

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL MILLBECK on
THURSDAY 22 JULY 2010 at 9.30 am**

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. Mr J Rowbottom (Oakfield resident)

2010.48 **Apologies** None required

2010.49 **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.

2010.50 **Minutes** The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 26 May 2010.

2010.51 **Opportunity for Public Participation**
Mr Rowbottom was attending out of general interest, and did not wish to raise any specific issue.

2010.52 **Finances**

(i) The balances at the Bank were noted as :

Current Account No 50829528 £2032.80

Deposit Account No 51070916 £1315.20

(ii) Following cancellation of the insurance on the lap-top and printer a refund of £1.86 had been received.

(iii) Cheques were authorised as follows :

Andrew Wilson grass cutting £27

CPRE subscription £25

Parish copy of Domesday Book £15

(iv) A request from Hospice at Home North Lakes had been received for a donation. This was considered and it was agreed to donate £100.

2010.53 **Lake District National Park Authority**

(i) The Minutes of the last meeting of the planning committee were received recording that the Council had recommended approval of Application No **7/2010/2009 Underscar Manor CA12 4PH** Reconstruction of dilapidated conservatory and Application No **7/2010/2145 Fellecroft Applethwaite CA12 4PP** (erection of fence by road side). It had been agreed that the response to Application No **7/2010/2115 The Millstream, Applethwaite CA12 4PN** (two storey extension and satellite dish) should be that the development would only be acceptable if the building were set further back from the road on account of safety considerations .

(ii) Applications **7/2010/2174 Lake View Millbeck** Barn Extension and **7/2010/2182 Cherry Bank** Conservatory. The Council resolved to support both applications.

(iii) Notification had been received of the intention to carry out a condition survey of listed buildings. No timescale had been given for this. NPA had been asked to notify result.

(iv) Landscape Character Consultation This document was available only on line, and so far as the Clerk had been able to read this to date the first 177 pages were purely descriptive. Any further details would be circulated.

(v) Core Strategy A proposed new Housing Policy had been sent for comment. In principle this appeared to be acceptable – restricting development to that which had already been approved – for local need or local affordable need. The clerk was

asked to inquire what would be the effect of the abolition of Regional Assemblies, whose policies were taken into account in the Park Policy.

(vi) Up-dates

Ben y Craig The Compliance Officer had identified the changes that had been made to the approved plans during the course of the building and was to decide with his team leader whether these would be dealt with as material changes, or by requiring a new application. Clerk to ask what was decided, and in the event of the former for an updated plan.

Underscar

Erection of stone walls on the land in contravention of planning condition. The Compliance Officer had advised that he intended to take no action in respect of this. Clerk instructed to express disappointment that due procedure not being followed and to say that early intervention, following information given several months ago by the Parish Council, could have prevented a situation where it was obviously felt to be too late to act.

Opening of vehicle access on to main road : the Compliance Officer had been told by the owner's agents that this was merely maintenance of an existing access, and therefore proposed to take no action. Since this perception was contrary to the recollections of those present the Clerk was instructed to gather evidence to ascertain the true position.

Crosthwaite Meadow

The position seemed only to get worse – with a large mobile home on the field together with the blue van, sheep which did not belong to the owner, a camping site being advertised and some drainage having been installed. Clerk instructed to continue to work so far as possible with Compliance Officer to a satisfactory outcome.

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Cumbria County Council

Possible closure of Brundholme Road No official notification of this had been received, only a notice of temporary closure. Any information received had been via Mr Spedding's office. In principle the Councillors would like to oppose this most vigorously, but it was felt an informed view would have to be given once the facts and pros and cons were known. Concern was expressed at the number of roads in the area which had been closed over the years. Closure of this one would leave parish residents vulnerable. Clerk to seek more information and ensure the Council was consulted.

Grit Bins

Clerk needed to collate information received and contact the appropriate department.

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Cumbria Association of Locl Councils

Receipt was noted of Circulars for June and July/August, and Employers' Handbook. Agreed Clerk should purchase new Guide to Finance (£8) and seek reimbursement at next meeting.

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Members' Reports

Village Hall Cllor Helme reported that concern remained at the erosion of the building from the beck and that some work was to be done. There had been little

progress in relation to the purchase of land. Quotes were being obtained for work suggested at the Village Hall AGM in particular improved lighting. There was £25,000 in the account. Mrs Jean Welch at Fell Croft was the new Secretary.

There had been no recent meetings of the Neighbourhood Forum.

Derwent 7

Cllor Roberts indicated he would have to stand down from the central group as he was over-committed but he would remain on the Transport sub-group. Nick Moor would continue on the Housing Group. Mr Moor would go to all meetings and if he had difficulty would call on individual councilors. Councillors agreed the proposal to close the vehicle access round the back of Thirlmere should be strongly opposed.

Village Domesday Book had recently been produced and met with great admiration. Clerk instructed to write to congratulate the History Group.

Chapel Clerk instructed to find out if planning permission would be required to instal a septic tank in a field on the far side of the road and to lay a drain under the road to connect to it.

Date of next meeting 21 September 2010 at 9.30 am

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.