

**LORTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH**  
**MAY, 2011 IN THE YEW TREE HALL.**

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and 5 members of the public to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Councillor S. Greenwood, and C.Cllr. E. Nicholson.
2. **Present.** Cllrs. Poate, Postlethwaite, Irlam, Baker, Armstrong and new Cllr. P. Deeks. 5 members of the Public and Mr J Hayton (LDNPA).
3. **Declaration of Interest.** There were no declarations.
4. **Minutes of the AGM held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, and the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2011.** These had been circulated previously, and were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Public Participation.** Mr. Aitken thanked the P.C. for their work for the Community.
6. **Financial Report for the Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011.** Clerk presented the Financial Statement for the Year End, which had been approved by the Internal Auditor with no queries raised. Cllrs approved and the Annual Audit Return was completed. Clerk to send to the Audit Commission.
7. **Finance.** Balance at the Bank £4,096.27 . This included 1<sup>st</sup> payment of the precept £2,500.00. Tennis Club rent £40.00, VAT reclaim £22.95. Invoices approved for payment, CALC £117.00, AON Insurance £399.92, Local Council Review, £15.50, Lazy Lawns, £90.00.
8. **Police Report.** No report had been received. Cllr. Armstrong reported that thieves are targeting quad bikes and fuel.
9. **Highway Steward matters.** Works at High Mill had not been done. Drains at Holemire still blocked. Clerk to contact "Better Highways Team". White lining at Swinside End had been done. Some repairs at Scawghyll had been carried out.
10. **Planning.** 7/2010/2284 Mrs Barth, Rivermead. Application withdrawn, to be resubmitted 7/2011/2092 Mrs Young, Whinfell View, no objections. 7/2011/2056 Mr Banks, Certificate of Lawfulness. P.C. object.
11. **Update on other Planning matters.** Mr. Priestley, Broomlands Barn, granted LDNPA, Mr. Moore, Fairfield, Granted LDNPA, Mr Mrs Nicholson, Swinside End Farm, granted LDNPA. Mr McDowell appeal against enforcement order. Refused by Planning Inspectorate.
12. **Scawghyll.** No funding for a barrier.
13. **Whinlatter parking.** Meeting had been held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 attended by Cllrs, Poate, Postlethwaite and Armstrong. The police and members of the Forestry Commission and LDNPA along with Braithwaite P.C. also attended. Parking was a problem. F.C. to consider application for an over-fill car park. Look at Byelaws. Police stated they could not act unless members of the public rang and reported incidents of unsociable parking. Further meeting to be convened.
14. **Future of our libraries.** All library services are under discussion including the mobile library service. Clerk to write.
15. **Election of Parish Members to LDNPA.** Mr J. Hayton to stand. Cllrs. supported his nomination.
16. **Local Government Boundary** Clerk to write with statement that Lorton should stay within Cockermouth.

17. **Natural England Lakes-Dales.** Mr Hayton explained the situation regarding the National Parks. Cllrs. no comments.
18. **Correspondence.** LDNPA Parish Tours. Clerk to attend 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2011. Reply from Sustrans had been received. No further action.
19. **Date of Next Meeting.** 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2011, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2011.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.40p.m.

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