**UNDERSKIDDAW PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF THE MEETING held in the Underskiddaw Church Rooms on Tuesday 19th January 2016 at 14:00**

**PRESENT :** Mrs J Boniface (in the Chair) Mrs Bulman, Mr Chris Corder,, Mr T Gibbs,

In attendance : Becx Carter Clerk, C/Cllr Alan Bowness, Dr T Donaldson, PCSO Catherine Smith, PCSO Peter Chrome

**2016.01 Apologies for absence.**

Cllr I Hall & Cllr J Wilson

**2016.02 Minutes of the 17/11/15**

**Resolved** that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record by Cllr J Boniface in his role as Chair of the meeting.

**2016.03 Declarations on Interest.** The Chairman requested Members should declare any interest they had in any of the Agenda items.

No declarations of interest or requests for dispensations were received.

**2016.04 Public Participation**

*Police Report*

PCSO Catherine Smith, & PCSO Peter Chrome attended the meeting.

**Resolved** that the Police report listing 2 incidents since the last meeting be noted as received.

**Resolved** by all present that formal thanks be mintued to all emergency services (Police, Fire, Mountain Rescue etc) for their response to the December 15 flooding.

**Resolved** that it be noted how much Underskiddaw Parish Council appreciated the speedy response from the CCC with regards to re-surfacing the A591 within the parish following the damage caused by Storm Desmond.

*Dr T Donaldson*

Raised a number of highways issues:

* That Millbeck Road is still in a very poor condition and despite a number of verbal promises made back in 2014 this road has now been resurfaced
* Drains- There is a drain that is blocked 30yrds the Millbeck side of the Village Hall, it has been blocked for many months yet still has not been resolved. Various crews have attended but the blockage/problem is more than 3ft from the surface so hasn’t been resolved.

**Resolved** that the Clerk continue to pursue these matters with the relevant authorities. Repairing the drains is not something that can be undertaken by the Parish Council due to potential liabiliites.

**Action: Clerk to continue pursuing both of these matters with CCC Highways.**

*C/Cllr A Bowness*

Attended the meeting to look for feedback on flood related issues. He informed the council that CCC can claim relief from central Government for storm damage as a result of Storm Desmond. C/Cllr A Bowness encouraged all problems/damaged to be reported ASAP.

Councillors raised the following areas of concern:

- At the initial time of the heavy rain in early December the culvert on the (normally dry) beck/fell side of the Applethwaite top road and opposite Sydenham House was blocked giving rise to excessive water on the road and subsequent property flooding/damage in various places. The culvert has two discharge pipes, one to the beck (good) and the other to open land (bad?), and both were obstructed. These were cleared later after the really heavy rain and one effect was that water then passed through Applethwaite farmyard, out onto Raven Lane and then, there being no gutters, flowed openly down this road. This culvert also blocked in the 2012 flooding with consequent damage. Is it of good enough design and size for heavy rain conditions? Should there be an open discharge? What are the maintenance arrangements?

-Damage has been caused on the Applethwaite road near Croft House (The drop off from the side of the road has been washed out resulting in a very large ‘drop off’), a new drainage channel/run has also been sculpted by the water which could cause damage to vehicles if they drove into it.

-Water flowed through Millbeck Cottage/s possibly caused by gravel/debris building up behind bridges and causing flooding

**Resolved** that the Clerk contact the relevant authorities regarding these issues EA, CCC etc.

**Action: Clerk to contact the relevant authorities and raise concern regarding these issues**

**Action: Cllr J Boniface to provide the Clerk with contact details for Mr & Mrs Sheldon to enable the Clerk to establish the circumstances surrounding their flooding.**

**Action: Cllr T Gibbs to look back through his records to find details of meeting with EA regarding flooding/ghylls etc.**

The Council noted concern regarding the amount of money proposed to be spent on the West Cumbria Water Pipeline Project as opposed to spending the funds on flood relief/mitigation etc.

**2016.05 Clerks Report**

**Resolved** that the Clerks Report be noted.

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.

1. *Cumbria Deal*

The Clerk informed the meeting that no further decisions have been made at a National level.

**Action: Clerk to continue providing updates on this matter when and if further information becomes available.**

1. *Broadband Update*

The Clerk confirmed that Connecting Cumbria have informed her that the Keswick Area Cabinet 13 is still being worked on and should be live by Spring 2016.

**Action: Clerk to continue requesting updates on this matter.**

1. *Sheepdog Field Drainage Update*

The Clerk informed the meeting that a positive meeting had been held with the contractors working on Calvert Way & with Cllr J Wilson from U/S Parish Council. The Contractors acknowledged the problems with the run off from the site and are doing everything they can to mitigate this issue. Once the development is completed large soakaways will deal with this issue on a permanent basis. In the meantime the developers have agred to move the large spoil heaps away from this lower boundary of the site to try and alleviate the issue.

**Resolved** that the council noted this information and thanked the developers for trying to do everything possible to alleviate/reduce the problems.

1. *Keswick School Classroom Update*

The Clerk informed the meeting that a response has now been received a response from the LDNPA further acknowledging some ‘misgivings’ about elements of the scheme as per an earlier email to the council (discussed at the September meeting). The LDNPA suggested that the problem of light emissions from the building producing a stark contrast with the ‘black box’ could be addressed with the fitting of internal blinds.

**Resolved** that Cllr J Boniface raise this matter informally with the finance and premises committee at Keswick School

1. *Archiving*

The Clerk informed the meeting that she was in the process of sorting the Parish Council documents to enable those of historic record to be taken for secure and accessible storage at the Carlisle Archives centre.

**Resolved** that the Clerk continue with this process.

**Action: Clerk to continue with the archives process.**

1. *Little Dodd Garden Centre/House*

**Resolved** that it be noted that the LDNPA & the selling agent are aware that there is a condition on the new house at Little Dodd that it should only be occupied by a person employed at the Garden Centre. At the moment no breach of the condition has occurred as neither property has sold. The LDNPA are monitoring this.

**2016.06 Finances**

1. *Bank Balances*

**Resolved** that these were noted as

Current Account £3,391.00 at 1st January 2016

Money Manager Account £2,6242.32 at 31st December 2015

*ii) Cheques*

**Resolved** that the following cheques were approved for payment by all present and signed by Cllrs Boniface & Wilson:

CPRE Subscription £36

Village Hall Room Hire £60

**Action: Clerk to process the above payments**

1. *Approval of financial reports.*

**Resolved** by all present that the bank reconciliation and spend against budget were a true and accurate reflection,

1. *Consideration of draft budget for 16-17*

A revised budget showing spend to date had been circulated. No change was made to the resolution of 2015.90 that the precept be raised by 2%.

1. *Request for donation to Great North Air Ambulance*

**Resolved** by all present that a donation of £100 be made under S.137 to the Great North Air Ambulance

**Action: Clerk to organize this donation to be paid.**

**2016.07 Parish Plan**

It was **resolved** that no further updates were necessary at this stage. The item to remain on the agenda for all future meetings

**Action: Clerk to include this on future meeting agendas.**

**2016.08 Calvert Way Welcome Packs**

**Resolved** by all present that this be deferred until the next meeting. All to consider what should be included in them. **Resolved** that this pack to not be restricted to Calvert Way residents but to any residents new to the parish.

**Action: Clerk to prepare a ‘useful numbers’ document for inclusion in the welcome pack.**

**2016.09 Flooding**

Covered above

**2016.10 Newsletter**

A discussion was held regarding if/how a future Newsletter should be prepared & distributed given that for various reason a number of councilors are not able to distribute the Newsletter.

**Resolved** that the Clerk prepare a Newsletter ASAP including the following articles, this will then be left at key places in the parish (Village Hall ,Church, Noticeboards etc) and circulated via email to all councilors for further distribution in addition it will also be available on the website.

Articles:

-Flooding- Request for information on problems/issues caused by Dec 15 flooding

-Defib at VH-Article by Maggie Climie

-Broadband Update- By Maggie Climie

-Useful numbers e.g. Clerk, Better Highways etc

-Future meeting dates

-Future Village Hall Events

-Mention of a welcome pack for new residents and suggestions for items to be included

**2016.11 Lake District National Park Authority**

1. Decisions:

**Resolved** that the following decisions be noted as received.

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| Ref | Location | Proposal | Decision |
| 7/2015/2230 | Oakside, Keswick, Cumbria | Variation of condition no.2 of planning decision 7/2012/2191 | Approve with conditions |
| 7/2015/2232 | Underscar Manor, Underskiddaw | Erection of earth-bermed renewable energy building to house biomass boiler etc | Approve with conditions |
| 7/2015/2233 | Underscar Manor, Underskiddaw | Erection of earth-bermed renewable energy building to house biomass boiler etc. | Listed building consent |
| 7/2015/2247 | Beechings Folly, Brundholme Road | Ancillary accommodation to replace static caravan | Approved with conditions |
| 7/2015/2257 | White stones, Underskiddaw, Keswick | Alteration to existing balcony to incorporate into existing bedroom | Approved with conditions |
| 7/2015/2258 | Millbeck Hydro Powerhouse, Millbeck | Confirmation of compliance with conditions no 7 & 8 of planning approval | Complies with conditions |
| 7/2015/2087 | Keswick Waste Water treatment plant | Retrospective application for a primary settlement tank, kiosk, caustic dosing unit | Approve with conditions |
| 7/2015/2262 | Ormathwaite Hall, | New vehicular access | Approve with conditions |
| 7/2015/2263 | Ormathwaite Hall | New vehicular access | Listed building consent granted |
| 7/2015/2265 | Underscar Manor | Alterations to basement to install sauna and associated facilities | Listed building consent granted |

1. Sewage Works

**Resolved** that it be noted that the retrospective application had been granted subject to a condition stating that within 6 months the kiosks and shower cubicle be painted a colour agreed by the Planning Authority.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the LDNPA had agreed that the Parish Council would be consulted on any choice.

**Action: Clerk to pursue this with the LDNPA in due course**

**Action: Clerk to check if the final landscaping place has been submitted/approved by the LDNPA**

1. Planning Applications for Consideration

**Ref:** 7/2015/2298

**Location:** 1-55 Calvert Way, Keswick

**Proposal:** Variation of condition 2 (amended roof plan) and 11 (use of blue slate only) of application 7/2014/2300

**Resolved** by all present that they had no comments or objections

**Action: Clerk to submit these comments**

**2016.12 Allerdale BC**

None received

**2016.13 Cumbria County Council**

*Highways*

Covered above

*A591 Closure between Grasmere & Keswick*

**Resolved** that Underskiddaw Parish Council are concerned regarding the on-going closure of the A591 and its impacts, however the council recognized that strenuous efforts are being made to resolve the problem as soon as possible

*U2228 Applethwaite Road Closure*

**Resolved** that the Council note receipt of this road closure notice, and are hopeful that the ‘works’ will include the resurfacing of the road.

**2016.14 Cumbria Association of Local Councils**

1. The council noted receipt of the monthly circulars from CALC
2. The council noted receipt of the minutes of the 24th September 2015

**2016.15 Consultations for Consideration**

1. Cumbria County Council Budget Consultation **Resolved** that Underskiddaw Parish Council would strongly encourage that the issue of a unitary authority for Cumbria is looked at as a way to reduce the further budget cuts required.

**Action: Clerk to submit these comments.**

**2016.16 Derwent 7**

a) The next meeting date was noted as 29th February 2016 at Braithwaite Church Rooms

**2016.17 Members Reports**

*Village Hall Committee-* No formal report received. Cllr Corder has looked at the deed and there is no formal requirement for a PC representative on the committee. It is discretionary.

**2016.18 Date & Time of the Next Meeting**

Tuesday 15th March 2016 at 14:00- Underskiddaw Church Rooms

Meeting Closed at 15:58