

# **NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2010**

## **UNDERSKIDDAW PARISH COUNCIL**

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 28 April at 7.00 pm. The Parish Councillors cordially invite all residents and their friends and visitors and have arranged for your entertainment an interesting talk to be given by Mr Pat Stokes on the subject of genealogy. This will have a local angle. The talk will be preceded by a business meeting when the Chairman will present his annual report, and there will be an opportunity for the public to raise any matters of concern or interest. If you wish to give notice of these beforehand please contact the Clerk. The Annual Report was posted on the parish website after last year's meeting. Some copies of the Minutes of the last meeting will be available at this meeting, but they are included in the Report on the website.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

### **DATES OF FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Wed 26 May (AGM)

Wed 14 July

Tues 14 Sept

All at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

### **SOME THANK YOU'S**

You will have noticed that the War Memorial has been refurbished and is looking much better. A thank you is due to Paul and Bernie Brownrigg who heard that the work was being contemplated and made a very kind offer to pay for it.

Thank you also to Andrew Wilson who put in a lot of time over the winter clearing up and repairing damage after the heavy rain and bad weather.

The Parish Council would also like to thank all the residents for coming out in the dreadful weather and spreading grit, and keeping things going. A special thank you to Rodney Smith who allowed a large grit pile to be put on his land and helped to distribute it.

### **HIGHWAY STEWARDS**

For the last two years we have been ably served by our Steward Peter Barnes and many small but important matters have been kept under control. There has now been a re-organisation and Peter will be re-deployed. Our new Steward Stephen Maxwell, who is also well known locally, will be seen around the parish. He is not allocated much time each year, so if there are any particular matters you think should be dealt with please inform the Clerk, so that a list can be made up for the next visit – probably June.

### **INFORMATION FROM THE HISTORY GROUP**

It is now expected that the Underskiddaw Domesday Book will be printed in June. It will contain entries from over 90% of the parishioners describing themselves and their property, its history and previous owners. The book will only be available to parishioners. To manage the cost of printing, copies of the book must be paid for in advance. It is anticipated that this will be between £10 and £15. A flyer confirming price and method of payment details will be circulated to everyone in April.

### **PLANNING MATTERS**

The Council has supported applications for a kitchen extension at Osprey Cottage (part of Long Close) a horse arena at Cherry Bank, and solar power installations at Skiddaw House and has not objected to a rear extension at Spooney Green and internal refurbishment at Millbeck Hall.

The latest situation on The Hut in Crosthwaite Meadow is that six months have elapsed since the date of the decision to refuse planning permission for the Hut in the field. It should not therefore be possible to appeal now against that decision. The Enforcement Officer Bill Murray has been assured that the owner of the Hut and

the van is not living on the field. He also understands that the owner is seeking funding from Rural Enterprise to set up a small-holding on the land.

Sometimes planning applications have to have a response from the Parish Council before a deadline earlier than the date of the next meeting. In these cases the matter is decided at a Planning Committee Meeting – these are held in public with notice being given to councillors and put on the Village Noticeboard. Everyone has a right to attend these, although the dates cannot be predicted as it depends when the applications are received. Details of meetings and the Minutes are on the website.

### **PARISH WEBSITE**

Please have a look at the parish website [www.underskiddaw.org.uk](http://www.underskiddaw.org.uk). This is a Community Website and contributions are welcome from members of the community. These could advertise voluntary events, such as coffee mornings to raise funds for charity, but should not contain advertising material. The Council is reviewing its policy on what kind of material should be included.

### **BUS SERVICES**

The X4 Bus service has not been running along the Eastern side of Bassenthwaite lake during the period that Ouse Bridge has been closed. There was news that this service was being cancelled, without prior notice being given. Under pressure from a number of residents and the Parish Council this decision was reversed.

However a letter has been received from the County Council indicating that the 73A bus which leaves Carlisle at 8.0 am and passes through Applethwaite at 9.12 will be cancelled from 3 April. Figures show that no passenger boarded this bus in Applethwaite in the eight months from April 2009.

It is hardly surprising therefore that keeping it going cannot be justified. The remaining service through Applethwaite will continue – but presumably only so long as it is used.

### **GRIT BINS**

Councillors are looking at the number & siting of grit bins to see if more are required. If you have any comments on this, please send them to the Clerk

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