

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL MILLBECK ON
Wednesday 16 September 2009 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.

2009.72 **Apologies** None required.

2009.73 **Declarations of Interest** None made

2009.74 **Minutes** The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 8 July 2009

2009.75 **Opportunity for Public Participation**
No member of the public was present.

2009.76 **Finances**
The Clerk reported that the Accounts for 2008/2009 had been approved by the External Auditor and notice could be given accordingly.
The balances in the accounts were reported to be as follows :
 Current Account : £969.16
 Deposit Account : £1314.28
The following cheques were resolved to be signed :
 BDO - Audit Fee £57.50
 J Boniface - Website expenses £45.85

A valuation had been received valuing the War Memorial at £7,900 + VAT on a replacement basis.

2009.77 **Lake District National Park Authority**
Refusal Notice of Refusal had been received for Hut at Crosthwaite Meadow 7/2009/2066 on the grounds that the Shed was considered to be harmful to the character and appearance of the area by reason of its isolated and prominent location, unrelated to its surroundings and out of harmony with them. Clerk to write to Enforcement Officer regarding change of position and fencing. The Van appeared to be permanently in position.
To note Notice of Intention to replace a BT pole at Millbeck Place. The Parish Council had no standing to object, but a letter should be written expressing disappointment the cables were not placed underground.
Up-date The Stables Thrushwood. The enforcement officer had indicated that no action would be taken as some of the structure complained about had been in place for over 4 years. This was to be checked regarding the Container as it was thought to be fairly recent.

2009.78 **Cumbria County Council**
The Review and Highway up-date were received and noted.
Letter to go to CCC regarding corner at Crookelty which Highway Steward had advised needed to be kerbed. Also to complain about the state of Millbeck Lane, which had been reviewed by the Highway Steward but required more resources than he had. Condition of road below Ormathwaite Farm, and overhanging trees and large potholes on Gale Road also to be mentioned.

2009.79

CALC

The Council noted receipt of the circulars for August and Septemebr and Clerk's Direct.

2009.80

Derwent 7 Group of Parishes

Doubts had been expressed at the previous council Meeting about the wisdom of committing the Parish to belong to this organisation. Cllor Roberts had been asked to identify the problems envisaged and evaluate them.

(i) There was concern that to have a consitutuion was too formal : however without it there would be no access to grants and other funds.

(ii) It would add another layer of bureaucracy : it would not be a separate level, but parishes working together. Community Plans will allow access to more funding.

(iii) It would be a Quango : not staffed by officers with delegated powers but all elected members.

(iv) Could this not be done through Keswick Area Partnership : this is folding up next month.

There were a number of successful clusters, from whom we could learn. One big worry had been the lengthy formal Consitution – this was to be simplified.

At a meeting the previous week three sub groups were set up : on Housing, Transport, and Youth. These groups could pull in senior officials, who wold be more effective in helping the groups to achieve their ends.

Housing NPA were lookng at idea of clustering areas for housing needs purposes. They were also addressing a second homes policy.

Transport Currently focussing on co-ordinating buses and trains – for work access as well as ordinary domestic use. Re-timing of services was being looked at.

Youth Group were writing an action plan.

Possible an Environment Group would be set up.

Councillors expressed the view that although there could be dangers in the scheme it would be unwise not to take part, initially at least given the right to withdraw. It was agreed to start to participate and monitor progress.

2009.81

Neighbourhood Forum

The last meeting had beengiven a presentation from Chris Briggs of Cumbria CC on preparation for major emergencies.

Grants had been given to Fitz Park Play Area (£500), Music North (£500) Keswick in Bloom for tree felling on Lake Road (£300) SusKes for new allotments (£500) and Civic Society for Town trail project (£500). Cllor Roberts offered to mention to Bill bell that there might be money for the hydro project.

2009.82

Website

Cllor Boniface reported that the Village hall page had now ben added to the site, with details of forthcoming events. The bill for the Website related to time spent on floating the website free of its link to the host website.

2009.83

Members' Reports

There had been no recent meetings of the Village Hall Committee, but there was to be one on 18 September to which Cllor Boniface agreed to go in the absence of Cllor Helme.

Date of next meetings Wednesday 18 November 2009 & Thursday 28 January.