

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL MILLBECK on
Wednesday 17 March 2010 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.

2010.18 **Apologies** None required

2010.19 **Declarations of Interest** The Chairman asked Members to disclose any interest they might have in any item on the Agenda. No such declaration was made.

2010.20 **Minutes** The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 28 January 2010

2010.21 **Opportunity for Public Participation**
No member of the public was present.

2010.22 **Finances**

(i) The balances at the Bank were noted as :

Current Account No 50829528 £1380.31

Deposit Account No 51070916 £1314.74

(ii) A cheque was authorised to pay Mr E R Thwaites £134 for refurbishing the War Memorial the funds for this having been kindly donated by Mr Keith and Mrs Bernie Brownlee. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Thwaites to express appreciation of his work, and to Mr and Mrs Brownlee to thank them for their generosity.

(iii) A cheque was authorised to pay the CALC subscription of £115 after the end of the financial year.

(iv) A letter of thanks was noted from Great North Air Ambulance for a donation of £100.

2010.23 **Lake District National Park Authority**

Application 7/2010/2033 Skiddaw House Installation of solar panels photo-voltaic panels and sun pipes. These were to be installed in the south facing roof, which backed on the summit, and were invisible from the summit and generally. The Council agreed to support this application.

Core Strategy consultation The Parish Council had raised a criticism of the Core Strategy draft document, relating to an ambiguity. One Policy had contained definitions which indicated the Parish was a “cluster”, but another Policy had not distinguished between Clusters and Open countryside, thus depriving the parish of the possibility of any kind of development, except in extreme cases. The Council’s comments had been taken into account, and draft new provisions were proposed by the NPA officials redefining clusters and introducing another category of “satellite” with provision for limited development in each. The new wording appeared to deal with the criticism raised and it was agreed that, subject to a re-checking of the old wording against the new confirming this, there should be no need for the Clerk to attend the hearing of the Plan.

Consultation on extending National Park to reach border of Yorkshire Dales NP

A consultation maps and response form had been received only 14 days before the deadline for response. However further time had been given to Parish Councils. It was agreed that the document should be circulated as quickly as possible, and each Councillor should make comments on the Response Document. The Clerk would collate these and submit on-line.

General Up-date

It was agreed that close monitoring would take place of unauthorised development within the parish, and that evidence should be gathered to make a case against this.

2010.24

Allerdale Borough Council

Receipt of Police Liaison Forum Minutes noted.

2010.25

Cumbria County Council

Receipt was noted of Review and Your Cumbria.

Letter received from Stagecoach and noted that X4 bus service would be re-instated when Ouse Bridge re-opened.

2010.26

Cumbria Association of Local Councils

Receipt was noted of Bassenthwaite Reflections magazine and CALC March Circular. Meeting opportunities were noted and if possible members would attend Allerdale meeting of Parish Councils, and a meeting relating to renewable energy. CALC advised that the proposed revision of the Code of Conduct would be delayed for the time being, and also that new Model Standing Orders were available – these would be checked and the Council's Standing Orders would be reviewed at the AGM.

2010.27

Report on activities of Derwent 7 Group

In relation to flooding it was understood the Big Lottery was proposing to put £500,000 into Cumbria for "Resilience". It was not entirely clear what this could be used for, but the Group would be considering emergency planning on a cluster basis to complement the Keswick Emergency Plan. The latter had worked extremely well during the floods but there was a view that because of this Keswick had been rather left to get on with its own activities. There might be money for emergency generators and supplies of food but it was not thought likely it could be spent on prevention measures.

The Housing sub-group heard about a Keswick Community Housing Trust being formed. Such Trust can charge low rents, unlike Housing Associations who have to charge market rates and whose properties are therefore out of reach of the most needy. However Trusts have no access to Government lending. It was hoped the Trust would operate in the area, not just in Keswick.

The Transport Group were unhappy about progress with Stagecoach – there had been a reluctance to put up timetables on bus stops, even though it was pointed out that in some areas mobile phones did not work and therefore the contact numbers on bus stops could not be contacted. Owing to new regulations on wheelchairs more coaches, as opposed to buses, were being put on, and these did not have bells for stopping.

The environment group was still in process of being formed.

The public meeting about Ravensfield had given rise to the impression that the

County Council was not anxious to re-open the home.

It was agreed that a proposal to contribute £50 to Derwent Group's funds should be on the next meeting Agenda.

2010.28

Report on Website

The latest Minutes and Planning Committee documents would shortly be posted. Advice had been sought from CALC on principles of running Websites. CALC had confirmed that the Council had powers to charge for space on the web in order to defray costs of running. There was no guidance about levels of content; some website contacts had been given for information.

2010.29

Report from Village Hall Representative

An extraordinary meeting had been called to discuss acquisition of the land, and the results of this would be presented at the Village Hall AGM on 27 March at 2.00pm which all Councillors were urged to attend to show support.

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Annual Parish Meeting

It was confirmed this would take place on 28 April. Cllor Gibbs had secured a speaker, Mr Pat Stokes, who would give a talk on genealogy. He would show pictures and had his own equipment. It was agreed to start at 7.00 pm and to have the refreshments at the end. The speaker would be given a bottle of wine. It was agreed not to have a talk offered by Bassenthwaite Reflections since this would cut down the time comfortably available for the main speaker.

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Dates of Future Meetings

Wed 28 April (APM) 7.00 pm
Wed 26 May (AGM) 7.30 pm
Wed 14 July 7.30 pm
Tues 14 Sept 7.30 pm

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.