**Underskiddaw Parish Council- News Bulletin February 2016**

Below is a series of short bulletins regarding on going and upcoming matters that Underskiddaw Parish Council are currently working on. For further information on any of the matters below, or to discuss any other concerns/queries please contact the Clerk, Ms Becx Carter, on [underskiddawparishclerk@hotmail.com](mailto:underskiddawparishclerk@hotmail.com) or 07786678283

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| **Flooding December 2015**  Underskiddaw Parish Council are currently preparing a list of issues/problems/damage that occurred during the December 2015 flooding events so that they can be raised and discussed with the relevant agencies. If you wish to add any locations/information on to this list please contact the Clerk.  If you were flood affected in any way you could apply for a number of grants please visit the below:  [www.cumbriafoundation.org](http://www.cumbriafoundation.org)  <http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/flood-recovery-and-advice/financial-help-for-flooded-pro.aspx> | **Calvert Way Housing Development**  As you may be aware there is a new housing development taking place on Sheepdog Field/Calvert Way in Keswick. This housing estate actually sits within the Underskiddaw Parish.  Underskiddaw Parish Council are working on producing a ‘welcome pack’ for new residents moving into the parish, this will include the residents of Calvert Way as well as anyone that moves into the Parish.  If you have any useful local information that you feel should be included in a welcome pack for future new residents please contact the Parish Clerk. |
| **Defibrillator**  A new public access defibrillator cabinet is imminently about to be installed on Underskiddaw Village Hall in Millbeck. This valuable resource will be sited on the outside of the building, and if it is required you dial 999 and quote the number on the Defib Box and they will provide you with the access code.  These Defibrillators are designed to be used by the general public and provide simple step by step instructions for use in the event that it is needed. | **Broadband Update**  The new fibre optic cables have been installed in the new cabinet at the end of Terrace Road/bottom of Gale Road, according to the engineers who have been working on it everything is in place but has not been connected up at the Keswick Exchange yet. To get up to date information and see a map showing the approximate speed you might get, visit [www.connectingcumbria.org.uk](http://www.connectingcumbria.org.uk). Even once the cabinet goes live you will not automatically get Superfast Broadband, you will need to speak with your supplier about upgrading your service. |
| **Future Parish Council Dates**  All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and we welcome people coming along. The dates for 2016 are:  15th March at 14:00  10th May at 14:00  19th July at 14:00  20th September at 14:00  15th November at 14:00  All meetings are held in the Underskiddaw Church Rooms. | **Useful Numbers:**  Problems on the road:  If you have a concern about something on the highways network, a pot-hole, flooding, a blocked drain or if a grit bin needs refilling, then report it via  **HIGHWAYS HOTLINE: 0845 609 6609, or**  **Email:** [**betterhighways.allerdale@cumbria.gov.uk**](mailto:betterhighways.allerdale@cumbria.gov.uk) |