

Lorton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th September 2016

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

Apologies: Cllr. Aitken.

Also in attendance: One member of the public & Dave Smith (Clerk).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

61.16 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest.

62.16 Minutes of the previous meeting:

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

63.16 Public Participation:

It was agreed that issues raised by members of the public present should be addressed under the appropriate agenda item.

64.16 Progress Reports:

A: The Clerk's Progress Report:

Actions on the Clerk from the previous meeting:

- 51.16: Clerk to inform the Post office and local resident of the views of the Council: Done
- 52.16: Shop to put up posters asking cyclists to ride with consideration for local residents:
- 53.16: Clerk to forward to ABC a copy of Cllr. Edmunds Declaration of Pecuniary Interests form: Done
- 53.16: Clerk to pass on Cllr. Irlams details to Phil Hartley: Done (see below)
- 53.16: Cllr Irlam to pass on copy of drains map to Cumbria Highways: Ongoing
- 53.16: Cllr Poate to liaise with Lorton School re: newsletter: Done (School now to lead on Winter edition)
- 53.16: Cllr Poate to set up a sub-group to take the Parish Leaflet idea forward: Ongoing
- 54.16: Clerk to send off the signed copy of the Parish Field agreement: Done
- 56.16: Clerk to report issues to Cumbria Highways: Done
- 57.16: Clerk to send out all payments: Done
- 58.16: Clerk to forward to Councillors details of West Coast Travel Plan: Done

A list of correspondence received, as below, was read out and duly noted by councillors.

Correspondence	For information	For action
CALC Newsletter July & August	X	
BDO End of Audit report	X	X
Report from Allerdale Parishes LDNPA member :July & August	X	

B: Parish Maintenance Report:

Parish Benches: Cllr. Deeks reported that none of the benches required work on them at the present time.

Parish Notice-board: Phil Hartley has informed the Clerk that he is no longer able to take on work for the council. Cllr. Irlam with support from other councillors is to look at the water ingress situation on the notice-board.

ACTION: Cllr. Irlam with support is to undertake work on the notice-board.

C: Report from the Borough Councillor:

Cllr. Annison was unable to attend the meeting.

D: The Melbreak Communities Report:

Cllr. Poate reported that at the last meeting of the group there had been some discussion regarding insurance cover for the group in the unlikely circumstances that the group or an individual member of the group was sued by a member of the public, possibly in relation to some element of the Emergency Plan. The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with Aon Ltd. the insurance company for the Parish Council and had outlined a potential scenario to them. The advice received had stated that an individual on the Melbreak Group who was a representative of the Parish Council would be covered by the PC insurance policy but the group as a whole would not be.

One of the members of the Melbreak Group had received a quote of £220 to provide insurance cover for the group on an annual basis. After some discussion, the Councillors present felt that the best way forward would be for the Melbreak Group to have its own insurance cover and that they would be happy to provide the group with some financial support to help cover the cost.

ACTION: Cllr. Poate is to provide the Clerk with Duncan Poole's email address.

Action: Clerk to inform Mr. Poole of the views of the Council.

E: The Parish Council Newsletter:

Cllr. Poate informed the meeting that the idea of having a school specific newsletter was probably not going to happen. She asked councillors if they could provide articles and photographs for the Winter edition of the newsletter. The aim is to get the newsletter delivered in early December.

ACTION: Cllrs to send Clerk any articles and photographs.

F: Parish Leaflet:

Cllr. Poate informed the meeting that there had been little progress on this idea but hoped to report on some progress at the next meeting.

65.16: Planning:

There were three new planning applications before the meeting as below:

Ref: 7/2016/2191
Location: Brewery House, High Lorton CA13 9UQ
Proposal: New ground floor window opening in existing wall of dining room
Reply by: 12th September 2016

After due consideration Councillors agreed that they had '**No Objections**' to the application.

Ref: 7/2016/2214
Location: The Garth, Scales, High Lorton CA13 9UA
Proposal: Replacement dwelling
Reply by: 27th September 2016

After due consideration Councillors agreed that they had '**No Objections**' to the application.

Ref: PB/2016/0025
Location: Low Lorton
Proposal: Removal of public payphone
Reply by: 27th September 2016

After due consideration Councillors agreed that they had '**No Objections**' to the application.

One planning application has been dealt with between meetings:

Ref: 7/2016/2188
Location: Cross Gates, High Lorton CA13 9UL
Proposal: Erection of new dwelling house in garden of cross Gates. Creation of additional driveway to serve new dwelling. Reinstatement of redundant driveway and provision of new garage for the existing property.
Reply by: 1st September 2016

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

A Notice of Refusal of Consent to Application was received for the following application:

Ref: 7/2016/2127 - Land to the south of Lime Tree House, Low Lorton - variation of conditions, removal of chimney stack and installation of gable window in second floor level of the southern elevation.

Further to the concerns expressed by local residents in relation to the development above a meeting was arranged with the developer, Mr. Banks, the Enforcement Officer for the LDNPA, Julie Birkett and the Chair and Vice-chair of the Parish Council.

Notes from a meeting held with Mr. Banks: Low Lorton - 2/9/16

Attendance: Cllrs. Poate and Postlethwaite, Mr & Mrs Banks, Julie Birkett (Enforcement Officer - LDNPA) and David Smith (note taker).

Introductions were made and JB gave a brief update on the current situation from the LDNPA point of view. The most recent appeal submitted by Mr. Banks had been turned down by the LDNPA and local residents had raised concerns with regard to the recent installation of windows on the property.

Cllr. Poate asked Mr. Banks if he was going to get the windows in question changed. Mr. Banks explained that the work is not finished yet and the workers from the Workington based company engaged to install the windows and doors have not followed the planning guidelines. Apart from the gable end window not having frosted glass installed and being closed permanently, there were a number of other issues that have not been dealt with properly. Mr. Banks said that he had given the workers the planning instructions and left them to get on with the work and he was disappointed that they had not followed them and would now have to come back on site to put right what they should have done in the first place. JB confirmed that the gable end window needed to be glazed with frosted glass and permanently closed before the first occupation. Mr. Banks promised that the building would be compliant with all the planning conditions before occupation.

Cllr. Postlethwaite asked about the fake chimney and Mr. Banks confirmed that Building Control at Allerdale BC were content with it as it is and that it would look more in keeping once the building had been completed. Mr. Banks explained that he couldn't give a date for completion and stated that objections from local residents had delayed the development. He also stated that he had had to deal with delays in getting an electricity supply into the building which had meant that tradesmen could not work inside the building during

the winter months. All being well, the electricity supply should be installed during the coming weeks. He also stated that he had changed his mind with regard to several aspects of the property, adding to the delays, but all building developments change with time.

Mr. Banks also explained that the original intention had been for his son and his family to live in the property but as the development had taken so long this was not necessarily going to happen now. He reiterated his point that he could not give a date for the completion of the development.

The meeting started and 2.00pm and concluded at 2.45pm

A member of the public present at the meeting expressed his thanks to the Parish Council for arranging the above meeting and urged Councillors to continue to be vigilant with regard to the development and on-site works.

An email has been received highlighting the withdrawal of:

Ref: 7/2016.2124: Tenters, High Lorton Demolition of existing building and erection of new dwelling.

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

ACTION: Clerk to contact Julie Birkett and thank her for her attendance at the meeting and to ask her to continue with the email updates relating to the above development.

ACTION: Clerk to email minutes to Mr. Banks.

66.16 Report from the Police:

A written report had been received in which it was stated that there had been one incident reported since the last meeting detailed as below:

- On the 8th July it was reported that Mountain Rescue were dealing with a female who had fallen from her bike in the area of Whinlatter. She was airlifted to hospital for treatment.

Councillors noted the above.

67.16 Highways issues:

Highways issues reported by councillors were:

- Light out at the bottom of the Boon Beck road by The Pound, Concerns also raised about the pole on which the light is positioned which is leaning badly.
- Concerns raised as to why the forthcoming works to be undertaken on the Whinlatter Road do not include Scawgill Bridge (see previous minutes).

The Clerk reported that he had forwarded the email notices of the works to be carried out on the Whinlatter Road from 15th September but would ask Cumbria highways why they had not put up the usual pre-works warning signs.

ACTION: Clerk to report the above issues to Cumbria Highways and Allerdale BC.

68.16 Finance:

The Clerk informed the meeting that the balance of the account as given in the most recent bank statement dated 15th August 2016 was £7,255.16p with all payments agreed at the last meeting having cleared through the account.

The Clerk reported that the following payments were outstanding:

i: R. McCree - grounds maintenance July & August:	£330.00p
ii: Firpress Printers:	£99.00p
iii: D. Smith Salary Qtr 2 (16/17):	£356.50p
iv: D. Smith Expenses Qtr 2 (16/17):	£67.00p
v: HMRC PAYE Qtr 2 (16/17):	£89.00p
vi: Phil Hartley (Parish Field Gate):	£25.00p

All councillors present agreed to these payments.

Taking the above payments into account, the reconciled balance of the PC account as of 7th September 2016 is £6,288.66p.

ACTION: Clerk to send out all payments.

69.16 Reports from other meetings:

- Cllr. Edmunds reported back from the Flood Investigation Report meeting held 7th July 2016 at which the Environment Agency wanted feedback and comments on the report, of which they received a number at the meeting. It was also agreed that the Whitbeck Scheme should be included in the report. A list of properties effected by the December floods was given to the EA officers.
- Cllr. Poate reported back from the recent Whitbeck Walk where it was explained that, in terms of fish stock levels the scheme was proving beneficial but there were still concerns about the impact of another serious flooding incident on the scheme.
- Cllr. Irlam reported back from the Superfast Broadband meeting held on 6th September 2016 at which it was made clear that the cost of superfast broadband was no more expensive than ordinary broadband but the uptake of superfast in the areas of Cumbria where it was available was not more than 32%. It was explained that the more people who signed up for superfast broadband the more money would be put into the project. It was also explained that some deep rural areas might not be able to receive fibre broadband and satellite might be the best option.

70.16 Items for the next meeting:

- Parish Leaflet

71.16 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at 7.30pm in The Yew Tree Hall

Signed: _____

Chair

Date: _____

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