

BLAWITH & SUBBERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council held in the Water Yeat Village Hall on Monday 14th September, 2015.

Present: Councillors Ian Jones (Chair), Richard Sanderson (Vice-Chair), Eileen Bower, Diana Rutherford and Bill Fox; District Cllr Anne Hall, the clerk, Beth Moon.

1) Apologies for Absence

None

2) Representations from Members of the Public

2.a. District Cllr Anne Hall asked whether Cllrs had anything they wished to put forward at the next meeting of the Crime & Dis-order Partnership. They are currently highlighting Domestic Violence. Cllr Hall has put forward a question of "is there enough co-ordination between the Post Office, banks and trading standards?" as she is concerned there are increasing nos of scams in the area. There is a related website "thinkjessica". Cllr Jones observe that the practice by SLDC electoral services of having to confirm your identity when ticking the box not to have personal details disclosed on an open register, whilst safeguarding is also costly.

2.b. Cllr Hall inquired re developments for the Old Vicarage/Highways issue. The Clerk reported that an email had been received from Victoria Upton to say she is aware of this and a traffic management officer will be appointed to come out to see this.

2.c. Cllr Hall expressed concerns re the sale of housing association houses and that the no's of people on the electoral role locally is going down.

2.d. Cllr Hall reported re the x11/12 (which they are now referring to as the X112). The committee had travelled on the bus giving out prizes to celebrate it's first year. They asked people various questions i.e. why they are travelling and have they used it before. It had it's 20,000th passenger since October 2014. The committee is doing as much as possible to promote it and the Barrow team equally. The cookbook has sold well. There has been no acknowledgment yet re the fare staging between Blawith & Coniston/Ulverston but they have said they will change this. Cllr Hall will check. The bus now goes through Ulverston town centre and are very much responding to people's needs. New timetables are out with an extra bus service. Cllr Jones suggested that if they do change the Blawith fare staging, then this could be passed on to Lowick PC.

2.e. Cllr Hall reported that Coniston's Italian twin town have been over and were taken to Lowick show.

2.f. Cllr Jones inquired why SLDC voted not to have elections every four years which will mean boundary changes and therefore multi member wards. Cllr Hall explained that SLDC don't want this but it is the boundaries commission that make changes and they only look at numbers.

3) The Minutes of the last meeting (13th July, 2015)

Item 2. 25/6, Amended to read "crashed into a wall"

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.

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5) Requests for Dispensations

None

6) Planning Matters

- 6.i. Planning App. 7/2015/5521 - Lane End Cottage, Gawthwaite, Ulverston, LA12 8EU
Demolition of existing storage building and erection of new garage
(re-submission on 7/2015/5181). Cllr Hall advised that LDNPA planning responses
now need to state either support, neutral or object with reasons.
RESOLVED: Clerk to respond in support of application on basis that it is keeping with
local surroundings.

7) Financial Matters

- 7.a. The following orders for payments were authorised:
- 7.a.i. Blawith Village Hall hire - £33 (£19 for Sept mtng & £14 for extra mtng re Blea
Brows)
- 7.a.ii Clerk's salary (Sept) - £135.43
- 7.a.iii. Clerk's expenses – (up to & incl 14th Sept, 2015) - £7.36
- 7.a.iv. B. Mitchell - £35.10 (share of travel expenses re Connecting Cumbria mtng)
- 7.a.v. Archie Workman - £160.00 (old chapel strimming)
- 7.b A current statement of Accounts was accepted and signed by the Chairman
Cllr Jones queried the statement regarding items referring to replacement
cheques and that item 15/6/15 Cheque to Crake Valley Website should read
"replacing chq no 421" and not "379". RESOLVED: Clerk to amend.
Cllr Jones confirmed that the PC has spent about £2k so far in the financial year.
Cllr Hall asked how the PC wishes to spend their share of her allocated money
(£100) and Cllrs confirmed, as previously stated, that £60 to go towards the
X11/12 and £40 for the extra strimming at Blawith Chapel.
Cllr Jones advised that at a recent LAP meeting, he learnt that for the future
changes re Parish Council audit, whilst an audit won't be needed, an auditor will
still have to be appointed so that members of the public can have a contact if
they want any information

8) Correspondence

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

Council Correspondence September meeting

Simon Blyth/SLDC	LAP meeting – 2 priorities required	10 Sept
Simon Blyth/SLDC	LAP agenda 6 th Oct	9 sept
Victoria Upton	Re Mr & Mrs Kirby/highways	9 sept
Simon Blyth/SLDC	LAP/Highways meeting	8 Sept
CALC	Round up	6 Sept
David Fletcher	Highways issues	3 Sept
CALC	Circular September	2 sept
Martin Curry/LDNP	Blea Brows	2 Sept
Nat Grid	Community meetings	2 Sept

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CALC	North West Coast Connections	2 Sept
Colton PC	Illegal Off Roading	1 Sept
Forestry Commission	Festival details	26 Aug
Colton PC	Illegal Off road group minutes	26 Aug
Coniston PC	Agenda & Minutes	11 Aug
CALC	New Chief Officer	4 Aug
CALC	Connecting Cumbria Deployment Map	4 Aug
CALC	Lake District Parish Forum Questionnaire	4 Aug
CALC	Transparency Code Questionnaire	4 Aug
CALC	Lake District Parish Forum meeting notes & survey	3 Aug
CALC	Connecting Cumbria deployment Map	3 Aug
Adam Curtis	Re website design & grants	3 Aug
CALC	New Chief Officer	3 Aug
Martin Curry/LDNP	Blea Brows	23 July
Anne Hall	National Grid briefing for SLDC members	22 July
Collton PC	Re Blea Brows	22 July
Ian Jones	Broadband Info	20 July
David Fletcher	Re: Highways Issues	16 July
National Grid	Consultation open day 23/7	15 July
	South Lakeland District Association Meeting 17/9	15 July
Colton PC	Agenda & Minutes	14 July

By post: Tim Farron Advice Surgeries.

9) To receive Reports:

9.a. Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership – Cllr Jones advised that they are happy to support the PC regarding Blea Brows.

9.b. Illegal Off-roading Group – minutes for the recent meeting have been received by email. Sarah Keegan had emailed to ask why B&S PC were not represented but B&S PC were not aware of that meeting but are now on the circulation list. The next meeting is 26th Novemeber and Cllr Jones will attend.

Cllr Jones did contact the police recently after seeing a car with bikes which subsequently headed onto Gawthwaite Fell.

9.c. SL District Association - next meeting 17th September. Cllr Rutherford will attend.

9.d. High Furness LAP - next meeting 6th October. Cllr Jones will attend. An email was received to ask each Parish to choose 2 priorities. Highways & Police (vision to cover future management) were agreed. There is also to be a specific LAP/Highways meeting and 2 dates were offered. Cllr Rutherford will attend and confirmed her preferred date of 17th November. RESOLVED: Clerk to reply to Simon Blyth at SLDC with date.

Cllr Rutherford reported that Lowick PC have Highways on their agenda for their next meeting and are planning to write regarding lorries travelling to Burlington Slate. It has previously been agreed that they should go very slowly but there are impacts on the roads and Cllr Rutherford stated that she knows of someone whose house has had to be underpinned due to the effects of the lorries. Cllr Hall reported that there have been more complaints since the contract was given to Neil Price. In consideration of other measures to slow the lorries down, speed humps were an option but financing this would be the issue.

9.e. Coniston Water Association – no updates

10) Updates for Ongoing Issues, actions from the last meeting not covered elsewhere on the Agenda and items for the agenda of the next meeting:

10.a. X12 & X11 Bus Service – see item 2.d.

10.b. Superfast Broadband - an email had been received from Victor Middleton after the meeting in Carlisle attended by himself on behalf of B&S PC and also attended by other parishes. He reported that it still seems likely that much of the Parish will not be able to get access to superfast broadband on current plans. A fibre cabinet will be installed soon at Lowick Bridge although at the moment it will not extend to Blawith. However there appears to be an old GPO conduit that runs underground from Lowick Bridge to Blawith and maybe as far as the village hall at Water Yeat. That option is being explored as a possible option for linking at least Blawith and will Victor will report back to the October meeting. The issue for BT is the economics of providing superfast to what will always be a few households in fairly scattered rural communities. High and Low Nibthwaite are also likely not to be connected on current plans. It is not viable for BT to connect to less than fewer homes. Cllrs discussed establishing how many properties there are within a mile radius of the Low Stennerley cabinet.

10.c. Community Plan – to be looked at when there is sufficient time. It is still a consideration to have a joint neighborhood plan for the Crake Valley

10.d. Kirkby Moor Wind Farm – Cllr Jones reported that an email had been sent from RWE via the business enterprise dept at SLDC to local businesses (Cllr Jones's wife, Katy Holmes has a local business and had received the email) promoting a breakfast meeting at Cartmel racecourse to meet business who might benefit from the Wind Farm development. Mrs Holmes had contacted SLDC to suggest that this showed a conflict of interest. SLDC had replied to say that they had made it clear that it was from a 3rd party. Cllr Hall asked for this to be sent on to her. RESOLVED Clerk to forward email.

Cllr Jones requested that the Clerk contact Kate Lawson at SLDC planning to confirm if the decision date for the wind farm development is still 1st October in Ulverston.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Kate Lawson.

10.e. Duddon Crossing proposal – no developments. Cllr Jones had spoken to Eric Barker again of Copeland Council. Someone has set up a company to try and get the 3 schemes to happen. RESOLVED: to remove from agenda.

10.f. Blea Brows sale – A meeting was held which was well attended where options were discussed. Discussions are ongoing. An email had been received from LDNPA offering to meet with the PC. RESOLVED: Clerk to reply to say this is not required at the moment, that options are still being reviewed and the PC would be in touch in due course.

10.g..North West Coast Connections Project – Cllr Rutherford attended the National Grid meeting and will be attending another next week. The meeting did not give any new information. She feels that people don't realise the connection between Moorside & National Grid and meetings should be held together. She has written to them. At Moorside, they will be building pipes 2km out to sea for cooling water to be pumped out but needs to be 7km to be safe. It is to be a £10billion project with 60% of investment by the Japanese.

10.h. Highways – There had been an accident last week at Gawthwaite. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact the police to obtain information on this and to try and establish the overall cost of responding to accidents so that this could be compared with the cost of traffic calming measures. Cllr Bower suggested that it needs either 40MPH speed limit or double white lines.

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The Clerk reported that Victoria Upton had responded regarding The Old Vicarage (see item 2.b. She had also advised that other traffic management issues could be sent to her. RESOLVED: Clerk to send other highways issues to Victoria Upton.

10.i. Parish Website – The Clerk had forwarded details of the grant available and reported the need to comply with the transparency code. RESOLVED: Cllr Jones to contact Andy Brockbank to obtain costs for website set up, maintenance and training for Clerk.

10.j. Caravan Park – no updates. RESOLVED: to remove from agenda.

10.k. Blawith Chapel – No updates. RESOLVED: Cllr Jones to contact B Mitchell re any progress with ascertaining the grade 2 listing.

10.l. Burlington Slate development – Cllr Jones has written to Burlington to ask how many of their employees are local and how many would be at risk if the quarry closed. He has also written to Mary Campbell of Stephenson-halliday who are doing the environmental assessment to get a copy of the scoping report. Cllr Hall reported that Burlington Slate have had pre planning with LDNP and some members put forward suggestions. The planning application should be early November.

11) Council Calendar

Council Calendar September 2015

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
14 Sept	Satterthwaite PC mtng	7.30pm Satterthwaite V Hall
17 Sept	Coniston Crake Catchment Pship Mtng	Lowick V Hall 7pm
17 Sept	South Lakes District Assoc Mtng	
21 Sept	Coniston PC mtng	7.00pm Library
6 Oct	High Furness LAP meeting	Broughton Victory Hall 7.00pm
12 Oct	Lake District Parish Forum	7.00 Gosforth
13 Oct	Satterthwaite PC mtng	7.30pm Satterthwaite V Hall
19 Oct	Colton PC mtng	7.00pm Bouth V Hall
26 Nov	Illegal Off Road Working Group	Torver School Room 7.30pm

12) Date of Next Meeting: Monday 12th October , 2015, at 7.00, in the Village Hall, Water Yeat.

The meeting closed at 9.43 pm

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