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Minutes of the Meeting of Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council held in the Water Yeat Village Hall on Monday 8th January, 2018

Present: Councillors: Ian Jones (Chair), Richard Sanderson (Vice Chair), Bill Fox, Diana Rutherford, Gill Wardle, District Cllr Anne Hall, Kath Smith of Conserving Coniston & Crake & 4 members of the public.

1) Apologies for Absence

None

2) Representations from Members of the Public

2.a. Mr & Mrs Seed attended re planning application 7/2017/5726. The application was considered by the Council at the November meeting and a response submitted of no objections. Mr Seed has submitted a response objecting to the application, copied to the Parish Council. He drew to the Council's attention a number of issues about the application regarding a covenant that states that the property can not be a dwelling/flood risk assessment inaccuracies/septic tank & sewage issues & a Tree Preservation Order.

Kath Smith of Conserving Coniston & Crake advised that there are new septic tank regulations coming in 2020 and metreage to watercourses will change. There are probably different regulations currently as the Boathouse is not classed as a dwelling.

Councillors also discussed how local knowledge should be given weight by planning authorities alongside the response of agencies.

Resolved: to submit an amended response to LDNP with objections based on new information & highlighting the issues. Cllr Jones to draft a response to circulate before sending to LDNP (Copy to Mr Seed).

2.b. Ross Baxter attended to give an update re the email list from Crake Valley website (Crake events). The people involved are considering what is appropriate re the scope of the mailing list and whether this should just be events of interest to people in the Crake Valley, or events in adjacent areas e.g. Grizebeck Community Hall. They have decided to extend beyond just Village Hall events but recognize there needs to be a limit to the no. of emails. They wished to know the feeling from the Parish Council which was that it is good for people to know what is going on around the area generally as this can help increase subscription and support.

Cllr Hall drew attention to "The Valley Project" which exists to help people to connect down the Valley and link groups together.

2.c. Cllr Hall advised that there are 11 houses for rent in Coniston for people in Crake Valley area via Cumbria Choice letting & the application deadline has been extended.

2.d. Kath Smith of Conserving Coniston & Crake (CCC) attended to introduce herself to the Parish Council as the new Communities & Engagement Officer. She is currently trying to find out how best to communicate with people. There are a number of events coming up including a wetlands day walk, and a nest box workshop. They are very open to people's ideas on how to be involved and to helping people learn more about their watercourses. The Project is about improving the water quality in Lake Coniston & surrounding becks & related issues. Septic tanks are one aspect and they will be producing a leaflet about septic tanks to help people know more about the issues/regulations etc as there has been a lot of mixed info over years. They are working with many groups, schools etc. See the website for more info www.ccc.scrf.co.uk or contact Kath on 01539 530047.

Cllr Rutherford suggested that CCC activities could be linked in with the Parish Plan – & involving children within the Parish.

Cllr Jones asked if CCC could give advice relating to planning issues – this would depend on the objective but CCC may be able to give information on watercourses etc.

Cllr Sanderson suggested that when CCC produce a leaflet on septic tanks, members of the PC would be happy to distribute some.

3) The Minutes of the last meeting (13th November, 2017)

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

4) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fox re 7.a.i.

5) Requests for Dispensations

None

6) Planning Matters

- SL/2017/0687 - Kirkby Moor Wind Farm - Variation of Condition no 6 attached to planning permission 5/90/2312. Refused by SLDC. The turbines must be removed by Sept 2018.
- Appeal by Crake Valley Caravan Park to Secretary of State against LDNP refusal of planning permission for Gas Tanks (7/2016/5417)
- 7/2017/5721 – Crake Valley Caravan Park – sewage treatment plant - response of support with supporting comment submitted. Approved by LDNP. Council need to see what conditions were given with LDNP approval and how the appeal regarding the gas tanks progresses.

Cllrs reported back on the meeting with Mr Khan and his associates. It was a productive meeting where a lot was explained. They are looking for support re glamping pods. They discussed in detail drainage and electric pick up points and the lodge where the caravan was (which had limited discussion as it is apparently subject to some legal issues).

Cllrs agreed to try and have a direct dialogue when they feel there is a problem. Main issue has been waste re from septic tank and it was felt that they made a lot of progress. Mr Khan followed up the meeting with a letter summarising what was discussed & agreed. Cllrs Wardle & Rutherford have subsequently had a tour of the lodge and park.

Cllr Rutherford advised Mr Khan that the 3 streams will be checked officially on a regular basis.

7) Financial Matters

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

7.a.i. Blawith Village Hall hire - £40 (JAN + extra meeting)

7.a.ii Clerk's salary (Jan) - £140.88

7.a.iii. Clerks Expenses (up to 8/01/18) - £5.80

7.b. A current statement of Accounts was approved & signed by the Chairman

7.c. The 2018/19 budget was discussed. *Resolved: to increase Clerk Salary scale to SCP 20 from April 2018. Also to allow £200 in the budget for Data Protection costs. £100 for lengthsman. £150 for Parish Plan. Total budgeted expenditure £3500. (2017/18 Precept request was £2950.) Resolved: to request Precept of £3300 (11.86% increase) .*

8) Correspondence

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

Stephen Clapp	Re broadband at Lake Bank Estate	4 Jan
Neil Seed	Re Brown Howe Boat House planning application	3 Jan
SLDC	LAP newsletter	2 Jan
Peter Dredge	Pre warning of exemption Coniston water byelaw applicatn	2 Jan
Highways	Stategic road network report	13 Dec
CALC	Newsletter	6 Dec
Sylvia Woodhead	Brown Howe Quarry Board	6 Dec
CALC	Highways info from South Lakeland Meeting	5 Dec
SLDC	LIPs funding open	5 Dec
SLDC	Parish Remuneration Panel Report	4 Dec
Sylvia Woodhead	Brown Howe Quarry Board	4 Dec
Audit	External Auditor appointment	2 Dec

CALC	Data Protection regulations	2 Dec
Sylvia Woodhead	Brown Howe Quarry Board	2 Dec
Innogy	Kirkby wind farm Fund	15 Nov
David Khan	Re meeting	15 Nov
CALC	LDNPP Chair required	15 Nov

- Coniston Water byelaw exemption application – no real objections.
- Brown Howe Quarry – Cllr Rutherford attended the installation of the information board (having found fly tipping the day before & contacted SLDC to collect).

9) To receive Reports:

- 9.a. Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership – see agenda item 2.d.
- 9.b. Illegal Off-roading Group – Cllr Rutherford distributed details of the last meeting showing that the group efforts appear to be helping. There is an action day coming up.
- 9.c. SL District Association – no updates.
- 9.d. Parish Plan – next meeting is 15th January. It has been suggested to look at people's skills. Cllr Rutherford suggested a steering group for the roads as this is a very big focus. At the next meeting, they are looking to progress with issues with Coniston & Crake/footpaths/Community events/work on church yards/Involving children/an Historical group/Haymeadow. The Plan should present all that is available and going on within the Parish. Cllr Rutherford advised that the local Womens Institute has been renamed as the Spark Bridge, Lowick & Blawith W.I.

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

- 10.a. X112 Bus Service – Cllr Hall reported that the bus service continues to struggle with ongoing issues but they continue to fundraise and link with other organisations such as Ulverston Town Council re the X70. They have started a new link bus service with Asda on Mondays. There is a bus walk on the 2nd Saturday of every month.
- 10.b. Superfast Broadband - In response to an email from Mr Clapp, Cllr Jones contacted Mike Postle and suggested a meeting to re-assess. Awaiting legislation from BT. Clerk to reply to Mr Clapp advising that Mike Postle will set up a meeting soon to review things.
- 10.c. Highways
 - Parish Signs – Cllr Rutherford raised the 3/4 road signs (naming Blawith, etc) which are metal, original, old and in need of care and attention. Could these be restored by the Lengthsman? Resolved: To instruct Lengthsman to assess re work needed, safety to carry out the work etc.
 - Cllr Rutherford advised that when Lowick PC etc did their Parish Plans, they looked at all the speed signs in the area and places where information was collected.
 - Path at Blawith. Cllr Rutherford has contacted CCC who have confirmed it is on the list & they will do the work once funding is available.
- 10.d. Parish Noticeboards – Peter Helme has been given the go ahead and they should be ready early this year.
- 10.e. Caravan Park – see agenda item 6

12) Date of Next Meeting: Confirmed as Monday 12th February, 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Water Yeat.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.