

Minutes of a meeting of Cartmel Fell Parish Council held at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre on Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Alan Telford (Chairman), Angie Nicholson and Mike Smith, County Councillor Bill Wearing, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Helen Smith and Marian Smith, District Councillor Sue Sanderson, Sgt Bill Nolan and PCSO Howard Firth..

**16/1 Public participation:** None.

**16/2 Requests for Dispensations:**

Councillor Angie Nicholson requested a dispensation to enable her to discuss the funding application from the Cartmel Fell Educational Foundation and Councillor Mike Smith requested a dispensation to enable him to discuss the funding application from the Cartmel Fell & District Local History Society.

**16/3 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

**16/4 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2015, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**16/5 County and District Councillor's Reports:**

District Councillor Sue Sanderson had submitted a written report. This was read in full and will be appended to the minutes in the file.

County Councillor Bill Wearing reported as follows:

- a. Flooding issues are occupying CCC at present and will be for some considerable time yet. It is thought that the total repair costs will be in the region of £500M. Any flood-related damage to roads etc should be reported to him or to the Clerk as soon as possible in order that the emergency funding for flood repair can be utilised. It was noted that the road over Gummers How and at the top of Hartbarrow are particularly bad. Councillor Mike Smith agreed to drive around the parish and inspect what further damage there is.
- b. The bus service on the Cartmel peninsula will continue, thanks to subsidies from four Parish Councils.
- c. Routine work on highways is likely to be put on hold for the time being, due to flood repairs.
- d. There is likely to be a 2% rise in the CCC Budget for the 2016-17 financial year.
- e. A grant is available from SLDC of £500 per resident affected by flooding, as an emergency payment. Over 4,000 applications have been received to date.

## 16/6 Police Report:

The Clerk read the Police Report. Since the last meeting there have been 16 calls for service, none of which are crime related, but mostly refer to highway obstruction.

## 16/7 Website:

Councillor Marian Smith had attended a workshop on setting up a Council website and has been offered an extra session along with Hawkshead Parish Council to get started. This has been delayed due to the flooding but is to be rescheduled in the near future.

## 16/8 Finance:

a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

HMRC	£212.40	PAYE
CALC	£24.50	Councillor training
Crosthwaite PCC	£12.50	Parish Magazine subscription
RBL Backbarrow Branch	£35.00	Remembrance wreath
K M Price	£97.98	Quarterly expenses to 30th September including use of home office.
K M Price	£58.10	Quarterly holiday pay (as agreed) (net)
K M Price	£92.00	Quarterly expenses to 31st December including use of home office
K M Price	£58.10	Quarterly holiday pay (as agreed) (net)

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Clerk had been advised by CALC that, contrary to previous instructions, Clerks should claim all travelling expenses, including those for attending meetings. This will have little effect on this Council but it is significant for some of the other Councils where he is Clerk.
- d. The Factsheet - Procurement of Audit for Smaller Authorities, having been circulated, was considered and it was resolved not to opt out of any arrangements for future external audit that might be put in place.
- e. The Clerk reported on recent correspondence from the Pensions Regulator. He asked the Council to record his wish to opt out of any pension arrangement, bearing in mind his salary level and age. This was resolved.
- f. Applications for grants were considered from the Cartmel Fell Educational Foundation and the Cartmel Fell & District Local History Society. It was resolved to grant £500 to each of these organisations.
- g. The Clerk presented the Budget Report and, after discussion, it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council in the sum of £6,243.00 (six thousand two hundred and forty three pounds) for the financial year 2016-17. There is, therefore, no increase this year.

## 16/9 Planning:

a. *The following applications were considered:*

7/2015/5647 Bracken Dale, Birks Road, Windermere. Demolition of existing residential property and erection of new dwelling on similar footprint. No objections, provided it does not lead to 'creeping' development.

b. *The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted:*

7/2015/5296 Hill of Oaks & Blakeholme Caravan Park, Newby Bridge. Granted.

7/2015/5558 Bria Crag, Newby Bridge. Granted.

7/2015/5566 Newholme, Newby Bridge Road. Alterations to existing boathouse and wet dock. Granted.

7/2014/5296 Hill of Oaks & Blakeholme Caravan Park. Remove dilapidated timber boat house and replace with new. Granted.

7/2015/5277 Highcroft, Newby Bridge Road. Extension to lounge, internal room alteration. Garage to games room. Relocate front door to existing ground level. Granted.

7/2015/5463 Hill of Oaks & Blakeholme Caravan Park. Extension to existing holiday accommodation. Refused.

c. *The following comments had been submitted to the Planning Authority since the last meeting, on the Clerk's delegated authority. These were confirmed:*

7/2015/5708 Park Cliffe. Refusal recommended. The road to/from this site is not fit for any more traffic. It will create yet more light pollution as all the townies try to recreate Blackpool. It is already overdeveloped from what the two previous owners anticipated. When they had it it was nearly impossible to see one caravan from the next, now it is wall to wall caravans, lodges and tents.

7/2015/5711 Lightwood Byre. No objection, provided that the following is observed:

### RECOMMENDATIONS AND MITIGATION - *Further Survey*

We consider that the risk to bats in the buildings will remain high and further survey effort is required to determine the number of bats present at the site as well as their access points before a mitigation strategy can be designed and an application for an EPS licence can be made.

The site should be rechecked for nesting birds if work is to commence in the period March- September inclusive.

7/2015/5566 Newholme. No objection provided the recommendations in the Envirotech Barn Owl, Bat and Nesting Bird report are respected and implemented. The Authority should urge/direct that bat boxes are put up, along with owl boxes and also artificial swallow nesting boxes. The applicants should also be encouraged to seek assistance from the RSPB and Cumbria Wildlife trust on how they can protect and promote wildlife in the area.

7/2015/5659 Bryan Beck. No objection.

7/2015/5573 and 5437 Louper Weir. Refusal recommended - this is a creeping development and is too intense. The Council has already expressed this view in the past.

- d. The Appeal Decision in respect of land at the Mason's Arms, Cartmel Fell (7/2014/0092) was noted. The Appeal has been dismissed.
- e. The Lakes Flying Companies Windermere byelaw exemption application. It was resolved that the Council has no objection to the dates proposed

#### **16/10 Correspondence:**

Broadband meetings. A request has been made for local Parish Councils to sponsor and arrange future meetings - this has previously been done by Staveley in Cartmel Parish Council. It was resolved to suggest using of the Parish Hall for such a meeting and the Council will pay for this.

#### **16/11 Local Area Partnership (LAP) Report:**

Councillor Marian Smith had attended, as Chairman of the LAP, the meeting on 11th November at Haverthwaite and her report on this meeting was read. There are now to be three LAP meetings each year instead of four. Andy Vickers of SLDC had given a presentation on waste and recycling arrangements.

#### **16/12 Parish Lengthsman Report:**

Councillor Mike Smith agreed to arrange for further lengthsman work to be carried out and this will be paid for from the Council's funds.

#### **16/13 Date and place of next meetings:**

*Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 7.30pm at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre.*

*Thursday 12th May 2016 at 7pm at the Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell.*

*(This will be the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting)*

*The meeting closed at 9.15pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*