

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL MILLBECK ON
Wednesday 18 November 2009 at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT : Mr D Roberts (in the Chair) Mrs J Boniface Mrs B Bulman Mrs E Helme Mr T Gibbs

In attendance : Clerk. Police Constable Greg Auld

2009.84 **Apologies** J Wilson and J Wood

2009.85 **Declarations of Interest** None made

2009.86 **Minutes** The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 16 September 2009

2009.87 **Opportunity for Public Participation**

No parish resident was present. Constable Auld was present representing Cumbria Police. He had no incidents to report in the Parish. He drew attention to the fact that Keswick Police Station was manned every day, except Thursday and Sunday, from 9 to 5. He would forward details of the new Policing Pledge. He confirmed the police would respond to calls about vehicles parking if they were causing an obstruction such that the fire engine could not get through.

2009.88 **Finances**

(i) The balances in the accounts were reported to be as follows :

Current Account : £2412.31

Deposit Account : £1314.51

(ii) Cheques were authorized to be signed as follows :

Royal British Legion for Poppy Wreath £17

A Wilson Grass Cutting £58

Hall Hire (refund to Clerk) £57.50

Clerk's Salary £800

(iii) Requests for donations were received and it was agreed to send £100 to Air Ambulance, but not to send a donation to Allerdale Disability Group.

(iv) A paper was considered forecasting the year end position for 2009/2010 which indicated that a surplus was expected to be available to be carried forward of £2,700. Expenditure was predicted of £2800 on the basis of inflationary increases on last year's expenditure and the setting aside of a reserve of £750 to meet any election expenses. Councillors agreed that this gave leeway for a grant of £1,000 to be offered to the Village Hall Committee in connection with the purchase of land in certain circumstances. IT WAS RESOLVED therefore that £1,000 should be put into reserve £500 of which was for use for the purchase of land by the Village Hall Committee at the Village Hall site and £500 was for use so far as required for costs of acquisition of the land, planning fees and ancillary costs, such reserve to be held for a period of 2 years and if not required before the meeting to be held in November 2011 to be reviewed at that meeting. This was agreed to be shown in the budget, and the budget paper as annexed was resolved to be passed. The precept was to be set at £3,000 and a grant of £200 for grass cutting was to be applied for.

2009.89 **Lake District National Park Authority**

(i) The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 28 October 2009 were received and it was noted that the Committee had agreed to support both applications under consideration, namely **7/2009/2231 Cherry Bank Dancing Gate** proposed horse training arena for private use and **7/2009/2242 Osprey Cottage** kitchen

extension.

(ii) The Council considered two new planning applications : **7/2009/2250 Spooney Green** Rear Extension and **7/2009/2260 Millbeck Hall** alterations and renovations to listed building (all internal). It was agreed not to object to either of these.

(iii) The decision for the re-alignment of the footpath at **Chestnut Cottage** was noted.

(iv) The Council approved the Clerk's response to the consultation on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy document. This had sought to clarify that although there was neither a Service Centre or a Village (as defined in the Strategy) in the Parish nevertheless future housing development would not be totally prohibited by the constraints in the document. An informal intimation had been received that the ambiguity in the document would be dealt with by way of amending the explanatory text relating to policies CS02, CS03 AND CS04 (location of housing development). (v) The Local Access Forum Report was received and would be put for circulation.

(vi) The existing wording of the text on the Noticeboard at the Village Hall would be sent round for any suggestions to be made.

2009.90

Allerdale Borough Council

The Consultation on Community Involvement would be summarised and sent round.

2009.91

Cumbria County Council

Your Cumbria would be circulated. In response to the consultation about the future of education the Council welcomed the money which had been spent locally.

Highways The Highway Steward had all the reported matters in hand except those which were too big for him to do. These were : the road down from the Village Hall to Crookelty; the verge damage on the junction at Crookelty; the bridge parapet; the stone under the Mill Race culvert by the Village hall; the road down past Underscar; the crinkled pavement opposite Common Hill and the high hedge beside the bus stop at Applethwaite Junction.

2009.92

Cumbria Association of Local Councils

The Monthly circulars and Clerks Direct would be circulated.

2009.93

Correspondence from Statutory Bodies

Environment Agency : map showing updated river network was approved as correct.
Social Care consultation – designed for users of such care : it was agreed to circulate for Councillors to consider if anyone in the Parish would be able to contribute to this.
Eden Valley Core Strategy Plan Document – noted and put for circulation.

2009.94

Derwent 7 Joint Parishes group

Cllor Roberts reported that Allerdale were attempting to rationalise provision of environmental services. Street scene officers were to be appointed whom the public could contact direct and they would be rather like urban highway stewards, with whom they would work closely.

In the Housing Section there were some problems about how low cost and Housing Association shared Equity schemes could be reconciled with other legislation which required HA's to advertise property at commercial rates.

One achievement in the Transport section was to have more timetables attached to bus stops.

The environment sub group would become more active and sought members from each Parish. It was suggested the Cllor Roberts should approach a resident who might be interested, and the Clerk was also interested in this group. Keswick was looking into street lighting which only came on when there were passers by, instead of being full on all night. Allotments were also on the Agenda. There were concerns about the heavy traffic connected with construction projects.

2009.94

Website

The Annual Report on the last newsletter had been posted; the planning committee papers would shortly go up.

2009.95

Members' Reports

Village Hall Committee

At the last meeting there had been an update on the extension project. There was also more information on the hydro electric proposal – the pipe would cross land belonging to 7 different owners. United Utilities had until recently held an abstraction licence. This might make it easier for one to be obtained. The idea of having a free energy audit was under consideration.

Date of next Meeting Thursday 28 January 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.