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Minutes of the Meeting of Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council held in the Water Yeat Village Hall on Monday 14th November, 2016.

Present: Councillors Ian Jones (Chair), Richard Sanderson (Vice Chair), Diana Rutherford; Bill Fox; Gill Wardle; PCSO Paul Harris; Sara Spicer (Area Ranger for LDNPA); the Clerk & 1 member of the public.

1) Apologies for Absence

Cllr Hall

2) Representations from Members of the Public

2.a. PCSO Paul Harris advised that there were no incidents to report. A current police priority at the moment is poaching.

2.b. Sara Spicer, Area Ranger for LDNPA gave a short presentation of her work as a ranger covering the South distinctive area. She gave updates on the following:

- effects of Storm Desmond.
- the survey of footpaths & rights of way that is currently taking place in the Parish. These happen every 3 years and the results end up in a working program. Within this parish, there are 32km of rights of way, made up of 26km footpaths & 6km bridleway. They are aware of the issues at Beacon Tarn of drainage & signing. Machine work is needed but it is difficult to access so interim measures are being put in place. The packhorse bridge at Lowick & associated paths linking to it which are closed currently should be resolved by March. The area Ranger is the point of contact between the community & authority and Sara can be contacted about any issues.
- Rusland Horizons. LDNPA is a lead partner in this project.
- Greenwood Trail – there are self guided trails from key locations
- Enforcement – There have been a couple of enforcement days run by the Illegal Off Roding Group of which LDNP are a member. Advice is that if anyone sees any illegal activity, to try and get a photograph, the registration plate and a description of where they are and to contact the Police on 101. There has been discussions & plans on using a drone. LDNP have given their consent for them to used on Nat. Park land but these plans are on hold due to Natural England concerns for wildlife.
- Lake District Communities Fund – this is an annual fund that gives grants of up to £3k to a community group. Sara gave examples of recent grants.

Issues that should be reported to LDNP are surface of rights of way; drainage & signage.

Landowners are responsible for site furniture but LDNP assist. They also work with groups to get rights of way registered. Cllrs discussed the lack of footpath between Water Yeat & Blawith. Litter is a problem on the common & the rights of way survey will look at amounts of litter. Dead animals should be reported to the police.

Sara will send a map of the Parish rights of way to the Clerk & this can go on the PC website.

Caravan Park – Sara advised that the mast is down but still on site, now situated on the telegraph pole, where the tv aerial was. The cable is still there. The purple sign is still there but Sara believes there are no complaints about it. The gas tank is still there & the Caravan Park were supposed to submit a retrospective application. Ross Baxter advised on behalf of the Commoners that LDNP have put this on hold as it first requires Secretary of State approval. The Commoners are in correspondence with LDNP about this.

Resolved: Clerk to write to LDNP to say that B&S PC would like them to pursue proceedings on this.

3) The Minutes of the last meeting (10th October, 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

T/2016/0174 – felling of Oak tree at Brown Howe Car Park

Resolved: Clerk to respond to say no objections assuming the tree is dead or diseased.

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Resolved: Clerk to submit response of support.

Notifications:

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Approved.

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-(Nov & Dec) - £279.00

7.a.iii. Clerk's expenses – £9.86 (up to & incl 14th Nov, 2016)

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

The Precept is due in January. The Clerk will prepare a budget/estimate.

8) Correspondence

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

Ian Brodie	Re Crake Valley pl app 7/2016/5417	10 Nov
Mairi Lock/LDNP	Re Crake Valley pl app 7/2016/5417	10 Nov
Ross Baxter	Re Crake Valley pl app 7/2016/5417	10 Nov
John Ruskin School	Federation of 3 schools	8 Nov
CALC	Parish Forum Cx	7 Nov
CALC	Election in South Distinctive Area of Nat Park	2 Nov
LDNP	Planning app T/2016/01744 (Tree)	1 Nov
CALC	Nat Grid consultation comments	1 Nov
SLDC	Parish Precepts	31 Oct
CALC	Friday round up	31 Oct
CALC	AGM agenda	31 Oct
Coniston PC	Agenda & Minutes	28 Oct
CALC	Nat Grid PC events	26 Oct
SLDC	Keep Britain tidy	20 Oct
John Metcalfe	Morris Dancing	20 Oct
Simon Blyth	LAP flooding conference 24 th Nov	20 Oct
LGBCC	Electoral review of South Lakeland final recommendations	19 Oct
Colin Barr	LDNP Member vacancy	14 Oct
Simon Blyth	High Furness LAP 19 th Oct	14 Oct
Nat Grid	Consultation dates	14 Oct

- John Ruskin email – This email advised of a proposed federation of 3 schools. **Resolved: Clerk to write, thanking them for informing the PC and that they would appreciate being kept informed of any future development.**

- Keep Britain tidy – The Clerk advised there has been no response to the invitation to SLDC litter representative to attend a meeting. **Resolved: Clerk to contact Cllr Fletcher as portfolio holder for SL Environment to see if he can encourage some interest & action.**

- Electoral Review – this will mean elections every year eventually. The PC expressed their disappointment at the Review.

9) To receive Reports:

- 9.a. Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership – Charlotte Hall is due to attend the January meeting to give updates on the project.
- 9.b. Illegal Off-roading Group – see item 2.b.
- 9.c. SL District Association – no updates.
- 9.d. High Furness LAP - no updates
- 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 – The Clerk advised on S137 guidelines. ***Resolved: To make donation to Friends of X112 of £250 and to ask Cllr Hall to give the PC £100 share of her locality budget to the bus also.***
- 10.b. Superfast Broadband - no updates
- 10.c. Community Plan – no updates.
- 10.d. NuGen & North West Coast Connections Project & to agree PCCG terms of reference. The Consultation ends on 6th January. ***Resolved: Clerk to write & request extension with reasons. To support the PCCG terms of reference. To hold an extra-ordinary meeting to give residents of the parish an opportunity to share in the information and for the PC to agree response to Nat Grid consultation. Clerk to arrange & put on website, parish news & send details to Ross Baxter who will send as an email from the Crake Valley website.***
- 10.e. Highways – Cllr Rutherford advised that Sara Keegan had contacted her wanting clarification re verge and hedge cutting. Cllr Rutherford will advise that the Highways Hotline should be used to report any problems.
 - Flooding between Water Yeat & Bouthrey Bridge – The Clerk advised she had spoken to the farmer who has said the culvert that floods is not on their land and that when CCC replaced the bridge in 2009, they did not put in any drainage and they have been waiting since 2009 for this to happen. The road is higher than the field. ***Resolved: Clerk to contact Cllr Fletcher to explain and ask him to visit and try and resolve.***
- 10.f. Burlington Slate development –no decision to date.
- 10.g. Crake Valley Caravan Park – see item 2.b.
- 10.h. Litter – see item 6
- 10.i. Blawith Chapel – Cllr Rutherford is going to personally repopulate the graveyard with the correct flowers.

12) Date of Next Meeting: Confirmed as Monday 9th January, 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Water Yeat.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm