

LORTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th September., 2011

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. S. Greenwood, A. Baker, due to business commitment, and Mr J. Hayton LDNPA.
2. **Present:** Cllrs. Poate, Irlam, Postlethwaite, Deeks, Armstrong, C.C. Eric Nicholson, and 3 members of the public.
3. **Declaration of interest:** A declaration of interest was received from Cllr. Deeks regarding item 8 Mr Banks planning appeal.
4. **Minutes of the meetings:-** held on the 6th and 28th July, 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 10 Highways Matters, would be allowed to participate at item 10.
6. **Finance.** The Clerk reported that the Annual Return for the Financial Year End 31st March, 2011 to the Charity Commission regarding the playing field had been submitted on-line. Balance at Bank £5662.80 which included the 1st precept payment. Clerk explained that the 1st payment of salary under the HMRC requirement would mean the P.C. was liable for Employers NIS contributions. If payment was made 4 times a year this would bring the P.C. below the monthly threshold. Cllrs. agreed, Clerk to resubmit payslip. Clerk advised Cllrs. that at the November meeting the precept request for the Financial Year 2012-2013 would be discussed. Agreed to publicise in Link and Melbreak Communities website that any local groups requesting a grant to submit to the Clerk before the November meeting.
7. **Planning Applications.** Information only Notice of Intention for proposed agricultural building at Harrot Hill Farm.
8. **Planning application updates.** Cllr. Deeks left the meeting. 7/2010/2284 Mrs Barth, Rivermead, Low Lorton. Granted LDNPA. 7/2011/2152 Lorton School granted LDNPA. 7/2011/2092 Mrs Young, Low Lorton, Granted LDNPA, 7/2011/2184 Mr Mitchell, amendment to planning grant, approved LDNPA, 7/2011/2070 Wheatsheaf Inn Certificate of Lawful Use, granted LDNPA. Mr Banks appeal against LDNPA refusal of Certificate of Lawfulness, Mr Banks, appeal against refusal of revisions of previous 7/2004/2011. P.C. to write stating objections have not changed.
9. **Police Report.** No new incidents to report. DNA marking kits to be delivered to Clerk. More info. At the November meeting. Cllr. Postlethwaite suggested Link item asking residents to be on look out particularly with regard to agricultural theft. Anything suspicious to report or any concerns please telephone **0845 33 00 247 (non emergency)**, or email **allderuralNPT@cumbria.police.uk**.
10. **Highway Steward.** Mr Quas invited to speak regarding large coaches travelling along B5289 from Lorton to Buttermere. Incidents of traffic backlog and inconvenience. Concerned about emergency services being held up. Highways are sympathetic to the problem, TRO Consultations in November. P.C. support in principle. Mr Quas will give an update. Mr Head queried P.C. reason for requesting C2C route to be kept along Hope Beck Road, rather than re-routing back through Thackthwaite. The Chair advised the meeting that opportunity for discussing this issue (not only relevant to cyclists completing the C2C route), was specifically discussed as an Agenda Item at the meeting on

- the 6th July, 2011. It is clear there are divided opinions as to the merits of both routes. Letter had been received from resident in Thackthwaite supporting Hope Beck route. Clerk to provide Mr Head with Sustrans contact name. Matters to report to Highways, flooding along Hope Beck Road, Potholes Wheatsheaf, outside Winder Hall, Low Lorton, sign at Tenters not repaired, sign damaged at junction High Lorton,. Request for upgrade of signpost at Cass How corner and possible relocation. Road closure at Low Lorton, notices had been posted.
11. **Erosion problem The pound.** P.C. had been in touch with E.A. Mr Priestley had drawn up possible solution. Waiting for E.A. approval. Clerk had looked at possible Grants. Suggest LDNPA Sustainability Fund.
 12. **Car Parking Issues High Lorton.** Chair reported there were concerns regarding vehicles parking near the corner at the bottom of Tenters Lane. Honister Rambler has had difficulty negotiating through the village when vehicles park without allowing sufficient room to pass. P.C. to monitor the situation.
 13. **Queen's Jubilee Celebrations.** Various options discussed. Link items for suggestions. Letter had been received from Lieutenancy of Cumbria suggesting the possibility of Beacons around the County. Cllrs. to consider.
 14. **Managing Radioactive Waste Safely.** Meeting for all Allerdale P.C.'s to be held 5th October, at 7.00 p.m. in Cockermouth. 17th September at the Kirkgate Centre 2The Great Debate: nuclear: The Greenest Option?". Open to all residents.
 15. **Chair Report on the LDNPA Parish** tours to the West Coast. This had been arranged to visit Bootle to see the renovation of the beach area at Sile Croft, and a local housing project, which the Bootle Parish Council are actively involved with.
 16. **Update of meeting at Whinlatter to discuss parking problems.** Chair and members of the P.C. had attended to support Above Derwent P.C. F.C., Nat. Trust, Police, LDNPA, and Highways representatives also in attendance. Planning application was to be forwarded to the LDNPA for an overflow car park which it was hoped would solve many of the problems. Clerk to download application for P.C. to comment on.
 17. **Melbreak Communities.** Report received from Penny Poole. The first draft for a Community Plan had been submitted to the LDNPA and ACT (action with communities in Cumbria), for review. The 3rd Coffee & Cake event at the YTH 10th September, 2011. A representative from ACT will be available to give information regarding Rural Energy Advice. Coffee & Cake 15th October, opportunity to Swap and Sell surplus produce/unwanted gifts, 12th November information on various subjects will be available from AGE UK, and the final event of the year will be held on the 12th December, 2011. The Melbreak Communities agreed a donation of £150-00 towards the new Information Board at the shop.
 18. **Correspondence.** Voluntary Action Cumbria, AGM 23rd September. Chair and Clerk to attend. Information received from NALC regarding Bribery and Corruption for Councils, to circulate to members. CALC training information, Clerk to attend course on update of the Freedom of Information Act.
 19. **Dates of future meetings.** 7th September, 2011, 2nd November, 2011.

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

Signed.....**Date**.....

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