

Buttermere Parish Council

Minutes of the annual parish meeting of Buttermere Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at Old School Room, Buttermere at 7.30pm followed by March parish council meeting.

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Beard (chair), Y Kahane, E Beard, M Richardson, L Kyle, R Wilkinson, A Beard

District and County Councillors: Neither present.

Clerk: Mike Milner, one member of the public

Apologises for absence: J Temple (BPC), Alan Bowness (CCC). Cllr Carmel Bell (ADC)

The meeting opened as the Buttermere Annual Parish meeting, the parish council chair acted as chair and read his annual report. No other organisation present to make a report

Parish council meeting opened at 7.33pm

147.00 Apologises. As noted above.

148.00 Declaration of Interest. None

149.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last Buttermere parish council meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 as a true record.

149.01 Cllrs unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 3rd December 2019.

150.00 Public Participation. No reports from last meeting

7.37pm Cllr L K joins the meeting.

151.00 Police report

151.01 Clerk read police report from Cumbria Police "Your Area" map and displayed copy of the page indicating crime location in the middle of Crummock Water.

152.00 Applications for development.

152.01 Clerk advised that the storage shed at The Bridge Hotel, 7/2019/2253 and Lanthwaite Gate 7/2019/2335 had both been approved.

152.02 Prior to the meeting clerk had circulated details of the new development application at Gatesgarth Farm, 7/2020/2055. This time it was for the café development in the old barn building. Councillors unanimously approved this development now the bunk house facility had been removed. Clerk to advise LDNP planning department.

153.00 District and County Councillors Reports

153.01 Apologises received from both.

154.00 Lancaster University Traffic Survey Update.

154.01 Clerk had been contacted by a Lancaster Uni student James Taylor who had been allocated to the traffic study project. There had been an exchange of emails and the latest one only that day. J T hoped to have the parameters and aims resolved and attend the next Buttermere meeting in April or May.

154.02 Clerk to contact James and point out next meeting is May 26th.

155.00 Public toilet cleaning contract.

155.01 The parish council had been approached by LDNP about taking on the responsibility of cleaning the public toilets by the public car park. What was not made clear at the outset was that LDNP would pay the cost of wages and materials.

155.02 Clerk advised the council that their precept was £1500 p.a and that this would mean a sudden increase of income of £4000 at current contract price. Clerk could make payments under a self-employed arrangement with any cleaner, but there would be a responsibility with regard insurance. LDNP have finally agreed to put the contract out to tender and not involve the parish council.

156.00 Clerk's Progress report.

156.01 further to minute 142.02 clerk had put the local vicar in touch with National Trust about the proposals to refurbish the Old School Room. Clerk had established there is no footprint of land extending around the building to the benefit of the building.

156.02 per minute 142.04 clerk still trying to establish with Openreach progress in relation to better high-speed broadband for Buttermere.

156.03 as per minute 142.05 Highways have agreed to remark the white road junction markings by The Bridge Hotel, but they will not do the yellow lines beside Crummock Water.

156.04 Clerk had been advised about 2 damaged road signs, one at the point where Buttermere road forks off from the Lorton to Loweswater road and the other Hopebeck junction on B5289. Photos supplied and duly reported to Highways.

156.05 Clerk also been supplied with photograph of large barn by Hopebeck junction on B5289. Clerk had provided the LDNP planning department with copy of the current barn and a screen shot of the original much smaller barn courtesy of Google view taken 2010. LDNP are investigating.

156.06 minute 144.02 refers, HSBC have confirmed in writing that the bank's review of the parish account had been completed successfully no further action required.

156.07 Clerk advised councillors that their individual contact details were on the website, did any councillor object? No changes required by councillors.

156.08 Clerk has been investigating the Melbreak Communities insurance situation at the request of the Melbreak committee chair, Chris Poate who is also chair of Lorton parish council. The question was initially asked if the 4 parishes that are in the Melbreak Communities group could share the insurance between their parish polices. Clerk has studied the insurance currently in place, it has a section for employees, they have no employees. Clerk has seen the Loweswater village hall insurance policy and the clause that specifically cover use of the hall by uninsured local groups who are a non-commercial body, ie they do not make or intend to make a profit, also a hirer who is working to the benefit of the community, either social or financial. That clearly covers Melbreak Communities committee meetings and would equally apply at other public buildings. Yew Tree Hall.

156.09 Cllr Y K who is on the Melbreak committee explained she was happy with that but there were concerns about creating community plans and requesting people to take actions in the case of an emergency. Clerk explained he was about to cover that aspect. He had been involved with community plans at other parishes and that Action in Cumbria had been instrumental in promoting the government message of creating community emergency plans. Nowhere was the issue of insurance raised, it was not an action that was designed to create increased insurance sales and commission for brokers. It was to ensure that in an emergency situation, which could be flood, airplane crash, major road accident in a community, people would have a plan of action, a system of checking on old and vulnerable residents and a central meeting point. A plan to ensure that folk knew where medicines were, what was needed in an emergency overnight bag if appropriate, an attempt to stop confusion. A community plan not a blame game insurance policy sales promotion. Clerk was advising Buttermere, Lorton and Loweswater that they should not be accepting any responsibility for something considered unnecessary. He would be writing to Blindbothel clerk accordingly and also Melbreak Communities committee advising insurance unnecessary. If they wished to organise a group activity, if it involved the church, school or was in a specific parish the current insurance in place should be consulted about any actions, just as a parish currently does when organising a litter pick.

157.00 Buttermere Councillors reports

157.01 Cllr Y K updated on the current Hydro Scheme; a Ltd company had been formed to apply for the next tranche of funding. This would be a further £20k funding figure.

157.02 Cllr Y K asked the council to support a resolution allowing a Parliamentary Bill empowering local communities to sell locally generated clean energy directly to local customers by establishing a statutory Right to Local Supply. This was 2nd by Cllr L K and resolved by the council.

157.03 Cllr Y K also voiced concerns about the Lake District being considered for storage and disposal of contaminated waste from across the globe. Cumbrian Trust are monitoring the situation.

158.00 Correspondence

158.01 Friends of the Lake organising Great Cumbrian Litter pick Fri/Sat 20/21st March.

158.02 Clerk had received call about scattering of ashes around Buttermere.

158.03 Workington Town Council organising community VE Day celebrations

158.04 Communication about footway lighting, but Buttermere have NO lights.

158.05 email about a holly hedge concealing Buttermere sign. Appropriate action taken.

158.06 Email about review of Smaller Lakes Bylaws, circulated to councillors.

159.00 Payments for Approval

Intpay41, M Milner salary 4 months Dec/Mar inc £288.76, Exp' £41.16 total £329.92

Intpay42 HMRC, PAYE 4 months, £72.20

All approved

160.00 Date and time of the next meeting.

160.01 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th May 2020 and will follow the Buttermere annual parish council general meeting, which will commence at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.17pm.

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