

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH at MILLBECK ON Tuesday 20
March 2012 at 2.00 pm**

PRESENT : Mr J Wilson (in the Chair) Mrs J Boniface Mrs B Bulman Mr T Gibbs & Mr J Wood

In attendance : Clerk. Mr and Mrs Jenkinson, Mr Nick Moor, Mr Stephen Moore, Mr John Young

2012.15 Apologies for absence Mrs K Hind

2012.16 Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting held on 17 January 2012 were approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

2012.17 Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any interest in any Agenda items and none was declared.

2012.18 Opportunity for Public Participation The members of the public attending were all local residents and had come to give their views on the resubmitted planning applications for development at Little Dodd Garden Centre : **7/2012/2037 Little Dodd Garden Centre** House on field – resubmission **7/2012/2038 Little Dodd Garden Centre** redevelopment – Resubmission. The history of the site was that it was originally the kitchen garden of the old big house. Its changing into a nursery garden was therefore a natural progression, but there had been a big struggle to get a house built on it, and that was why the house had been tied to the use as ancillary to the nursery. This tie should be maintained. The re-submission did not change the essential objectionable features in their view : that a new house was being built on a greenfield site and that its proposed size was disproportionate to the main use of the land which was as a nursery garden.

2012.19 Finance

(i) Bank Balances were reported as £2,887.50 in the Current Account and £1,316.81 in the Deposit account.

(ii) Cheques were authorized to be written and signed to Clerk - £22.50 for expenses; Braithwaite School £10.40 for copying expenses of Newsletter.

(iii) PAYE It was noted that as required by a change to tax laws that the Parish Council was now registered an employer for PAYE . The Clerk was authorised to seek some initial financial help if necessary.

(iv) In response to a request from CAB it was agreed to make a donation of £50 as being a service potentially of use to Parishioners.

2012.20 Lake District National Park Authority

Applications **7/2012/2037 Little Dodd Garden Centre** House on field – resubmission **7/2012/2038 Little Dodd Garden Centre** redevelopment – Resubmission. The Council considered these re-submissions and the new plans. Their view was that the changes made were insufficient to meet the objections they had raised previously to the original applications. They were against the use of a greenfield site for a house when the site had been adequately served by the existing house; they were not averse to the existing house being extended if necessary but only on the existing developed site; they were in favour of redevelopment of the nursery but felt that this could be within the existing curtilage particularly as the car parking facilities appeared to be over generous. They felt the café could become the dominant use rather than ancillary to the nursery business. The Clerk was instructed therefore to write to the Authority expressing the continuing objections.

7/2012/2048 Chestnut Barn Millbeck Variation of conditions to adjust boundary and permit oil storage tank. No objection. **7/2011/2319 Underscar Manor**

landscaping grounds. The Council received a copy of the objections raised to this by Friends of the Lake District. The matter appears not to be progressing at the moment.

Decisions **7/2011/2328 Church Hall** Porch vestry chimney sewage work.
Approved – although it is understood there may be a variation to the application.

2012.21

Cumbria County Council

MRWS Consultation The Consultation was about whether Allerdale and Copeland should go further with the process of investigating the possibility of a Nuclear Waste Repository in their districts (including the National Park). The Councillors had each had a copy of the consultation document, they had had ongoing discussions about the merits of the project and there had been a well-attended Drop in session in the Village Hall when residents had come to discuss what the response should be. Based on these discussions a draft set of answers to the questions had been circulated and was to be considered. The Councillors debated and approved the answers, and also agreed that in relation to the fundamental question “Should this investigation proceed further ?” the Response should be “No”. It was agreed that a report of this decision should be put in the Reminder but that the Council would not take part in further petitions or lobbying.

Local News and Views Councillors agreed that they would ask the Clerk to forward their email addresses to the Editor to enable this to be received electronically.

2012.22

Cumbria Association of Local Councils

Receipt was noted of Clerks Direct with an article on Localism which would be circulated, and also of the March circular.

2012.23

Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting It was agreed to ask a representative from Guide Dogs for the Blind to attend, and to offer a donation of £25.

Refreshments as usual.

2012.24

Jubilee Celebrations

There will be a Parish Tea – a resident had suggested Parish Council should contribute. Councillors felt that this should be paid for by those attending – a contribution from the Parish council would ultimately fall on rate-payers. Bill Bell is keen to have a bonfire on Skiddaw – clerk to offer assistance by putting him in touch with Beacon Committee.

2012.25

Website This is coming up to date – no problems.

2012.26

Reports from Members

Councillor Bonface reported that Gill Brocker had resigned as Treasurer and that Tony Welch had been appointed in her place. The Committee was investigating the possibility of a regular cleaner as otherwise the Committee had to clean up after functions. There was still a balance in the account of £20,000. There were plans for Jubilee teas at the Bank holiday weekend.

Future Meetings In accordance with the agreed calendar the AGM would be on Tuesday 15 May at 2.00 pm and the Annual Parish Meeting would be on Friday 18 May. **The AGM on 15 May, the meeting on 17 July and the Annual Parish Meeting would all be in the Village Hall.**