

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL MILLBECK on
21 September 2010 at 9.30 am**

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

In attendance : Clerk. Mr Colin Hallsworth of Sewage Works Cottage. Ruth Kirk of Bassenthwaite Reflections

2010.57 **Apologies** Mr D Roberts

2010.58 **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.

2010.59 **Minutes** The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 22 July 2010.

2010.60 **Opportunity for Public Participation**
Mr Hallsworth raised the subject of the application for further works at the sewage plant which would closely affect his property, and it was agreed this would be minuted under the LDNPA item.

Ruth Kirk of Bassenthwaite Reflections spoke in connection with the “Lovely Lakes” Project. This is directed towards reducing the amount of phosphates entering the lake. Phosphates came from sewage, agriculture and domestic waste; some could be extracted by a chemical process but this was not possible in Underskiddaw. Therefore the emphasis should be on reducing input. Local people could help by using detergents low in phosphate listed on the BR website, and also by having their septic tanks cleaned once a year.

2010.61 **Finances**

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

Current Account No 50829528 £3405.69

Deposit Account No 51070916 £1315.46

(ii) It was noted that since the Agenda was written the second instalment of the Precept (£1600) had been received (included in Current A/c balance above)

(iii) Cheques were authorised as follows :

Andrew Wilson grass cutting £54

Hall Hire £65

Fee for Finance guide £8

(iv) The Half year statement was approved

(v) Since the Agenda had been prepared the External Audit Report had been received and the accounts had been found satisfactory apart from a discrepancy of £1 between last year’s audit balance, and the figure carried into the current year. The clerk explained that this was because the pence had been rounded up last year, and down this year. The report was accepted and it was agreed to exhibit the Notice of Conclusion of Audit. It was also agreed to pay the Auditor’s fee of £58.75.

2010.62 **Lake District National Park Authority**

Applications (i) **7/2010/2212 Lyzzick Hall** Extension for conservatory and to dining room; It was agreed that this application should be supported.

(ii) **7/2010/2217 Ben y Craig** Retrospective application for significant changes to previously approved plans; It was agreed to oppose this application for the reason

that the work referred to had made the building so large that it was out of proportion and inappropriate for its position in the village, and that the materials were in part unsuitable for this area (yellow stone and large area of glass). The Council also wished to express regret that pre-emptive building work put pressure on the planning authority to give retrospective approval. It was also discussed that a large new lamp post had been installed by Allerdale overlooking the adjoining property, and the Clerk was instructed to investigate this.

(iii) 7/2010/2221 Sewage works New inlet on land adjacent to existing installations. The owner of the adjoining dwellinghouse attended the meeting and pointed out the adverse effects on his property of the proposed development. He would have to approach his house between two parts of the sewage works, and the development would come right up to his boundary. He was already suffering inconvenience because of noise from machinery left running all night, and from excess light near his house. The council noted that the proposed development would be in a green field site, whilst there was a brown field site on the far side of the existing installations from the dwellinghouse, which could be developed and would be less un-neighbourly. It was also felt there was potential for smells to be emitted and affect properties in Thrushwood. The Council agreed to object to the development in that position on the grounds stated.

Decisions : The following were noted :

7/2010/2102 Underscar Listed building consent for Swimming Pool; Approved.

7/2010/2103 Underscar Change of use from hotel to private dwelling; Approved. Clerk instructed to enquire if there had been a policy change, following rejection of similar applications in Keswick.

7/2020/2073 Sewage Works New Kiosk & Pumping Station; First application approved.

7/2010/2145 Fell Croft Fence Approved

Withdrawn **7/2010/2231 Cherry Bank** Horse arena

Bid for World Heritage Status

It was noted that a letter had been received from Michael Clarke Director of the Lake District World Heritage Project advising that the bid was progressing well, and that an application had been made to the government for the site to remain on the tentative list of sites which might be put forward in the future for consideration by UNESCO. Thirty seven sites in the UK are making such applications, in addition to the Lake District and the result (i.e. whether the project remains on the tentative list) will be known by February 2011. Mr Clarke said the work on the project has been hailed world wide as an example of how to do this kind of thing.

Crosthwaite Meadow up-date It appeared that the owner had now admitted to the Planning Officer that she was in fact living on the site. She had also registered it as a camp site with the Camping and Caravanning Club. The indication from the Planning Officer appeared to be that enforcement proceedings were being contemplated and that any applications for consent would be opposed. The Council expressed dissatisfaction at the length of time this had taken and the caution with which the Planning Department appeared to approach this matter. An informal road side visit had been made to the site by the Development Committee (previous notice having been given to the owner) as the matter would be considered at an impending meeting.

- 2010.62** **Cumbria County Council**
The Clerk had been advised that there was no money for repairing Brundholme Road at the moment. The situation would be monitored.
- 2010.63** **Cumbria Association of Local Councils**
Receipt of the September Circular and Clerk's Direct was noted and the latter put for circulation. Attention was drawn to articles about removal of traveller encampments, and rights of way matters. Cllor Bulman was to attend a meeting on The Big Society.
- 2010.64** **Statutory correspondence**
Information received from Police Forum about a meeting on dog fouling.
- 2010.65** **Non-statutory correspondence**
(i) The Council noted a letter from Keswick Parks Charity asking for support in relation to a proposed car park near Keswick hospital and it was agreed that the Clerk should write in support. The point should be made that the access needed to be widened, and parking should be prohibited on Crosthwaite Road.
(ii) The Council noted a letter asking for support for an anti-nuclear campaign, but agreed to take no action.
- 2010.66** **Neighbourhood Watch**
The cheque book and bank statements had come to light recently and it was agreed to consult the present signatories and then consider further how to proceed.
- 2010.67** **Members' Reports**
(i) There had been no meeting of the Village Hall Committee since the last Parish Council meeting
(ii) Website – Cllor Boniface reported that the website had now been running for 2 years. There would be some small expenses for a fee for assistance with a problem. It was agreed that these should be paid when presented.
(iii) Derwent 7 A report was received from Cllor Roberts relating to the Transport sub group. The latest scheme is that transport planning should come from the grass roots and so all parishes needed to put forward ideas and problems. The Council felt that bus timetables now leave little time in Carlisle between arriving and leaving. The Sub group Minutes should be obtained, and circulated, and ideas passed to David Roberts in time for the next meeting on 8 November.
- 2010.68** **Date of next meeting** : The majority of members preferred day time meetings, and it was agreed to meet on Tuesday 16 November 2010 and Tuesday 18 January 2011 in each case at 9.30 am.