

LORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on the 2ND November, 2011

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. S. Greenwood, due to business commitment. Cllr. Greenwood also tendered his resignation from the Council. There is now a vacancy. Clerk to post relevant notices. C.Cllr. E. Nicholson.
2. **Present:** Cllrs. Poate, Irlam, Postlethwaite, Deeks, Armstrong, Mr J. Hayton, LDNPA, Tracey Martin, (Street Scene Officer Allerdale B.C., and 2 members of the public.
3. **Declaration of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.

The Chair suspended the meeting and invited Tracey Martin from Allerdale Borough Council to talk to the meeting. The Street Scene Officer is responsible for recycling, quarterly road sweeping, street lights, dog fouling and pavement sweeping on request. Members were invited to ask questions. Cllr Armstrong noted weeds growing along the walls which butt up to the road and also the narrow verges. Tracey is hoping to organise a schedule with other villages to have these issues attended to. The problem of dog fouling was raised. She will check the legal situation. Cllr. Baker requested that the bin at Low Lorton be moved nearer to the recycling units as there is a problem with plastic bags being left. The Chair thanked Tracey for attending and the meeting resumed.

4. **Minutes of the meetings:-** held on the 7th September and 5th October, 2011 had previously been emailed to Cllrs. These were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Public Participation.** The Chairman proposed that the members of the public who wished to speak on matters relating to item 11 Highways Matters, and item 16 Tree planting in The Pound, would be allowed to participate at that point. All Cllrs. in agreement.
6. **Clerk Vacancy.** The Clerk submitted her resignation as at the January, 2012 meeting. The post has been advertised. Chair thanked Clerk for her work.
7. **Finance.** Balance at Bank £5232.80. Cheque were presented for payment. Clerk Salary £380.00, H.M.R.C. £95.00, Firpress Press, £121.20, and donations to the Yew Tree Hall, £200.00, After School Club £50.00, Great Nth Air Ambulance £50.00. All were approved. The Clerk presented suggested budget figures for the Financial Year End 31st March, 2012. Cllrs. approved a precept request of £5,500.00, an increase of £500.00.
8. **Planning Applications.** No new applications had been received.
9. **Planning application updates.** Appeal by Mr Banks date set as the 24th November, 2011 at the Yew Tree Hall.
10. **Police Report.** We have a new P.C.SO. Sarah Fletcher. She was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report. No incidents reported for Lorton. However she reported on the diesel thefts which are occurring in the area. Cllr. Postlethwaite reported problems with poachers. Anything suspicious to report or any concerns please telephone **0845 33 00 247 (non emergency)**, or email **allerdaleruralNPT@cumbria.police.uk**.
11. **Highway Steward.** Some previously reported problems had not yet been attended to. Clerk to chase up. A letter had been received regarding the water problem at church Park Field. Clerk to write again to Highways. Flooding problem near the new Barn on the Hope Beck Road. Clerk to report.
12. Tracey Martin, Street Scene Officer. Dealt with (see above).

13. **Proposal to restrict large coaches to Buttermere.** Parish Councillors do not support the proposal.
14. **Melbreak Communities update.** Hosting a meeting in the YTH 9th November with the E.A., managing rivers Q. & A. Steering Group Action Plan in draft form. Coffee and Cake YTH 12th November. The Co-ordinator thanked Cheryl and Ian Atkins for their hard work. The co-ordinator had attended a meeting on The Big Society.
15. **Whinlatter Parking problem.** Next meeting 10th November, 2011 at 2.30p.m. Mr Hayton reported that LDNPA had passed the application for an overspill car park. There is also a possibility of putting double yellow lines along the road.
16. **The Pound proposed tree planting.** Following the work to prevent erosion on the bank the E.A. had proposed planting trees. However not all Cllrs. in agreement with this proposal. Some planting of willow may be possible along the bank edge. Mr Tyson described a range of amenity services which cross The Pound.
17. **The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations.** Chair produced a suggested list of events for Cllrs. consideration. Yew Tree Hall committee will be holding a dance on the 2nd June, and Mark at the Wheatsheaf will be holding an event. Chair to write to organisations asking if they have any plans. Cllrs to bring ideas to the January, 2012 meeting.
18. **Correspondence.** An envelope is in circulation regarding the proposed Boundary area changes, the proposed changes to the Fire Service stations and the Broadband Champions scheme for Rural Areas.
19. **Dates of future meetings.** 11th Jan, 2012, 7th March, 2012, 2nd May, 2012, 4th July, 2012, 5th September, 2012, 7th November, 2012..

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

Signed.....Date.....

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