

UNDERSKIDDAW PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL MILLBECK ON
Wednesday, 11 September 2013

PRESENT: Mrs B Bulman, Mr C Corder, Mr T Gibbs, Mrs K Hind & Mr T Ryan
In attendance: Visiting Clerk: Mrs J Knights

In the absence of the Chair and deputy chair the first item of business was to elect a Chairman for the meeting: Mr T Gibbs proposed by Mrs. B Bulman, seconded by Mr. C Corder, unanimously elected

The Chairman welcomed Marion Fitzgerald (Allerdale BC member) and Alan Bowness (CCC member) for this area

2013.58 Apologies: for absence received from Councillors Jim Wilson and Jan Boniface

2013.59 Minutes: The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 16 July 2013

2013.60 Declarations of Interest: The Chairman requested Members to declare any interest they had in any of the Agenda items. No interests were declared.

2013.61 Public participation: No members of the public present, but reports received from
Marion Fitzgerald: Electricity NW removal of streetlighting from poles - She has requested details of the Allerdale obligation from Michael Heaslip and received a response that Allerdale have no formal responsibility but will nevertheless work with Parish Councils to achieve a workable solution when they receive notice from ENW that lights are due to be removed. 6 months notice has been agreed and it was *agreed that no action was required unless and until the PC receive notice that any of the lighting in the parish is "at risk"*; Boltons PC were seeking support of other PCs in the area in their objection to new windfarm application – the reason other (non-neighbouring) PCs may be concerned is because of the cumulative creep effect of this type of development. The application is unlikely to be heard by the Allerdale planners until next year. *The item will be put on the November Agenda (with consideration beforehand of whether Boltons should be taken up on their offer to send someone along to explain why support may be of assistance/appropriate)*; CCC have a new fund allocated for outstanding road repairs that may have originated from the 2009 flooding.
Alan Bowness: re lighting - a rule of thumb was that if the light is over 3m from the footway its street lighting and falls under CCC Highways authority, if below, it is footway lighting and the responsibility of Allerdale BC. If ENW remove a light without giving the agreed 6 months notice they have to replace it. It is only lighting on poles that are scheduled for replacement that are at risk; The response from government on the recent MRWS review is due out tomorrow; Highways – Cllr Bowness recommends always using the Highways Hotline to report matters (even if they are also put on a schedule) because that way, the call is recorded and the job is allocated a number and a priority.

2013.62 Finances: (i) The following Bank Balances were noted
Current A/c £1,319.15, Deposit A/c £3,619.33
(ii)The cheque for *A Wilson grass cutting £109* was approved
(iii)The receipt of *half year statement* was deferred to the November meeting

2013.63 Lake District National Park Authority

No new applications

The following decisions were noted: **2013/2126 Cragside** : Extension approved; **2013/2181 Cottage The Howe** Variation of condition approved; **2013/2119 Old Coach House** Certificate of lawfulness for use as unrestricted dwelling granted; **2013/2104 Sewage Works** Kiosk to house control mechanism approved;

UU Sewage Works Landscaping – *deferred to the November meeting, but it was requested that in any discussions/meetings with UU the view from Millbeck is also taken into account.*

2013.64 Cumbria County Council Highways:

The schedule of work was reviewed. *Upon invitation from Alan Bowness it was agreed that he would be copied into the list of outstanding matters in future.*

New & outstanding items are: *road from Village Hall to A591 very poor state of repair; white lines/road markets at VH crossroads badly faded and now very dangerous; road up to Lattrigg in really poor state.*

It was noted that the gullies along the terrace road have been cleared: Alan Bowness is trying to coordinate a better approach to gully clearance and provide PCs with advance notice of the gully clearing timetable to a councillor can accompany the contractor around the parish and point out the problem areas. Underskiddaw PC are keen to be involved in this initiative when it comes off. Cllr Bowness will also consider alternative suggestions such as each PC providing a plan or map of problem areas for the contractors to work from.

2013.65 Cumbria Association of Local Councils: *It was noted that the September circular will be circulated by the clerk*

2013.66 Derwent 7: The following Report was received from Cllr Gibbs from D7 AGM on 2 September 2013: A new Chair has been appointed which bodes well for the future of D7, concentration will be on a discrete number of projects which have prospects of progress being achieved such as transport, housing and broadband. Cllr Jim Wilson will represent Underskiddaw on the Transport sub group.

2013.67 Oil deliveries: Cllr Gibbs reported that, after meeting with Age UK, a public meeting has been arranged on 20th September 2013 at 7pm to see if parishioners are interested. A note is going out to all parishioners this weekend.

2103.68 First Responders: Agreed that a local group would be a good idea. *Cllr Gibbs to draft a short item for inclusion in the newsletter.* If people come forward, and a group is established, Alan Bowness suggested that an application for funding (for the kit) could be made to his CCC fund.

2013.69 Newsletter : *clerk to work on.*

2013.70 Members' Reports : Village Hall Committee: as the private hydro scheme is so well advanced, the VH committee have agreed theirs should be put on hold at this stage. Paul Brownrigg will be having a meeting to report back to the village, he intends to set up a trust fund, from which the VH may benefit in future. On 17th/18th October there will be a music hall event and a coffee morning on 9th November; unfortunately the craft day and xmas fair have had to be cancelled. The repairs to the foundations at the west end of the hall have been completed and were covered by insurance. The Parish Council thanked the VH Committee for all their hard work on the hydro scheme.

2013.71 Dates of future Meetings: Tuesday 19th November @ 2,30pm.

Councillors matters for investigation or for future agendas:

1. A question was raised about how parishioners are made aware of dates of meetings. Can there be consideration of publication of a timetable of meetings and/or notice of meetings put on all of the notice boards and the website.
2. Broadband: It seems that 90% of properties in Underskiddaw should get Superfast Broadband as part of the CCC scheme. We don't know at this stage which properties won't get it.
3. Councillors thanked the visiting clerk for stepping in to help especially at such short notice.