

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL MILLBECK on  
Thursday 28 January 2010 at 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT :** Mr J Wilson (in the Chair) Mrs J Boniface Mrs B Bulman Mrs E Helme Mr T Gibbs Mr D Roberts Mr J Wood  
In attendance : Clerk. PC Tim Hine Dr T Donaldson

**2010.01**      **Apologies**    None required

**2010.02**      **Declarations of Interest** The Chairman asked Members to disclose any interest they might have in any item on the Agenda. No such declaration was made.

**2010.03**      **Minutes**        The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 18 November 2009

**2010.04**      **Opportunity for Public Participation**

PC Hine reported that there had been no crime in the Parish since the last meeting – until the previous day when a car had been broken into. In the area there had been a 60% drop in crime and a 40% drop in anti-social behaviour. He also drew attention to the Police Pledge to which good communication was central. There would be regular public meetings where members of the public could raise any subject of concern to them. Keswick & Cockermouth worked together as a team, so there was a varying number of officers on duty who could be allocated as necessary over the area.

Dr Donaldson drew attention to the long standing matter of the culvert by the Village Hall, and also the drain by Orchard Cottage : it was essential that drains were cleaned out regularly. These issues would be taken up with the new Highway Steward and also with the Highways Department direct.

**2010.05**      **Finances**

(i) Balances in accounts - Current Account No 50829528 £1480.31  
Deposit Account No 51070916 £1314.74

(ii) It was agreed that a cheque for £150 should be paid to Andrew Wilson for extra work in clearing drains, leaves and waterways after the heavy rain.

**2010.06**      **Lake District National Park Authority**

Decisions Approvals of the following applications were noted : **Calvert Trust 7/2009/2147** Entrance Hall and entrance ramp. **Osprey Cottage 7/2009/2242** Single storey extension **Spooney Green 7/2009/2250** rear extension. **Millbeck Hall 7/2009/2260** alterations and renovation.

Core Strategy It was noted that the Council's response to the Core Strategy Consultation had been received and recorded. The public hearings on the Strategy would take place in 2010.

**2010.07**      **Allerdale Borough Council**

The Core Strategy Options paper with Spatial Options was received and put for circulation.

The new Electoral Roll was received and it was noted that the number of electors

had fallen slightly.

**2010.08**

**Cumbria County Council**

(i) Receipt of consultation on Minerals and Waste Disposal site allocations was received and noted.

(ii) It was reported that certain changes had been to the Highways Steward scheme. The Council current steward Peter Barnes had too many parishes to look after, so he would no longer be allocated to Underskiddaw, but instead Stephen Maxwell, who is also well known in the area, would be assigned to the Parish. A timetable received had suggested that he would only have 2.5 days per cycle in the parish, but he had personally confirmed that he had re-arranged his work so that he would be able to spend up to a week there. He would be coming shortly and it was agreed the Clerk should contact him and try to arrange a meeting to go round the roads. It should be reported that there was a dangerous excess of grit on the bend by Burnside.

**2010.09**

**Cumbria Association of Local Councils**

CALC newsletter for December and January and Clerks Direct were put for circulation together with the Report from the AGM of the Allerdale group of parish councils.

A large lorry from Lattimers working at Ben y Craig had damaged the bridge. Councillor Bulman had spoken to the foreman who had promised it would be repaired at the end of the job. Agreed this should be minuted.

**2010.10**

**Correspondence from Statutory Bodies**

Police Pledge as noted under 2010.04.

**2010.11**

**Extreme weather conditions – excess rain, snow and ice.**

1. A large number of floodsax was available in Keswick. Enquiries to be made who would like to have their own supply.

2. Above Lord's Seat a beck drains off the fell on to the road. There used to be netting in place which held back stones – the netting had gone and so stones fall down on to the road and block the drain. Approach to be made to CCC about this.

3. An audit of grit bins to be carried out to see if there was an adequate supply.

**2010.12**

**Footpath – Thrushwood to Keswick**

There were a number of stiles which it was very difficult to get large dogs over – approach to be made to National Park to see if dog flaps could be fitted. Possibly the Miles without Stiles initiative might be invoked which would help less agile people also with these stiles.

**2010.13**

**Derwent 7**

The proposed meeting had been cancelled owing to ice and snow and the new one had not taken place. Tina Sykes and the Clerk were to be proposed as members of the Environment sub committee.

**2010.14**

**Management of Website**

Some principles were considered about what kind of material should appear on the website. One guiding principle was that the website should be kept simple, given that one volunteer was managing it. There was a debate about what if any commercial material should be admitted on to the site – should it be kept entirely free of advertising, or should promotion of businesses operated by parishioners at least partly within the parish be allowed (similarly to the way local businesses had

been included in the appendix to the Parish Plan)? There was some support for inclusion, but also a worry that there was a danger of leaving people out. Advertising material could appear directly on the site, or by way of a link. Links were difficult to control, as one led to another. Links to official websites, such as the County and District Councils seemed harmless, but they in turn could lead on to advertising material. It was felt there was a danger of straying too far from the Parish Council and community ethos of the site. Obviously there was no problem about including information about local events and activities. It was agreed that the status quo should be maintained for the time being and that the question should be reviewed again.

**2010.15**      **Annual Parish Meeting**

This would take place on 28 April 2010. There were several suggestions for a speaker and it was agreed that Councillor Gibbs would invite Pat Stokes of Keswick Rotary to speak on the subject of genealogy.

**2010.16**      **Village Hall Report**

Councillor Helme reported that it had been decided to go ahead with the purchase of extra land at the Hall from the National Trust, and to seek confirmation in writing of the offer. Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council for its support in making a grant in relation to this.

At the AGM in February there should be some plans available for the extension, with details of scales and costs. The Committee had £22,000 in its Bank account and there was a further gift from Mrs Wivell's estate of £500.

It had been decided to donate £500 to the Keswick flood fund. The Christmas Fair had raised £1,800.

**2010.17**      **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 17 March 2010.

In its deliberations the Council took into consideration the provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and Equality and Inclusiveness legislation.