boxes; gravel cleaning & reed bed restoration

There has been a lot of Community activity and other activities including arts project; oral history project of the area; working with schools; Awareness raising; social media & press; Septic tanks and how mis-management impacts environment.

Cllr Hall expressed concern re the increasing number of holiday homes and lack awareness about septic tanks.

Ongoing volunteers are needed. Volunteers are an essential part of the Project. For anyone interested in volunteering, Charlotte can be contacted on 015395 30047 or view the projects website at <https://ccc.sert.co.uk>

Resolved: Clerk to put link on PC website

Cllrs asked various questions including:

Crayfish – the Project has an Invasive species officer.

Salmon nos – this is a big problem where they need to work with all other agencies. In this catchment they can make small changes towards a bigger change.

Long term after the project – they are creating a legacy management plan

Cllrs Rutherford & Wardle advised that there is a septic tank at the caravan park which is leaking and flowing/polluting into the adjacent beck which runs into the lake. Charlotte Hall is aware. **Resolved:** Cllr Rutherford to report to environmental health at SLDC and Sara Spicer at LDNP. Charlotte Hall will contact the Environment Agency.

2.c Cllr Hall reported that the District Council are supporting/giving advice to community groups to reduce energy bills & reminded the Council about the locally important project grant scheme giving an example of a recent grant towards LED lighting.

3) The Minutes of the last meeting (14th November, 2016 & Extra-ordinary meeting 5th Dec, 2016)

Vera Grant questioned items on the minutes regarding:

- the mast on the common being no longer there - there are still box & cables there.
- why Sara Spicer had said there had been no complaints re purple sign as she believes there has
- Why/how the PC decided to make a donation to X112 and is the PC planning on doing more to publicise the service. **Resolved:** Clerk to put links to walks & timetables on the PC website and the address for donations.
- the location referred to in the minutes regarding flooding at Bouthrey bridge. There is mixed opinion about the precise location for the problem and the cause. Apparently it does not flood very often. It is agreed that a drain is missing and this has been marked on the drain map sent by CCC in the hope it might trigger one to be installed. (from the previous meeting, the Clerk asked Cllr Fletcher to do a site visit as it is believed that CCC did not install the drain after repairing the bridge a few years ago).

The Council responded to and discussed the above points

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

4) Declarations of Interest

None

5) Requests for Dispensations

None

6) Planning Matters

None

Cllr Jones advised that at Gawthwaite property 2 houses rejected– there is a new structure being built at a property where planning permission was historically refused for 2 houses.

Resolved: Clerk to check SLDC planning lists to see if planning permission has been applied for because for the historical application, the planning details were incorrectly sent to Lowick PC.

7) Financial Matters

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

- 7.a.i. Blawith Village Hall hire - £38 (Dec extra mtng+ Jan)
- 7.a.ii Clerk's salary-(Jan) - £139.50
- 7.a.iii. Clerk's expenses – £6.42 (up to & incl 9th Jan, 2017)
- 7.a.iv. Friends of X112 - £250
- 7.a.v. Colton Parish Council - £20.50 (Good Cllr Course)
- 7.a.vi. British Legion Poppy Appeal - £17.00 (Remembrance Service Wreath)
- 7.a.vii. Diane Malley (PAYE svcs) - £29.00

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

7.c. The budget for 2017/18 was discussed & a Precept request agreed of £2950.

Resolved: To request a Precept of £2950. The precept forms were signed.

8) Correspondence

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

CAROL LAST/CCC	MAP OF PARISH DRAINS	
SLDC	BT PAYPHONES REMOVAL	4 JAN
SLDC	ANNUAL REVIEW OF SLDC CONSTITUTION 2017	3 JAN
DR GRAHAM	HOUGUN ESTATE	3 JAN
CALC	JOINT DISTRICTS COMMUNITY PHARMACIES	3 JAN
CALC	WW1 BEACONS OF LIGHT NOV 2018	3 JAN
CALC	BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTIES	3 JAN
CALC	USE OF SPEED INDICATING DEVICES GUIDANCE	3 JAN
SIMON BLYTH	LAP NEWSLETTER & FLOODING FACTSHEET	3 JAN

SLDC	DRAFT DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICY CONS	3 JAN
CALC	CIRCULAR	22 DEC
SLDC	SLDC RESPONSE TO NAT GRID CONS	19 DEC
SLDC	RESPONSE TO BT	16 DEC
SLDC	LOCALLY IMPORTANT PROJECTS FUNDING APPS	16 DEC
CALC	FIBRE BROADBAND IN CUMBRIA	16 DEC
CONISTON PC	AGENDA ETC	16 DEC
CALC	NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING & CLEAN UP CONS	16DEC
LES HIGGINS	CONSERVING CONISTON & CRAKE REPORT	15 DEC
R BAXTER	FWD LETTER TO LDNP RE CARAVAN PARK	15 DEC
JONATHAN BROOK	ACKNOWLEDGMENT NAT GRID RESPONSE	13 DEC
MR & MRS PARKER	LETTER OBJECTION RE NAT GRID PYLONS	9 DEC
VERA GRANT	FOOTPATHS	3 DEC
CALC	BEATRIX POTTER AWARDS	3DEC
SLDC	SLDC PARISH REMUNERATION PANEL REPORT	3 DEC
SIMON BLYTH	LAP MINUTES	3 DEC
AMY GASKELL @WYG	NWCC PROJECTCONSULTATION	29 NOV
CALC	NOTICE OF ELECTION SOUTH DISTINCTIVE AREA	25 NOV
SIMON BLYTH	PARISH CHARTER 2016/17	25 NOV
CCC	ENVIRONMENT AGENCY WORKS	25 NOV
SLDC	Annual Review of SLDC Constitution 2017	25 Nov
Nat Grid	PC Workshop report	25 Nov
R Baxter	Fwd reply from LDNP re Caravan Park	16 Nov
Les Higgins	Invite CCCP Review Supper	15 Nov
Nat Grid	Declining extension	15 Nov
SLDC	Draft Development Management Policy Consult	14 Nov
R Baxter	Fwd reply from LDNP re Caravan Park	11 Nov

- Payphones – **Resolved:** Cllr Sanderson to draft response to go to SLDC to say the PC feel they should be kept and why. To send to Clerk who will send to SLDC.
- Dr Graham – Hougum estate. **Resolved:** Clerk to pass onto trading standards- not happy with the signs, tell Sara Spicer @ LDNP & send copy to the Commoners.
- maps from Carol Last – **Resolved:** Cllr Rutherford will walk the maps marking drains & Clerk to request extension for response.
- garden party Buckingham Palace – Resolved; Clerk to nominate Ross Baxter
- VG email – groups of cyclists on fells/common in what seems to be arranged routes/events – no action needed other than awareness of the problem

9) To receive Reports:

- 9.a. Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership – see agenda item 2.b.
- 9.b. Illegal Off-roading Group – Cllr Rutherford has attended recent days and photographed examples of the damage on the fells. A meeting took place before Christmas to discuss a tv program to follow the group on one of the organised days. The group have another day planned. There is a LARGE no of damaged paths. People need to always report any illegal offroading activity to the Police on 101 so that the police continue to get funding to take action on this.
- 9.c. SL District Association – no updates
- 9.d. High Furness LAP - newsletter received
- 9.e. PCCG Group – meetings cancelled. Planning inspectorate rep left. Next meeting 7th feb

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

- 10.a. X112 Bus Service – Chq given. See item 2 on the agenda.
- 10.b. Superfast Broadband - Cllr Jones has spoken to Mike Postle and is going to meet soon to work towards phase 2.

10.c. Community Plan – no updates. Needs to be residents of parish. Cllr Rutherford may know people interested. Cllr Hall advised that there is funding available and advice from Community Action Cumbria.

10.d. NuGen & North West Coast Connections Project – Following Cllr Rutherford attending many meetings & sending many emails and letters to national Grid and the agencies involved in the consultation process the PC held an extra meeting in December and a formal response was submitted. Cllr Jones & Rutherford attended marches on New Years day organised by John Woodcock in support of the pylon route being fully underground. There has been a lot of local & national coverage.

10.e. Highways – Cllr Rutherford will contact Cllr Fletcher re the Old Vicarage and the red tarmac he agreed could be put down on the bend.

Bouthrey bridge – no drain. Debris in beck. Floods rarely. Drain at desired site marked on map. See also item 3 on the agenda.

10.f. Burlington Slate development –no updates

10.g. Crake Valley Caravan Park – The Caravan Park has been asked to take down the box & cables for the mast and purple sign. Cllr Rutherford had circulated to the Council photos of the Septic tank, gas bottle locker & bins overflowing. Cllr Wardle had contacted them re bins.

Resolved: Clerk to write to Mairi Lock re: septic tank, boat, land cleared for burning rubbish, car, gas cylinders, + pipes/rubbish and send copies of the photos.

10.h. Litter – no responses. Cllr Hall has been promoting “keep Britain tidy” leaflets around Coniston. **Resolved:** Cllr Rutherford will chase up the SLDC litter representative & Cllr Fletcher.

12) Date of Next Meeting: Confirmed as Monday 13th February, 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Water Yeat.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm