

UNDERSKIDDAW PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING held in the Underskiddaw Village Hall on Tuesday 18th
November 2014 at 2.30pm

PRESENT : Mr J Wilson (in the Chair); Mrs B Bulman; Mrs J Boniface; Mr I Hall

In attendance : Bex Carter Clerk. Councillor Marion Fitzgerald Allerdale BC, Mr T Donaldson (resident), Matthew Davies (CCC), Steph Davis Johnston (CCC)

2014.77 **Apologies for absence.** Mr T Gibbs, Mr C Corder, Mr T Ryan

2014.78 **Minutes** The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 16th September 2014 as a true and accurate record.

2014.79 **Declarations on Interest.** The Chairman requested Members should declare any interest they had in any of the Agenda items. No declarations of interest were received.

2014.80 **Public Participation**

Mr T Donaldson raised a concern that the Clerks contact details weren't on the village noticeboards.

Action: Clerk to create a laminated sign showing her contact details and the mobile telephone number & email address of the chairman

Mr T Donaldson also raised the issue of the condition of the road between the A591 & Millbeck. Cllr Wilson informed Mr Donaldson that Cumbria County Council had visited the site and confirmed that there was no damage to the road surface that was classified as a pothole (40mm deep), however they recognised that large patches of the surface were damaged and required work. It was confirmed by CCC that this was scheduled for in the New Year.

2014.81 **A591 Speed Limit**

Matthew Davies and Steph Davis Johnston from Cumbria County Council attended to discuss this matter. They circulated a copy of the report that was produced following an exercise earlier in the year which reviewed the speed limits on all A & B roads within the county (as directed by the Department of Transport). The outcome of this exercise for the A591 was that no speed limit change was required. During this exercise the road was assessed on site, speed was assessed at a number (over 10 sites), and previous accident reports were looked at. CCC would consider localised solutions to any specific problems e.g. signage on the roads (SLOW etc), or signs highlighting a particular hazard etc.

Matthew & Steph confirmed that they would welcome Parish Council thoughts on any specific locations that are viewed as having safety concerns.

Initial concerns of the Parish Council were the areas around the Calvert Trust, and the Bassenthwaite/Castle Inn Junction. Other concerns were about the types of traffic on the road and potential problems e.g. large/heavy vehicles, buses, cyclists, and pedestrians. It was also noted during the meeting that the Applethwaite, Millbeck junctions both have a limited site line.

Action: Clerk to re-agenda this matter for the January meeting to enable a full list of locations and concerns to be produced for submission to CCC for consideration of a localised solution/mitigation.

2014.82

Clerks Report

The clerk had circulated in advance of the meeting a written clerks report, providing a list of all correspondence received for information, and an update on all actions from the previous meeting. Unless mentioned below receipt of correspondence was noted.

Correspondence Item 6 & 28- Email from Antoinette Ward re 73/73A bus service. The clerk read out these two emails regarding the ceasing of this bus service. Receipt of this was noted and it was agreed that the matter would be agenda'd again in the New Year if Caldbeck Parish Council requested support for a publicity drive to increase usage on the service in the hopes of making the service sustainable for Winter 15/16.

*Correspondence Item 7-*Response from LDNPA re Squirrel Cottage variation to local occupancy clause. The LDNPA confirmed that whilst Parish Councils are not normally consulted on variations to S.106 agreements in future following our request we will be consulted on any future applications of this nature. The letter also confirmed that on this occasion the S.106 could not be extended to cover Gae Brant if the properties were amalgamated once more as this would put Gae Brant into a position different to that which it was in prior to the original application to create Squirrel Cottage.

Correspondence Item 15- Cliff Bar-Request to host an ultra distance fell race through the Parish on the 27th June- **Resolved** that the Parish Council had no objections to this event taking place it caused no problems in 2014 when it was held.

*Correspondence Item 18-*Pay Proposals Update- The clerk informed the council that if the National Pay Proposals were agreed it would result in a 2.2. % Pay rise for the clerk which would be in the region of £48 per annum. This information was noted.

Further Correspondence- The date of the next CALC Allerdale Meeting was confirmed as 11th December in Fletchertown.

Further Correspondence- 3 Directly elected members of Smaller Councils Committee- No nominations were put forward from Underskiddaw Parish Council

The clerk updated the council on her actions from the previous meeting, unless otherwise noted all actions were deemed to be completed:

2014.67-Website- Clerk informed councilors that the new website www.underskiddawparishcouncil.co.uk was now fully populated and operational.

2014.67- Clerk to contact Northwest Ambulance Service re First Responder Training Needs- Confirmation has been received from the NWAS that the relevant volunteer will receive the relevant training by the end of November

2014.68- Clerk to write to Mr Cockbain re the planting of trees on his land- A response has been received from Mr Cockbain who confirmed that unfortunately due to the complications that would arise from this with regard to his Single Farm Payments, and subsidies he would not be willing to have trees planted on his land.

2014.70-Road between Applethwaite and A591- Covered above (2014.80)

2014.83 **Consider Co-option of Councilor**

Mr Ian Hall had submitted an application for co-option which was read out by the clerk.

Resolved by all councilors present to co-opt Mr Ian Hall on the vacancy on Underskiddaw Parish Council.

Mr Ian Hall signed the declaration of acceptance of office form, which was witnessed by the clerk as proper officer to the council.

Action: Mr Hall to complete the declaration of pecuniary interest form and return it to the clerk for filing.

2014.84 **Finances**

i) **Cheques** were approved for payment by all present and signed by Cllrs Wilson & Bulman:

Ms P Soulsby – Donation for Poppy Wreath	£20
HMRC (PAYE)	£98.40
Becx Carter (Salary)	£394.10
Becx Carter Expenses (Inc Website costs)	£428.75
Cumbria Payroll Services (PAYE Services)	£14
Jan Boniface (Website costs)	£8.38
Data Protection	£35.00

Action: Clerk to process the above payments

ii) **Completion of the Concurrent Grant Form**

That the clerk had completed the form and submitted it with the relevant evidence to support the £34 of grant claimed

iii) **Consideration of precept for 15/16**

The clerk had circulated a proposed budget for 15/16 which was based on the actual and remaining expenditure for the current financial year and estimated costs for any additional expenditure known for 15/16.

Allerdale Borough Council have not yet decided on how much Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) will be passed on to councils.

Election costs for 2015 have not yet been confirmed, it is estimated that an election would cost around £1300-£1500 and Parish Councils would be expected to bare about 1/3 of the cost. If the election was uncontested costs would be much lower.

Resolved that the council felt that the costs in this draft budget were reasonable but no final decision would be made until further clarity was received from ABC on its sections of the budget.

Action: Clerk to agenda this for the January meeting and update the budget as required.

iv) **Request for Funding Allerdale Credit Union**

This request was considered by the council but it was felt that funding this was not relevant to the Parish Council

v) **Request for Funding- Great North Air Ambulance**

Resolved that £100 be included in the 15/16 budget as a donation to the Great North Air Ambulance

Action: Clerk to convey this decision to the Great North Air Ambulance

2014.85

Lake District National Park Authority

i) Decisions: The following decisions were noted by the council:

1 Briar Rigg, Keswick 7/2014/2205- New detached 2 storey dwelling house- APPROVED with conditions-

Keswick Wastewater Treatment Works Keswick 7/2014/2194- Confirmation of compliance with condition no 3 (Colour of kiosk) on planning app- COMPLIES with condition

Gillside, Millbeck, Keswick, CA12 4PS- Demolition of existing garage to form 2 No Parking spaces. APPROVED with conditions

Barley House, Underskiddaw, Keswick 7/2014/2222-Extension to existing dwelling to provide entrance hall, improved kitchen/dining- APPROVED with conditions

Squirrel Cottage, Millbeck, Keswick, 7/2014/2224-Application to discharge S.106 agreement (Occupancy) on planning applications- APPROVED unconditionally

ii) Sewage Works: Cllr Jim Wilson provided an update on this matter. Caroline Bromwell has now left UU. The new contact for the council is Ronnie Smith. Communication to date has been difficult but lines are now re-opened.

Councillors are concerned that the new structure that has been erected is higher, in a different location and with a tower contrary to the UU Site Plans.

Resolved that the clerk request a site visit be organized between Parish Councillors, Cllr Marion Fitzgerald of ABC to look at these issues.

Action: Clerk to organize this and circulate the dates to all relevant personnel.

The clerk confirmed that a response had been received to the concerns regarding the landscape plan that were raised with UU earlier in the Summer. The response confirmed that revised Landscape Plans and cross sections would be with the council w/c 17th November. In addition to these plans planting along the Eastern Boundary will be thickened. Confirmation was also received that planting would take place higher up the slope within the Wastewater Treatment Works to further screen the site.

Action: Clerk to locate the approved LDNPA Plans to enable comparisons between these and the structures on site to be undertaken.

Action: Cllr Boniface to provide a written summary of the Sewage works to Cllr Marion Fitzgerald & the Clerk.

iii) Proposed Development in Sheep Dog Field

A public meeting regarding this development had taken place. One concern raised was how to ensure that the public footpath was maintained. One of the possible options is to request that a public footpath is created through the development as a condition of any planning permission.

iv) Planning Applications for Consideration

7/2014/2279 Crosthwaite Conference Centre, Church Lane, Keswick- Temporary use of agricultural fields to accommodate campers and caravanners attending the Keswick Convention in Summer 2015-

Resolved that all councilors were in favour of supporting this application.

Action: Clerk to submit these comments to LDNPA

v) LDNPA Management Plan for Consideration

The summary and covering letter regarding this had been circulated to all councilors with the meeting papers.

Councilors agreed that to enable full consideration of this matter they would like to read the full document.

Action: Clerk to request one hard copy of this document for councilors to read.

Action: Clerk to re-agenda this matter for the January council meeting.

vi) LDNPA Woodland Plan for Consideration

This document had been circulated for all to read with the meeting papers.

Resolved that all councilors supported the content of this document and had no comments to make

2014.86

Allerdale BC

Cllr Fitzgerald provided the following updates:

- a) National Grid NorthWest Connections Project- The consultation ends on the 28th November. The pylons would only be built if the new nuclear power station at Moorside comes on line. The northern preferred route from Moorside to Harker is overland and would involve pylons of 65m in height. It is not yet confirmed if the exiting pylons would be removed if these were built as the existing pylons are owned by Electricity Northwest and not the National Grid. The south route has a number of options the preferred one for Friends of the Lake District is the under the sea option however this is the most costly. The other suggested options are within visibility of the national park.

Action: All to submit comments online if they wish.

- b) Solar Farm at Bothel- Cllr Fitzgerald notified the council that ABC are currently considering an application for a 29.7hectare site for 58,000 solar panels. The LDNPA & Natural England have objected.

Resolved that Underskiddaw Parish Council would like to object to this application on the grounds of the potential detrimental impact this development would have on the tourism. This is one of the major tourist routes into the Lake District.

Action: Clerk to submit these comments.

- c) **Community Land Trusts-** Cllr Fitzgerald passed information on these to the council for their information

2014.87 **Cumbria County Council**
Highways Update
Covered above.

Securing Our Future Budget Consultation

The clerk had circulated a summary of this consultation to all councilors. Following a robust discussion it was **resolved** that:

- Underskiddaw Parish Council support the 2% increase in Council Tax
- Underskiddaw Parish Council object to changing the way road maintenance is managed and which roads should be worked on (Proposals 8 & 7)
- Underskiddaw Parish Council support the consideration of a move to a Unitary Authority for Cumbria

Action: Clerk to submit the above comments to CCC, and to notify CALC of the councils position regarding unitary authority

2014.88 **Cumbria Association of Local Councils**

- a) The council noted receipt of the monthly circulars from CALC
- b) The minutes of the CALC Meeting held on the 25th September 2014 were noted

2014.89 **Consultations for Consideration**

None

2014.90 **Admin Issues**

None

2014.91 **Derwent 7**

- a) Noted receipt of the draft minutes of the Derwent 7 Steering Group meeting held on the 22nd September 2014
- b) It was noted that the next meeting of the Derwent 7 would take place on Monday 15th December at 19:00 venue TBC.
- c) Underskiddaw Parish Council requested that the issue of rural bus services be included on the next agenda
- d) The Clerk informed the meeting that the Derwent 7 have been approached regarding the possibility of trialing the use of re-usable recycling bags. **Resolved** that Underskiddaw Parish Council would support this trial.

2014.92 **Members Reports**

None received

2014.93 **Date & Time of the Next Meeting**

Tuesday 20th January-14:30
Meeting dates for 2015 were approved.

Meeting Closed at 16:28