

Buttermere Parish Council

Minutes of the **December Parish Council Meeting** held on 2nd December 2014

in The Old School , Buttermere.

Present: Cllrs. R. Beard (Chairman), M. Richardson, G. Evans, A. Beard, L. Kyle, J. Crowther & M.Thompson.

Apologies for absence: Cllr. M. Parker & Cllr. A. Bowness (CCC).

Also in attendance: PCSO Megan Jones & D. Smith (Clerk)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

25.14: Declarations of Interest: None.

26.14: Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the September 2014 Parish Council meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chair.

27.14: Report from the Police:

PCSO Megan Jones reported that there have been five incidents reported to the Police for the area of Buttermere from 2nd September to present date.

- On 13th September 2014 the Police attended a road traffic collision near to High House. A car and a pedal cycle were involved. The cyclist sustained minor injuries and was conveyed to hospital to be checked over.
- On 23rd September 2014 the Police received reports of vehicles racing on narrow roads in the Buttermere area. Regular patrols were made to the area, following the incident, to monitor the issue.
- On 6th October 2014 the Police received reports of a large tree in the carriage way between Lanthwaite House, and Beck House. The Police and Highways attended the area and made the carriageway safe.
- On 8th October 2014 a female injured her leg whilst walking on the shore of Buttermere. She was conveyed to Whitehaven hospital for treatment.
- On 21st November 2014 the Police received a call from a member of public. This stated that a suspicious vehicle had been seen in their farm yard. Police located the vehicle and carried out a routine check. Everything appeared to be in order, however all details were recorded on the Police intelligence system. The Police will always advise that any suspicious persons or vehicles are reported to them on telephone number 101.

Megan then alerted those present to some incidents that had happened outwith the parish but that local residents should be aware of. These included breaking into cars that had been left at walkers car parks, the theft of sheep and the theft of farm equipment. She also informed the meeting that the annual drink drive campaign was about to start and that cars would be stopped in the mornings as well as evenings during this campaign.

The Chair thanked Megan for her attendance.

ACTION: It was agreed that the Clerk should place an awareness raising article regarding sheep theft in The Link magazine.

28.14: Clerk's Report:

Actions from the previous meeting:

22.14: Clerk to report concerns to Highways Hotline: Done but it was noted that some of the issues raised had not been dealt with (see below).

22.14: Clerk to request road sweeper visit from ABC: Done but the road sweeper has yet to visit the Parish.

23.14: Clerk to send out all payments: Done and all payments have now cleared through the account.

Correspondence: the Clerk reported that he had received the following:

1. CCC: Budget consultation information
2. CCC: Notice of Road Closure: B5289 at Gategarth Farm from 5/1/15 for 7 days
3. LDNPA: Hassness Estate: Forestry consultation
4. CCC: Commons registration information
5. LDNPA: : How we plan to manage our National Park and potential World Heritage Site
6. Reports from the Allerdale Parishes LDNPA Rep

Councillors noted the above correspondence.

29.14: Planning:

The Clerk reported that there was one new planning application to deal with:

Ref: 7/2014/2286

Location: Cornhow Farm, Loweswater CA13 9UX

Proposal: Barn conversion to provide agricultural workers dwelling

Respond by: December 17th 2014

After some discussion it was agreed that a response of 'No Objections' should be sent on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

Notice of grant of planning permission:

Councillors were asked to note the following grant of planning permission:

Ref: 7/2014/2193: Croft House farm - separation of cafe from farm house.

30.14: Highways & Parish Maintenance:

Councillors reported that the Gully Cleaner had visited the valley to deal with the blocked drain and possible culvert opposite the Old Schoolroom which after heavy rain had caused disruption to local businesses. There were some concerns expressed that the blockages had not been properly cleared.

Cllr. Beard reported that he had repaired the broken railings just to the south of Hause Point.

No additional works have been undertaken on the collapsed section of the road on the B5289 by Buttermere and this will be reported again.

It was noted that there were a number of large tree branches in the river between Scale Hill Bridge and Crummock Water. The clerk will inform the National trust of this issue.

It was agreed to request a visit from the road sweeper to try and deal with the build up of fallen leaves along the road side.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Cumbria Highways were aware of the drainage and surface problems all the way down the Newlands Pass road into the village. there is no funding available during the current financial year to undertake any remedial work on this section of the highway but it will be looked at again during the next financial year.

ACTION: Clerk to report the above concerns to the Highways Hotline.

ACTION: Clerk to request road sweeping along the main road from ABC.

ACTION: Clerk to inform the National Trust of the concern over branches in the river.

31.14: The Draft Council Budget 2015/16:

The Clerk talked Councillors through the proposed draft budget for the coming financial year. As there will be an election during 2015 a figure of £100 has been allocated for election costs, though this figure will be considerably higher if there is a contested election. Other than this the figures for the various budget headings were more or less the same as for the current financial year with a predicted spend of £1,434. Councillors agreed that there should be no increase in the precept for the coming financial year and that it should remain at £1,400.

ACTION: Clerk to inform ABC of the precept figure for 2015/16.

32.14: Council Finances:

The Clerk reported that the balance of the Community Account as per the latest bank statement dated 15th November was £830.33p.

The Clerk reported that the following payments were outstanding:

Clerk's Salary Qtrs 3 & 4:	£337.28p
HMRC PAYE Qtrs 3 & 4:	£84.40p
Clerk's Expenses Qtrs 3 & 4:	£52.00p
TOTAL:	£473.68p

All councillors present agreed to these payments and the cheques were signed.

Taking the above payments into account the reconciled balance of the Community Account as of December 2nd 2014 was £356.65p

The balance of the Business Money Manager Account as of September 15th was £1,115.53p.

The total balance of the two Parish Council accounts is £1,472.18

It was agreed that there should be an additional cheque signatory to the Council account.

ACTION: Clerk to send out all payments and get the appropriate paperwork from the bank to enable a new signatory for the account.

33.14: Items for the next meeting:

It was agreed to invited Geoff Davis, the Allerdale Parishes LDNPA Representative to attend the AGM in May.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that there would be an election in May, before the next meeting, and that both he and Allerdale Borough Council would be in touch with each Councillor prior to the election.

34.14: Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 26th May 2015 at 7.30pm in The Old Schoolroom, Buttermere.

AGM followed by the May meeting of the Council

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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