

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL MILLBECK
ON Thursday 11 September 2008 at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT : Mr J Wilson Mrs J Boniface Mrs B Bulman Mr T Gibbs Mrs E Helme
Mr D Roberts Mr J Wood In attendance : Clerk Dr T Donaldson

2008.72 **Apologies** None required

2008.73 **Declarations of Interest** None made.

2008.74 **Minutes** The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the last meeting, being held on 17 July 2008

2008.75 **Opportunity for Public Participation** Dr Donaldson drew the attention of the Council to a number of problems. The first was the fallen stone partly blocking the Mill Race outside the Hall. The Clerk advised that this had been reported to Highways on 10 January 2008, and again on 5 August 2008. This would be followed up further. Dr Donaldson also expressed concern about the possible flooding of the Mill Race by the Sawmill at Dodd Wood. Clerk was asked to look into this, and write to Highways to express concern with copy to Mr Spedding. Dr Donaldson was also concerned that the bus shelter might be dismantled and was in favour of its retention.

2008.76 **Finances** The Bank Balances were reported as

Current Account 50829528 £1565.03

Deposit Account 51070916 £1805.10

(i) The following cheques were authorised for payment :

Village Hall hire fee £57.50

CD of Parish Plan £23.50

Audit Fee £58.75

A Wilson grass cutting £44.00

Audit training fee £15.00

(ii) Noted that the second instalment of the Precept had been received (£1500)

(iii) It was noted that the External Audit had been completed, and that no adverse issues had been found, and agreed that the result should be published.

(iv) The half year statement as previously circulated to Councillors was approved.

(v) No voice had been heard in favour of demolishing the bus shelter at Crookelty and it was resolved to keep both shelters. The Chairman would investigate a cheaper quote for repair, and a form should be obtained to apply to Neighbourhood Forum for a grant.

(vi) The proposal for a Website which had been circulated before the meeting was discussed and agreed. This would be a Website which would aspire to be a Community one embracing all aspects of life in the parish. The Councillors were grateful to Mrs Boniface for all her hard work, and resolved that initially up to £100 should be spent in developing the Website in the way she had

proposed.

2008.77 **Lake District National Park Authority Applications**

Rathvale New Conservatory : this was a variation on a proposal already considered and approved - no objection to be made unless neighbours had concerns.

Lyzzick Hall Hotel the decision to support the application to extend the Upper Floor made between meetings was ratified. The Council's response to the consultation on the **Local Development Framework** was noted, and a copy put for circulation. This had received acknowledgment. Information received from the NPA about the **Listed Structures** in the Parish was circulated to Councillors. It was agreed to explore the idea of a joint meeting with other parishes about the World Heritage Site bid. A pocket guide was put for circulation.

2008.78 **Allerdale Borough Council** It was agreed to participate in the on-going survey into environmental services proposed to be undertaken by the Borough Council. The tick-box questionnaire could be included with the papers sent out with each Agenda. Information could also be put in the Newsletter to enable individuals to comment. The invitation to attend the launch of the Corporate Improvement Plan was noted. The A - Z of Services was put for circulation.

2008.79 **Cumbria County Council** A report was given on the meeting to explain the Highway Steward Scheme. Each Steward would be responsible for several parishes, and would have a certain number of days allocated for work in each parish. He would be able to tackle at his discretion work which was capable of being performed by one man. He would report work requiring a team of men or machinery to the Highways Department, and hopefully this would give the work priority. He could not be contacted direct by members of the public or councillors because this would be too disruptive of his work - requests for work to be done should be passed through the clerk. A new Scheme called Rural Wheels for assisting with transport for the elderly or infirm was noted. This did require booking ahead, and although helpful was quite complicated in its administration. It was agreed to recommend CCC to make an initial expression of interest in hosting another nuclear waste disposal facility, although it was likely that this had already been done. A Report on the Consultation about Residential Care Homes in the County was put for circulation, together with Your Cumbria, and a Re-cycling Review.

2008.80 **CALC** Circulars for July and September and Clerks Direct were put for circulation.

2008.81 **Correspondence from Statutory Bodies** Police Questionnaire on public perceptions of the service - Police to be asked to circulate this by email in future.

2008.82 **Non-statutory Correspondence** CPRE - Countryside Voice and 2 Fieldworks put for circulation.

- 2008.83** **Report from Village Hall Representative.** Talks were going on with the National Trust about the possibility of a hydro electric project to provide power for the Hall. It was not certain who owned the water and there was a great deal of sediment in it which might be a problem. The Supper Dance had raised £230. Food safety regulations might mean less home cooking at events in future. There was concern about the cleaning and maintenance of the Hall after events, and a solution was being sought for this.
- 2008.84** **Emergency Planning** It was agreed that efforts should be made to initiate some kind of emergency planning in the parish. Information could be collected about what skills people could offer, and what equipment was available. The Chairman would contact Emergency Services to find out what advice and help might be available. Such information could then be made available to parishioners.
- 2008.85** **Next Meeting** 19 November 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Millbeck.

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.