

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL MILLBECK ON Tuesday
21 July 2011 at 9.30 am**

PRESENT : Mr J Wilson (in the Chair) Mrs J Boniface Mrs B Bulman Mr T Gibbs & Mr J Wood
In attendance : Clerk. Dr T Donaldson

2011.45 Apologies for absence None required.

2011.46 Minutes The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the last meeting, (being the Annual General Meeting) held on 24 May 2011.

2011.47 Declarations of Interest
Members were asked to declare any interest in any Agenda items and none was disclosed.

2011.48 Public Participation Dr Donaldson raised three matters : The Noticeboard : Given the delay in the National Park supplying a new map and printed text the Clerk would make a temporary sign to enable visitors to find the way up Skiddaw. The Culvert : on the Agenda under Cumbria County Council. National Trust Beck diversion.

2011.49 Finances

(i) Bank Balances were reported as £3,139.78 in the Current Account and £1,316.12 in the Deposit account

(ii) Cheques authorised : A Wilson two bills for grass cutting £71; Derwent 7 subscription £50; £100 Allerdale BC for election expenses; £15.92 Keswick Reminder for advert for co-option.

(iii) Website expenses Noted that £35.86 paid under general authority **2010.73(iii)**

(iv) Grass cutting Agreed to ask A Wilson to grass and clear roots on footpath near Common Hill.

2011.50 Lake District National Park Authority

Applications Underscar Manor 7/2011/2157 Re-submission of an application for a garage/workshop. This was a resubmission of an application to which the Council had previously raised no objection. It was re-submitted because the applicant had appealed against non-determination, and the Inspector had rejected it as causing potential damage to trees. The present application contained precautions to protect the trees, and modifications to take account of them. For consistency the Council decided again to raise no objection.

Decisions Sewage Works 7/2011/2032 New inlet (Approved)

Gaebrant 7/2011/2041 Sunroom (Approved)

Update Crosthwaite Meadow. Three Enforcement Notices had been served and the owner had appealed against two of them. The Inspector had in the main approved the Notices and consequently the owner had until 11 September 2011 to comply with the approved points : to remove access track, permanent hard standings, chemical disposal point, standpipe, stone chippings hard core and similar material laid down to form the car park. The remaining Notice required removal of the caravan; this had neither been appealed nor complied with, and enforcement action would be initiated in the Magistrates' Court.

Discussion with Planners following from the letter of complaint written to the NPA concerning delays and lack of liaison by planning Officers the Chairman of the Park

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had suggested a meeting with officials. It was agreed that the Clerk should now set this up, and this would be a separate meeting (open to the public) so that there would be time to discuss matters thoroughly without pressure from a normal agenda. The aim would be to examine past difficulties so that lessons could be learnt, and to establish good contacts for future working. The Officials to be invited would be Andy Roe, now the head of planning in this area, and Julie Birkett, since many of the issues related to enforcement.

Landscape Character consultation The document to be consulted on consisted of detailed descriptions of various areas. A description of the Forces for Change operating in the areas, and guidelines for managing change. In relation to the Skiddaw area two concerns for change were discussed and it was proposed that these should be suggested to amend the document : unauthorized paths being created for mountain bikers in the woods, with damage to trees, and the spread of bracken on the open fell.

Parish Tours Jim Wilson had been on a tour of the south west of the Park, and Betty Bulman on the local tour. On the local tour a visit was made to see flood defences in Borrowdale, and also in Keswick. The Keswick proposal involved erecting a glass wall extension upwards from the wall between the river and High Hill – scepticism was expressed about how the water would get away once contained. The culvert which followed the line of the river before it was diverted which runs across Crosthwaite road and behind the houses there would be stopped up. The south West tour visited Bootle where the parish council had taken over unused buildings and made a successful swimming pool. It also ran playing fields and with other parishes organised coastal defences. On the south west tour the official and Park members made efforts to mingle, and Mr Wilson detected that there was a good deal of understanding of and sympathy for our local problems.

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Brundholme Road. The CC wished to close this road which they considered geologically unsound and uneconomic to repair. The local landowners wished to keep it open. There was an alternative access route although much less satisfactory – both in condition, and in convenience. Statements had been made about the geological condition and the expense of repair, but these were not supported by hard evidence, although not necessarily thereby untrue. Bearing in mind the argument that only a few people would benefit from expenditure on the road and that public finances were tight but also that local interests were of great importance to the Council it was agreed to recommend that the road should not be closed permanently, but that resources should be put into improving the alternative access, and that a wait and see policy should be adopted to see if the road continued to slip, and whether finances improved. Clerk would draft letter, and Chair would discuss with landowner.

Culvert near village hall This had proved to be partly blocked by a United Utilities pipe which the latter were supposed to be removing by early July. Clerk to chase up this matter and find out when work would start.

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Cumbria Association of Local Councils

Receipt of circulars for June July and August was noted and it was agreed to pass on information about registration of septic tanks to owners of houses likely to be affected. Next **Forum** meeting between parish councilors and Park Members was 24 October

2011 in Ambleside and parish members would try to attend.
Broadband : A meeting would be held shortly but no date had yet been given.

- 2011.53** National Trust Local residents had written to the Trust requesting work be done to stop the beck by The Towers from flooding. The Chair had also written. A vague reply had been received. It was agreed to wait to see if the work on the Culvert cured the problem of overflow.
- 2011.54** Derwent 7 an invitation had been received to the AGM on 3 August 2011 at 6.30 at Threlkeld and councilors were encouraged to be present. The Chair and the Clerk would attend.
- 2011.55** Report from Village hall representative
The BBQ had been very successful. An important meeting would take place on 9 August 10.30 am when a consultant would advise on progress, and possibly a decision would be taken to proceed. Councillor Boniface and the Chair would attend.
- 2011.56** The Queen 's Diamond Jubilee Information had been received from the Lord Lieutenant about registering for a Beacon : it was agreed to suggest this to Derwent 7 to arrange. Residents would be asked for their views.
- 2011.57** Date and time of next meeting Tuesday 20 September 2011 at 9.30 am