

Lorton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2015

Present: Cllrs. Poate (Chair), Postlethwaite, Sloan, Deeks & Armstrong.

Apologies: Cllrs, Aitken and Irlam, PCSO Lyall and Cllr. Annison (ABC).

Also in attendance: Three members of the public & Dave Smith (Clerk).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

119.15 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest.

120.15 Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as an accurate record by the councillors present and the Chair duly signed them.

The minutes of the special planning meetings held on April 27th and May 12th were both accepted as an accurate record by the councillors present and the Chair duly signed them.

121.15 Public Participation:

There were no issues raised under this agenda item.

122.15 The Parish Council Election:

Councillors completed the Declaration of Pecuniary Interests Form, the Declaration of Acceptance Form and the Election Expenses Claim Form required after the Parish Council Election.

ACTION: Clerk to deliver to Allerdale Borough Council before June 4th.

123.15 Progress Reports:

A: The Clerk's Progress Report:

Actions on the Clerk from the previous meeting:

104.15: Clerk to contact CALC re: Licence with CCC for Play Area on Parish Field. Done & contacted School

105.15: Clerk to report blocked drain to Cumbria Highways: Done and ref number received.

105.15: Chair to pass on concerns re: parking at Yew Tree Hall: Done

105.15: Cllr Sloan to write article re: parking for newsletter: Done

106.15: Clerk to ask Cumbria highways to inform individual households re: road closure: Done and households informed.

106.15: Clerk to price up No Parking signs: Done (see below)

107.15: Clerk to inform LDNPA of the views of the Council: Done

110.15: Clerk to send thank you letter to Tony & Sarah Broadhead: Done

110.15: Clerk to send out all payments: Done

Correspondence	For information	For action
CALC Newsletter April & May	X	
Allerdale BC Election Notices	X	
Allerdale BC Precept information	X	

Report from the Allerdale Parishes LDNPA member: Mar & Apr	X	
Firpress Invoice	X	X
CALC Annual Subscription invoice	X	X
Aon Annual Insurance quote	X	X
ACT: Good Neighbours Project information	X	

Cllr. Poate informed the meeting that the LDNPA are reorganising the way that Parishes are represented on the Authority. Instead of by District, e.g. Allerdale, they will now be elected to represent a Distinctive Area, e.g. the Northern Distinctive Area. Geoff Davies will be standing for the NDA and voting will be undertaken in June.

B: Parish Maintenance Report:

The Pound Wall: It was agreed that a basic, red and white, aluminium 'No Parking' sign, at a cost of £56 plus VAT, should be purchased and placed on the rebuilt wall.

ACTION: Clerk to order No Parking sign.

The Parish Benches: a new inspection is to be carried out to ascertain if any further works are required at this moment in time.

ACTION: Cllr. Deeks is to undertake a new inspection of the benches.

C: The Melbreak Communities Report:

An Annual Report had been received from Carolyn Davis and read out at the Annual Parish Meeting.

124.15 Planning:

One planning application has been received:

Ref: 7/2015/2065
Location: 2 Swinside Cottages, Lorton
Proposal: Proposed single storey extension to rear of property
Reply by: 22nd May 2015

A response of '**No objections**' was agreed.

Planning Applications dealt with at special planning meetings:

App: T/2015/0044
Proposal: Work on trees cover by a TPO
Location: Holemire House Barn, High Lorton CA13 9TX
A response of '**No Objections**' was sent.

App: 7/2015/2073
Proposal: Installation of flood-lighting on Court No.2
Location: Lorton Tennis Club, High Lorton CA13 9UL
A response of '**No Objections**' was sent.

App: 7/2015/2068
Proposal: To construct flag footpaths around a detached cottage currently being built
Location: Land to the S of Lime Tree House, Low Lorton CA13 9UW
A response of '**No Objections**' was sent subject to the following condition:

That the path be constructed from porous materials that would allow for absorption of rainwater into the properties curtilage and thus keep rainwater on site for a longer period of time.

The reasons that Lorton Parish Council recommends the above condition are:

1. this is a small site that now has a large house occupying most of it. The rain water is now not able to soak into the ground where the house, and proposed hard-standing, now sits, thus adding to further potential flooding problems in Low Lorton.
2. the site is probably either directly or indirectly relying on the Cocker to act as drain. If this is the case then a porous path is of even greater value as it would help filter contaminants such as oil and weed-killer.

Lorton Parish Council would also suggest to the Planning Authority that the above condition applies to all developments in areas of high flood risk.

App: 7/2015/2083

Proposal: Various proposed works to village shop including an extension along western side of building

Location: Lorton Village Shop, High Lorton CA13 9UL

A response of '**No Objections**' was sent.

Notice of grant of planning permission:

7/2015/2031: Oak Lodge, Low Lorton - sunroom and porch extension.

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

125.15 Report from the Police:

A written report had been received in which it was stated that there had been no incidents reported since the last meeting. Councillors reported that there had been a burnt-out car left on the highway in High Lorton during April.

126.15 Highways issues:

Cllr. Sloan expressed her concerns regarding the condition of the road over the Scawgill Bridge. The Clerk explained that he had drawn the attention of a number of Scawgill Bridge related issues to Tim Shields of Cumbria Highways recently. The main issue is the water running off the hillside to the east of the bridge. Cumbria Highways are aware of the various issues.

Cllr. Armstrong raised his concerns regarding the Boonbeck Road. It was confirmed that Cumbria Highways had the resurfacing of the road down to do this summer.

Cllr. Postlethwaite informed the meeting that the condition of the Armaside Road was continuing to deteriorate.

ACTION: Clerk to report the above issue to Cumbria Highways.

127.15 Finance:

The Clerk informed the meeting that balance of the account as of the most recent bank statement dated 15th April 2015 was £8,006.69p. This figure included the first tranche of the precept, £2,750.01p, from Allerdale BC and £40.00p from Lorton Tennis Club.

The Clerk reported that following payments were outstanding:

i: R. McCree - grounds maintenance March & April:	£300.00p
ii: Aon Insurance Ltd - annual fee 15/16:	£321.33p

iii: CALC Annual subscription 15/16:	£130.00p
iv: CALC - training fee:	£29.50p
v: Firpress Printers - Spring Newsletter:	£159.00p

All councillors present agreed to these payments.

Taking the above payments into account, the reconciled balance of the PC account as of 20th May 2015 is £7,066.86p.

The Clerk provided Cllr. Sloan with the appropriate mandate form for her to become a signatory of the PC account.

ACTION: Clerk to send out all payments.
ACTION: Cllr. Sloan to take form to HSBC.

128.15 Items for the next meeting:

- The Transparency Code for Smaller Councils.

129.15 Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 1st July 2015 at 7.30pm in The Yew Tree Hall.

Signed: _____
 Chair

Date: _____

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