

Buttermere Parish Council

Minutes of the **May Parish Council Meeting** held on 19th May 2015

in The Old School , Buttermere.

Present: Cllrs. R. Beard (Chairman), M. Richardson, G. Evans, A. Beard, L. Kyle, & Y. Kahane.

Apologies for absence: PCSO Megan Jones & Cllr. A. Bowness (CCC).

Also in attendance: Cllr. T. Annison (ABC) & D. Smith (Clerk)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

09.15: Declarations of Interest: None.

10.15: Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the December 2014 Parish Council meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chair.

11.15: Public Participation:

There were no members of the public in attendance and no issues were raised under this agenda item.

12.15: The Parish Council Election:

The elected members completed the various forms associated with becoming a Parish Councillor, prior to them being returned to Allerdale Borough Council.

ACTION: Clerk to collect forms from Councillors not in attendance and return all paperwork to Allerdale BC before June 4th.

13.15: Clerk's Report:

Actions from the previous meeting:

- 27.14: Clerk to raise awareness of sheep theft through Link article: Done
- 29.14: Clerk to inform the LDNPA of the views of the Council: Done
- 30.14: Clerk to report highways concerns to Cumbria Highways: Done
- 30.14: Clerk to request road sweeping along the valley: Done (see below)
- 30.14 Clerk to inform the NT of tree debris in the River Cocker between Scale Hill Bridge and Crummock Water: Done
- 31.14: Clerk to inform Allerdale BC of the precept requirement: Done
- 32.14: Clerk to send out all payments: Done
- 32.14: Clerk to get paperwork for new signatory to PC bank account: Done (see below)

Correspondence: the Clerk reported that he had received the following:

1. CALC: Affordable Rural Housing booklet

2. ABC: Precept information
3. Zurich Municipal: insurance quote
4. Aon Insurance Ltd: insurance quote
5. Nugen: Consultation information
6. LDNPA: Allerdale members reports Jan - April
7. Melbreak Communities Report
8. Email from visitors to Buttermere
9. The Pensions Regulator

Councillors noted the above correspondence and agreed the following:

The cheapest of the three insurance quotes was agreed, Aon: £193.34p, as this was felt to be more than adequate for the needs of the council.

An email response to be sent to the visitor to the area explaining that the only land available for a bus shelter was 'Common Land' and no structures are allowed on 'Common Land'. The issue of lack of council funding was also to be explained.

Buttermere Parish Council is now registered with The Pensions Regulator and the Clerk is the main point of contact.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to email from visitor to the area.

14.15: Police Report:

PCSO Megan Jones had sent her apologies to the meeting but Councillors had all received a copy of her report in which she stated that there had been six incidents reported to the Police since the last Council meeting. Two of these were highlighted in the report:

- On the 5th February a quad bike was stolen from a garage in the Buttermere area and enquiries were conducted by the Police.
- On the 9th April there was a 'Fail to stop' road traffic collision between two vehicles in the Buttermere area and enquiries were conducted by the Police.

15.15: Planning:

The Clerk reported that there was one new application to be dealt with at the meeting:

Ref: 7/2015/2091
Location: Bowderbeck Cottage, Buttermere CA13 9XA
Proposal: Single-storey extension to house and relocation of gate in existing stone boundary wall.
Respond by: May 21st 2015

After some discussion Councillors agreed that they had 'No Objections' to the application subject to the applicant creating additional parking within the boundary of the property as the parking of vehicles from the property can be an issue.

ACTION: Clerk to inform the LDNPA of the views of the Council.

Applications that have been dealt with between meetings are as follows:

Ref: 7/2015/2007
Location: Miller Place, Lorton CA13 9UD
Proposal: Barn conversion to provide new local occupancy restricted dwelling

A response of 'No Objections' was sent.

Ref: 7/2015/2026
Location: Croft House Farm, Buttermere CA13 9XA
Proposal: Erect a new agricultural building

A response of 'No Objections' was sent.

Ref: 7/2015/2024
Location: Honister Slate Mine, Borrowdale CA12 5XN
Proposal: Variation of various conditions relating to extraction on planning application CA/NC6

No response was sent.

Ref: 7/2015/2082
Location: Turner How Cottage, Loweswater CA13 9UX
Proposal: Construction of a new single-storey entrance lobby extension

A response of 'No Objections' was sent.

Councillors were asked to note the following grant of planning permissions:

7/2015/2088: Dalegarth Guest House - replacement of existing sewage system
7/2015/2026: Croft House Farm - see above
7/2015/2007: Miller Place - see above

16.15: Highways & Parish Maintenance:

Councillors raised a variety of issues and these included:

1. The deterioration of the sides of the Newlands Pass road to the east of the village where cars park. This is causing drainage problems and erosion of road and common land.
2. Vegetative growth along the side of the B5289 between Low House and Beck House causing problems for passing vehicles and destabilising the dykes. (Letters to land owners required)
3. Pot Holes at:
 - Turnerhow Road (CA13 9UX) Map ref: 154223 & 156223
 - S of Hause Point on B5289 Map ref: 162181
 - NW of Wood House on B5289 Map ref: 167178
4. Regular flooding over the B5289 at Kirk Close due to blocked culvert Map ref: 188158. At times of heavy rain the water on the road can be very deep.
5. Edge deterioration of some passing places along the Newlands Pass road

ACTION: Clerk to report the above to the Highways Hotline.

The Clerk confirmed that he had requested a visit from the road sweeper in the village area and had been told that this would take place before the end of May.

17.15: Council Finance:

The Clerk reported that the first tranche of the council precept, £700, had been received from Allerdale Borough Council and that the balance of the Community Account as per the latest bank statement dated 15th April 2015 was £1,056.65p

The following payments were agreed by Councillors:

Clerks Salary Qtr 1:	£168.64p
Clerks expenses Qtr 1:	£46.00p
HMRC PAYE Qtr 1:	£42.00p
Room Hire 14/15:	£45.00p
Aon Insurance Ltd:	£193.34p
CALC Annual Sub:	£63.00p

Taking the above payments into account, the reconciled balance of the Community Account as 19th May 2015 was £498.47p.

The balance of the Business Money Manager Account as of 15th March 2015 was £1,115.85p giving a total Parish Council balance of the two accounts of £1,614.32p.

Councillors agreed that Mark Richardson should become a cheque signatory for the main account and he duly completed the appropriate form. The Clerk is to take the form to Cllr. Crowther to get him to complete it prior to it being submitted to HSBC in Cockermonth.

ACTION: Clerk to take the form when fully completed to Cllr. Richardson for him to take to Cockermonth with two forms of identification.

18.15: Items for the next meeting:

- The Transparency Code for Smaller Councils

19.15: Date of the next meetings:

Councillors agreed that the dates of the next two parish council meetings should be:

Tuesday 1st September 2015 at 7.30pm
Tuesday 1st December 2015 at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

The Council meeting ended at 3.35pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman