

# BLAWITH & SUBBERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

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

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council held in the Water Yeat Village Hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.**

Present: Councillors Ian Jones (Chair), Richard Sanderson (Vice Chair) Eileen Bower, Diana Rutherford, and Bill Fox; the Clerk, Beth Moon; District Cllr Anne Hall; PCSO Paul Harris; Charlotte Hall from South Cumbria Rivers Trust & 4 members of the public.

### **1) Apologies for Absence**

None

### **2) Representations from Members of the Public**

**2.a.** PCSO Paul Harris advised that there have been no incidents within the Parish to report. Outside the Parish, there have been a few poach watch operations. There was an illegal off roading operation recently that was successful and there is to be another soon. On discussion of highways issues, PCSO Harris advised that the SID (speed indicator device) is available if the PC give him some sites where they feel it would be useful.

Cllr Bower advised that she had reported the landrovers (using the tracks close to her farm) to the LDNP but had not received a response.

Vera Grant asked PCSO Harris regarding 20MPH speed signs and he advised that whilst these can be useful in slowing traffic, it is not an enforceable limit.

**2.b.** Ann Ripon attended to ask again re any progress with Highways and speeding on the Water Yeat road as she is very concerned about potential accidents. Also, that she feels a mirror on the other side of the road from her house would be helpful which she is willing to contribute to. Cllr Hall advised that Lowick PC similarly looked into purchasing mirrors but decided against such action as this could potentially incur liability for the PC. Cllr Jones advised that the purchasing and putting up of a mirror would need to come from the individual with the land owners permission for siting it.

Resolved: PCSO Harris to bring SID to 2 sites: the Water Yeat stretch of road and also between Water Yeat and Blawith sign.

**2.c.** Sara Keegan & Roland Michaud attended to ask for any possible PC assistance with regards to road issues on the road leading to their houses – the road sinking, potholes and the bridge over the beck which has its supporting pillars collapsing. They have written to Dave Huck of Highways but had no response.

Resolved: Sara Keegan to send photos to the Clerk who will write to Highways.

**2.d.** Cllr Hall advised that she is currently on the working party for parks and open spaces. She reported on the X12 bus progress which is up and down. The Friends of the X112 raised £19k in the first year and have £5K left. They are working hard to increase no's and the bus company is working hard to develop different services – a new route to Ulverston Heath Centre; an extra bus on the timetable from May. They are applying for grants. With regards to the PC share of Cllr Halls parish allocation, she had been unable to draw down less than £100 (to split this as per the PC request in September) so had drawn the full £100 for the X112 bus.

**2.e.** Charlotte Hall of South Cumbria Rivers Trust gave a short presentation on the Conserving Coniston & Crake Heritage Lottery Fund Project. They are in phase 1 of the process and phase 2 of the funding application will be in November. This will be for £1 million. The project is designed to protect, monitor and restore the

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freshwater environment of Coniston water, the River Crake and the wider catchment area, through conservation, community engagement and education.

Cllr Rutherford advised that she attended the meeting in October and has been accepted as a volunteer for working on streams that flow into the Crake. Training takes place in May. She will report back on this to the PC.

The PC thanked Charlotte and expressed its wish to be kept informed of progress and development so that it can pass that on to the Parish through meetings and links to the website.

**2.f** Vera Grant raised 2 issues connected to planning – see item 6.b.

## **3) The Minutes of the last meeting (11<sup>th</sup> January, 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**

6.a. There were no planning applications or notifications received.

6.b. Vera Grant raised 2 issues connected to planning:

- Caravan at Tanglewood – As per her email, Vera Grant feels that the PC would benefit from asking the planning authority to explain in more detail their decisions regarding the caravan as this was meant to be “temporary”.

Resolved: Cllr Jones to write letter to LDNP asking for clarification on how/why the caravan has managed to remain in situ and attaching copies of the correspondence the PC has received from Vera Grant and Professor O'Neill.

- Satellite dish on open fell – Vera Grant had sent an email to the PC with photos attached of a satellite dish on the fell with a cable leading to the Crake Valley Caravan Park. There does not appear to have been planning permission granted for this. The PC has also received an email from Ross Baxter on behalf of the Commoners regarding the same. Mr Baxter also advised of 2 caravans on the piece of common belonging to the caravan park which constitutes an infringement of grazing rights. In addition, a moulded cabin or “pod” has appeared and rubbish bins & fence have been situated outside the Caravan site on common land. The Commoners have a meeting with LDNP on 24<sup>th</sup> February regarding these matters. Resolved: Clerk to draft letter regarding the above and send to Cllr Jones before sending to LDNP.

## **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 (Feb & backdate Jan) - £140.92

7.a.iii. Clerk's expenses – (up to & incl 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2016) - £5.76

7.a.iv. A. Brockbank (website set up) - £40

7.b A current statement of accounts and bank reconciliation was received

## **8) Correspondence**

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

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CALC	February circular	4 Feb
CALC	Rural News special	4 Feb
Vera Grant	Re Satellite dish on open fell	4 Feb
David Fletcher	Reply to PC	2 Feb
Walney Extension CBF	Community Fund Public events	28 Jan
CALC	Community Building events	27 Jan
Amanda McCleary	SLDA meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	27 Jan
Ross Baxter	Reply to PC email re caravans	27 Jan
SLDC	Overview & scrutiny review	27 Jan
Simon Blyth SLDC	High Furness LAP meeting 24/s @Hawkshead	21 Jan
Vera Grant	RE: Tanglewood caravan	18 Jan

Cllr Hall will be attending the Walney Extension Fund public event as their boundary for grants takes in parishes in her remit and will gather any relevant information regarding grants. Cllr Rutherford will also try and attend.

Cllr Hall to forward email from CCC regarding funds for businesses who have suffered in the floods.

## **9) To receive Reports:**

9.a. Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership – see item 2.e.

9.b. Illegal Off-roading Group – The next meeting is 29<sup>th</sup> March. See item 2.a. re. Recent Illegal Off Road Group activities.

9.c. SL District Association - The most recent meeting was 4<sup>th</sup> February.

9.d. High Furness LAP - next meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> February at Hawkshead Market Hall. Cllr Jones will try and attend.

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 - no updates

10.c. Community Plan – no developments.

10.d. Kirkby Moor Wind Farm – no updates

10.e. Blea Brows sale – no updates

10.f. North West Coast Connections Project – no updates other than the consultation period has been put back until Summer.

10.g. Highways – see item 2.b & 2.c.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Cllr Fletcher to ask for a written report on the issues discussed at November's meeting and to ask for any help in being able to improve contact with the Highways steward.

10.h. Parish Website – The Clerk has added links to the website. There are still some council documents to add and to try and delete the old obsolete website.

10.i. Burlington Slate development – no updates. Cllr Rutherford has observed that Burlington Slate seem to be using smaller lorries.

## **11. Council Calendar January 2015**

24 <sup>th</sup> February	High Furness LAP	Hawkshead 7 pm
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Illegal Off Road Working group	Torver School Rm 2pm

**12) Date of Next Meeting:** Confirmed as Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, at 7.00, in the Village Hall, Water Yeat.

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The meeting closed at 8.48pm