

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL at MILLBECK ON
Tuesday 18 September 2012 at 2.00 pm**

PRESENT : Mr J Wilson (in the Chair) Mrs J Boniface, Mrs B Bulman, Mr T Gibbs, Mrs K Hind

In attendance : Clerk.

2012.53 **Apologies for absence** None required.

2012.54 **Minutes** The Minutes of the last meeting held on 17 July 2012 were approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

2012.55 **Declarations of Interest**

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

2012.56 **Membership** The resignation of Mr J Wood was received with great regret and the Clerk was instructed to write to him on behalf of the Council expressing their regrets and thanks for the years of service he had given to the Council.

A Notice of Co-option had been displayed and notified to Allerdale BC who had confirmed that no request had been made for an election. The Council was therefore free to co-opt, and resolved to co-opt Mr Thomas Michael John Ryan. Mr Ryan signed a form of Acceptance of Office, and completed and signed a Notification of Pecuniary Interests. He was then welcomed to the Council.

2012.57 **Opportunity for Public Participation** No member of the public was present.

2012.58 **Finance**

(i) Bank Balances were reported as £1,104.60 in the Current Account Number 50829528 and £3,617.27 in the Deposit account Number 51070916.

(ii) Audit BDO had again been appointed by the Government as External Auditor. As the Precept is less than £10,000 the Audit fee in the following financial year should be nil.

(iii) Notification had been received that the second instalment of the Precept had been sent, but this had not yet shown on the Bank statement.

(iv) It was RESOLVED that a cheque for £117 should be paid to A Wilson for grass cutting.

2012.59 **Lake District National Park Authority**

Applications

7/2012/2204 Shepherd's Fold CA12 4PN Two-storey Extension. It was resolved to support this application.

7/2012/2209 Land adjacent to Old Coach House Millbeck CA12 4QA

Construction of run off area for water tanker, and borehole shed. Following a site visit the Council agreed not to object to the borehole shed or extraction plant. It was agreed to object to the formation of a gateway in the stone wall approximately 15 metres in length on the grounds that the road was wide enough to accommodate a tanker of the size indicated for the short period during which it would be required (2 hours on 4 days in the year) and that the visual effect of a large lay-by at this point would be damaging.

Crosthwaite Meadow update. The Planning Officer had written to the Council following the removal of the large caravan from the site, asking for views on whether the proposed proceedings in the Magistrates Court should continue. The Council had asked for information about what the outcome of such proceedings was

likely to be, and whether the authority's position would be compromised if proceedings were withdrawn, or not taken, in the event of the caravan being moved back at a later date. An answer was received stating that the outcome of the proceedings would be a fine. It was also stated that if the caravan was returned to the land the Authority would still be able to prosecute, but would more likely seek an injunction, or would itself enter the land to secure compliance. It was also stated that the Authority would not prosecute anyway since the caravan had been removed.. The shed which remained was in breach of the Enforcement Notice but not considered sufficient to warrant a prosecution. The Council understood that there was a question of how much public money should be spent if the only outcome was to be a fine. Their preference would be for an injunction or powers of entry to be invoked to get rid of the shed, and they would like to know why this option is mentioned but not proposed.

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Cumbria County Council

MRWS : the Final Report of the partnership which had consulted on the building of a nuclear Repository underground in West Cumbria had been published, and sent to the County and District Councils, who would make the decision to explore this further. The Report had made one or two specific recommendations but had not expressed an opinion on the overall question of whether the decision should be to go forward or not. The decision would be made by Copeland and by the Executive of Allerdale and the Cabinet of Cumbria on 11 October. CALC had issued a statement requesting a pause for thought before the decision is made as there is no set date by which there should be such a decision. One reason for this is that there should be a Strategic Environmental Assessment, which has not yet been undertaken. Further reasons were : that there was not clear support for the Repository; that there was no credible evidence that there was suitable geology; and that there is widespread lack of trust in the process. Members agreed that the Clerk should explore ways of working with others to oppose the construction of the facility. It was noted the position of LDNPA is that they would oppose a surface facility within the National Park, but they would wait for further evidence before deciding whether to oppose an underground facility beneath the Park.

Crosthwaite Roundabout

Options for the treatment of the verge were considered : grassing, dark tarmac or green tarmac. A preference for grass was expressed but it was noted that this can be turned to mud by wheels running over it, and without care it turns into patch of weeds and mud. It was agreed to wait until the second phase was completed and to see how the existing verge settles down.

2012.61

CALC

Planning Seminar To be held on 18 October late afternoon : exact time and place to be confirmed. Chairman hopes to attend – there was one more place.

Training Dates of sessions to be circulated.

Parish Tour No-one available to attend.

2012.62

Remembrance Sunday

Mr Fisher to be asked to lay wreath – if he was unavailable Mr Wood to be asked. Mr Paul Brownrigg to be asked to read names on Memorial. Wreath to be ordered and Notices put out.

2012.63 **Reports on Village Hall Committee** Quiz had to be cancelled. There would be a bonfire and Christmas Fair.

Date of next meeting : Tuesday 20 November 2012 at 2.00pm in the Church Hall