

Borrowdale Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the Borrowdale Parish Council held in the Rosthwaite Institute on Wednesday 29th January 2014

Present: Andrew Webb (in the Chair), John Bennett (Vice-Chair), David Hindmarch, Trevor Dowson, Nigel Dixon, Gill Brocklesby,

In Attendance: Becx Carter (Clerk), Billy Bland (Borrowdale Resident), C/Cllr Andrew Lysser, Pete Barron (LDNPA), Michael Chapman (Borrowdale Resident), Peter Edmonson (Borrowdale Resident), Jeff Hall

Apologies: Gary Metcalfe, Sam Hicks, Andrew Thompson (National Trust), Penny Webb (National Trust), Hillary Hope (Allerdale Borough Councilor)

1/14 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the above-mentioned people

2/14 Request for Declarations

None received

3/14 Declarations of Interest

None

4/14 Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th November 2013

All members had received a copy of the minutes to read. A correction was required at s.5.vii the farm mentioned was Stonethwaite not Seathwaite. A correction to this effect was made on the minutes.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on the 27th November 2013 (including the above correction) were confirmed as a true & accurate record, and as such were signed by the Chairman.

5/14 Public Participation

C/Cllr Lysser provided the following updates:

Buses/Bus Station in Keswick- A recent meeting took place between the Reays coaches, two Cumbria County Council employees, a Keswick Town Councilor, and Booths regarding the usage of the Bus Station at Booths. The bus station is sited on privately owned land (non standard) that is leased to Booths, who allow Stagecoach a licence to use the land. Booths currently won't grant Reays a licence to use the bus station. As such Reays have a licence to operate but they can't use that licence without a station to operate from.

Keswick Town Council & Borrowdale Parish Council have previously raised concerns regarding too many buses on routes around town in particular the Borrowdale route, and the impact that this will have on the commerciality of the Stagecoach services. C/Cllr Lysser suggested that the only thing that the Parish Council could do with regard to this is to write to CCC raising concerns about the impact on Stagecoaches commerciality, and an associated impact on winter services. The clerk confirmed that a letter regarding these issues has already been sent to CCC.

Action: Clerk to write again raising these issues (and specifically asking where the Reays services will turn) to CCC and send a copy to C/Cllr Lysser.

Councilors Allowances- County Councilors receive a 10k allowance over a two year period, C/Cllr Lysser has donated his funding 9k to the Keswick Community Housing Trust, and 1K to the Fitz Park BMX track. Due to ongoing budget cuts CCC are talking about withdrawing any money that isn't spent.

Keswick Hospital Minor Injuries- Due to staff shortages (they are trying to recruit) the minor injuries department is shut over night.

Underspend on Highways Budget- C/Cllr Lysser informed the Parish Council that there is an underspend on the highways budget, he suggested that a letter be sent requesting that if there is an underspend they consider spending it on Borrowdale Road on the stretch between Big Wood- Ashness Bridge.

Grit Bins- C/Cllr Lysser informed the meeting that CCC are considering removing grit bins from the non priority routes, and any grit bins that don't belong to CCC won't be filled (it would become the responsibility of parish councils to pay to fill them at a cost of circa £250 each time).

Action: C/Cllr Lysser to send a list & map of all grit bin locations to the clerk to enable it to be established what impact this change may have on Borrowdale.

Police Report- Borrowdale Parish Council now have a new PSCO (Adele Lyall), who was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report which detailed 4 incidents which had taken place since the last meeting (three fallen trees, and obstructions caused by cars avoiding flood water).

6/14 Actions Reports/Update from Councilors & Clerk

Unless mentioned below all actions from previous minutes are deemed to have been completed.

6.i- Badminton Club-ongoing- The floor has now been repaired and they are waiting for it to be varnished.

Action: TD/DH to continue work on this matter

6.ii- Toilets- The Clerk, and the National Trust have a site meeting on the 6th February with United Utilities to investigate if the problem with the toilets backing up maybe caused by a problem in the main sewer.

6.iii Sheep Feeders- Andrew Thompson requested that the localities of the problematic sheep feeders be drawn on a map and returned to him.

Action: BC to return the annotated map to Andrew Thompson, and request an update for the March Meeting.

6.iv- SSSI Lodore Woods- The clerk has filed the relevant forms with the land registry and is waiting for their response.

Action: Clerk to continue working on this matter.

6.v- Housing/National Trust- Andrew Thompson is waiting to discuss the issues raised at the last meeting with his new line Manager before he provides us with a response. The clerk has in the meantime circulated some information on the housing stock breakdown to all councilors.

Action: Clerk to check the numbers on the housing stock breakdown and re agenda the issue for the March meeting when a full response will be received from the National Trust.

7/14 Borrowdale Road & Public Transport.

Roadside Parking @ Lodore- Issue raised by Cllr Webb that during periods of inclement weather Lodore residents move their cars out of the car park and park them on the side of the road resulting in the road being obstructed to a very narrow width and causing concern about access for public transport vehicles/emergency services vehicles.

Resolved that a letter be sent to Lodore Hotel detailing our concerns and suggesting the consider the creation of a flood bund around the car park or the option of moving residents cars to the Car Park at Borrowdale Hotel during times of extreme weather. Also that the police be consulted on any potential enforcement action that could be taken against these drivers.

Action: Clerk to raise these queries with the police

Action: Clerk to write to Lodore Hotel raising the above issues.

Highways Meet & Greet- Cllr Bennett attended this meeting on behalf of Borrowdale Parish Council, he found the meeting informative and met with the new highways transport manager and the team that will be working on the ground. They did confirm that they would send through the presentation and information electronically but this hasn't yet been received.

Action: Clerk to chase up the electronic copies of these documents

C/Cllr Lysser added to the information from Cllr Bennett that in St Johns, Thirlmere & Wythburn he worked with the parish to list all the highways issues and number them on a map and this has resulted in the CCC Highways Teams being on site and ALL of the issues have now been rectified. C/Cllr Lysser offered to work with Borrowdale on a similar map.

Pete Barron pointed out that Borrowdale Parish Council have repeatedly raised our issues with Highways but that no progress has been made.

Action: Clerk to circulate Pete Barron's original list of highways problems/issues to all councilors.

Action: All Councilors to look at the list and add on any other/new issues and return these suggests to the clerk by Friday 14th February

Action: Clerk to collate all issues and pass them to C/Cllr Lysser and if necessary number them and annotate a map.

8/14 Broadband Update

No update has been received from Mr Dowie on the work he is doing.

C/Cllr Lysser suggested that Borrowdale Parish Council actively work with the Derwent 7 on approaching a new broadband fund that is especially set up for areas that fall in the 7% that will be excluded from the Connecting Cumbria Project. A member of the public that was present at the meeting stated that he would support any move to improve the broadband in the area.

The Clerk updated the meeting that the Derwent 7 are working with the Cumbria County Council Area Support Team to consider the submission of an application for the Derwent 7 area to this fund to cover the areas that are in the 7% that are not covered by the Connecting Cumbria Project. Due to the large area of the Derwent 7 two meetings are being organized to discuss this, the one concerning Borrowdale is likely to take place in February. Cllr Dixon requested that he be notified of the date for this meeting once it is set so he can attend the meeting.

Action: Clerk to circulate the meeting date to all councilors once the date is set.

9/14 Responses to Consultations

The clerk requested that it be minuted that she was concerned with the apparent lack of interest from many Borrowdale Parish Councilors.

10/14 Holiday Cottage Bin Collections & Fly Tipping at Mary Mount

Holiday Cottage Bin Collections:

Cllr Webb raised the issue of bins from holiday cottages not being returned by the bin collection teams to the cottages (where they collect them from) and as a result the bins obstruct vehicular access, and may cause damage to person or property if they were to blow around. Cllr Dixon confirmed that he has a similar issue in Seatoller (he regularly puts bins from up to 10 properties out at the roadside collection point and returns them to the properties afterwards). Cllr Webb feels that it should be the responsibility of the collection teams to collect the bins from the properties and return them to the same place and that the cost should be added on to the bills to the holiday cottage owners.

Action: Clerk to contact ABC and enquire about the responsibilities of the bin collection teams and also how to differentiate between domestic bins, and commercial bins (for Holiday cottages etc) do they have red tops?

Fly Tipping @ Mary Mount:

Cllr Webb reported that there appears to be some fly tipping on the south side of the wall, and there is also the issue of the construction debris on the North side of the site. The clerk informed the councilors that the ABC website has a function for reporting fly tipping that the clerk has successfully used in the past.

Action: The clerk to write to the Mary Mount hotel to raise this issue, and Cllr Webb will wait one month before reporting the fly tipping to ABC.

It was resolved that the following councilors would be responsible for putting up notices of meetings on the following noticeboards:

Cllr Webb- Grange
Cllr Dixon- Seatoller
Cllr Dowson- Langstrath Road End
Cllr Brocklebank- Rosthwaite.

The clerk will email round relevant documentation in good time, and Cllrs will inform the clerk if for some reason they are unable to erect the notices.

12/14 Community Voluntary Projects

Ongoing Action for Cllr Bennett to organize with the Community Payback Team a day in the area clearing over grown paths etc.

Action: Cllr Bennett to action.

Bus Shelter @ Stonethwaite Road end has some slates off. Local resident Billy Bland offered to mend this for the cost of materials. The Council accepted Mr Bland's offer and Cllrs Dowson & Hindmarch offered to help with labour if required

Action: Mr Bland & Cllr's Dowson & Hindmarch to action

13/14 Correspondence received.

Royal Garden Party Nomination- There were no nominations from the Council
Grit Bins- This was covered by C/Cllr Lysser in his update
10 Peaks Event Notification- The council had no issues with this event taking place.

14/14 Finance & Precept

A draft budget has been circulated to all councilors. The Clerk informed the meeting of the recent advice from CALC regarding the impending decision (On the 17th February) on legislation capping precept raises. The advice from CALC is that parishes consider a draft budget/ and precept but hold off sending the precept forms into the Borough Council until after the decision is published on the 17th February 2014. If the capping is set at 2% then an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting would need to be called to re-consider the decision.

Resolved: That the draft budget & proposed precept be increased

Action: Clerk to update councilors on the decision regarding precept capping on 17th February and if required organize an Extra-Ordinary Meeting.

The following items were authorized for payment and all cheques were signed by two signatories:

Chq Ref	Supplier	Total
24	Donation to Fitz Park Trust	£200
25	Keswick Computer Services- Ink	£21.90
	Total	£221.90

Action: Andrew Lysser to organize a formal receipt for the donation to the Fitz Park Trust.

15/14 Planning Matters & Consultations

7/2013/2327- *High Close, Grange (Renovation and extension of dwelling)* – This was considered by the parish council and it was resolved that they had no objections.

Action: Clerk to pass this on to the LDNPA

16/14 Reports back from linked groups

Grange Lampposts- JH updated the meeting that the ongoing search for funding continues. He proposed that if we can source 1k that this and the 2k already in the bank be used to replace the lamppost at the top of the village and then work will continue to find the funding for the final lamppost at the bus stop. The council resolved that this was an appropriate plan of action

Action: JH & the Clerk to meet to fill in the forms for the Local Committee

Derwent 7 Constitution- Cllr's Webb & Bennett voted to accept the new Derwent 7 Constitution

Action: Clerk to pass these votes back to the Derwent 7

Derwent 7 Housing- The D7 are also working with the LDNP on housing issues around identifying properties that have a local occupancy clause/S.106 agreement on them. This work ties in with the work that Borrowdale Parish Council are doing with the National Trust. This work is ongoing and any updates will be reported as and when

Borrowdale Whole Valley Planning Group- No further updates.

17/14 Councilor Matters

Cllr Webb suggested that Mr Harper be invited to the next meeting to meet the council (he expressed an interest in becoming a parish councilor)

Cllr Webb raised the issue of the donation to the West Cumbria Rape Crisis at the last meeting, he felt that a Parish Council is not a grant making body, and this should be borne in mind when any further applications for funding are received.

Institute- Cllr Bennett informed the council that an advert has been placed in the next issue of the Benefice News asking that interested parties email the clerk.

18/14 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 26th March 2014.

The meeting closed at 21:19