

Borrowdale Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the Borrowdale Parish Council held in the Rosthwaite Institute on Wednesday 31st July 2013 at 19:30

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

In Attendance: C/Cllr Andrew Lysser, Becx Carter (Clerk), Pete Barron, Jeff Hall, D/Cllr Hillary Hope.

Apologies: J Hayton (LDNPA), Penny Webb (National Trust),

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the above-mentioned observers.

2. Request for Declarations

None received

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd May 2013

All members had received a copy of the minutes to read.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd May 2013 were confirmed as a true & accurate record, and as such were signed by the Chairman.

5. Action Reports/Updates from Councilors & Clerks

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

5.i- Badminton Club- This action is currently stalled due to the condition of the floor in the village hall that will need to be repaired (holes patched, and surface re polished) before the badminton club could progress. DH has spoken to some people regarding quotes but has not yet received them. Once DH has received the quotes this matter will be reconsidered.

Action Point: JB/DH to get a quote for the works to the floor

5.ii- Borrowdale Toilets- PB provided some information from Penny that the Rosthwaite toilets have been shut twice due to blockages and concerns have been raised that this may have been an act of vandalism. Once again the Parish Council felt that the ideal solution to the Toilets would be to have someone local maintaining, cleaning & locking them up at night. This issue to be included on the next agenda ready for a discussion to be had with ABC about 2014 toilet provision.

Action Point: BC to include on the next agenda.

5.iii- Response to queries raised with the National Trust- Following the January Borrowdale Parish Council meeting the parish councilors requested that Andrew Thompson be invited to a BPC meeting, Andrew has still been unable to commit to a meeting. The clerk has invited him to either the September or November meeting to enable the queries to be discussed and a public question and answer session regarding the National Trust housing policy etc to be held (30mins)

Clerk has contacted the National Trust who have confirmed that they own/manage 23 properties within the Borrowdale Valley, which equates to about 19% of the housing stock (there are in the region of 120 properties within the Borrowdale Parish area). The Parish Council felt this was a significant share of the housing stock.

Action Point: BC to continue to liaise with Andrew Thompson to try and organize Andrew's attendance at a future Borrowdale PC meeting to discuss the above issues.

Action Point Outstanding from Jan Meeting: PW to report back at the March meeting on the progress with the sheep feeders on the footpaths

5.v- SSSI @ Lodore Woods- following the May meeting the Clerk contacted Natural England for clarity on what the roles, responsibilities and liabilities of the Parish Council there are for this piece of land, and also to query that the land didn't belong to High Lodore farm. PB provided clarity that because the land has a CL number (CL488) means it is Common Land, and a Section 9 Protection means that it has no owner. He further went on to say that commons have graziers and that they have the rights on the land.

Action Point: Clerk to continue to work on this matter and report back at the next meeting of the BPC

5.vi- Bin in Grange- The bin in Grange that was being targeted by fly-tippers was moved following the May BPC meeting to a more appropriate place. ABC have provided an update that over the holiday season they will be increasing the frequency of emptying of the bins, and that they were pleased to report that in the recent weeks there had been no reported activity by the fly tipper, however if further incidents were to occur the public bins would be removed.

6. Public Participation

Police Matters

An update was received from the PCSO on any relevant police matters (there had been 1 incident to report)

D/Cllr H Hope

D/Cllr Hope introduced herself as the new ABC Councilor covering the Above Derwent Ward (replacing Tim Heslop), she informed the council that she was still settling in to her new role and that she was looking forward to continuing to attend parish council meetings.

C/Cllr A Lysser

Borrowdale Road- Councilor Lysser informed the meeting that he had recently accompanied a highways representative on a drive down the Borrowdale Road. Some of the road has now been tarred & chipped and CCC Highways have promised that more work will take place prior to the Tour of Britain. They further confirmed that a final inspection would be done in early September prior to the race coming through. AL further confirmed that CCC Highways are hoping to have all the significant potholes made safe prior to the race, and that the reason that some of them have gone so bad so fast is because the slurry type mix that was used on the last set of works didn't have sufficient bitumen in it for our weather conditions (even though it met European Standards!). AL also confirmed that some of the worst potholes on the Watendlath Road have now been filled.

A query from the floor was raised on why the Highways department don't have more of a come back/agreement with utility companies that damage the roads/don't repair them following works. AL confirmed that CCC are working to try and ensure that any damage done by an external company to the roads is put back at the correct & proper standard.

Broadband- AL confirmed that a meeting has recently been held, during which it was confirmed that 7% of Cumbria won't get superfast broadband and that it is likely that some of the Borrowdale Parish Council area is likely to fall within that. The clerk further confirmed that recent coverage information received from Connecting Cumbria is that 85% of Borrowdale Parish Council won't receive superfast broadband. AL confirmed that one of the options available to communities who are effected by being part of the 7% is to finance it themselves via a Community Build Scheme. The Parish Council felt that this cost would be too great for the Parish Council to bear and that local businesses would need to be consulted on this, and this maybe something that the Borrowdale Whole Valley Group could look at.

It was resolved that the Broadband Hub Champions be formally thanked for all their hard work on this subject.

Action Point: BC to write to Geoff Davies & Margaret Throp & thank them for all their hard work.

PB posed a question to C/Cllr Lysser: In Yorkshire they are working on having a legacy for the area following the Tour De France passing through in 2014, has CCC got any ideas for a legacy for Cumbria from the Tour of Britain (the coverage of which is likely to be broadcast to over 100 countries, and which is expected to attract circa 10k visitors to the Borrowdale Valley on the day)? AL responded saying that he agreed with PB, however the CCC argue that Cumbria is the second biggest county in the country, with the worst weather, and the highest service bills (but low income due to low population numbers), and that they are just playing catch up.

7. Borrowdale Road

Covered by C/Cllr Lysser above.

8. Broadband Update-

Covered by C/Cllr Lyssers update above

9. Community Voluntary Projects

An opportunity for suggestions to be received for projects/jobs that need done within the parish that can be accomplished by one/a group of parishioners

No suggestions were received

ND requested that some research be done by the Parish Council on who owns/looks after the Red Phone Box @ Seatoller which is damaged & very rusty, there was also some query as to if it was a listed building.

Action Point: BC to do some research on this matter.

10. Correspondence Received

Unless otherwise minuted the Parish Council did not wish to respond/action any of the correspondence received

Email from Phillip Jones- Re Wind Turbines- The BPC felt that at this time they didn't wish to be included in a this group regarding Wind Turbines as it is not an issue that to date has effected Borrowdale Parish Council

All Parliamentary Group on Village Halls- **The Borrowdale Parish Council resolved that this was potentially something that could be of benefit and therefore resolved to support it.**

Action Point: BC to write in support of this

Ultimate Trails- Request for financial support towards a new trail race. **Resolved this was not of interest to the BPC**

CCC Chairman's Appeal- Request for £1000 contribution for a defibrillator- **Resolved that this was outside of the budget capacity of the Borrowdale Parish Council.** The Council requested that the clerk do some research on if there is currently one in the valley, as there was a thought that there maybe one at the Royal Oak in Rosthwaite

Action Point: Clerk to research & report back

11. Finance

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

Chq Ref	Supplier	Total
11	Clerks Salary (Qtr 2)	£469.90
12	PAYE for Clerk	£117.60
13	Clerks Expenses	£110.88

15	Cumbria Payroll Services	£14
	Total	£712.38

12. Planning Matters & Consultations to Respond to:

Honister Zip Wire- Following the last meeting where the results of the Honister survey were discussed and two new councilors joined the council, AW surveyed the council members on their position with relation to this and the end result was 5:3 in favour. A letter has been sent to Joe Weir informing of this.

Lodore Falls Hotel- Enforcement Issue re positioning of the Gazebo & boundary concerns

It was agreed in late 2012 that this matter would be put on the agenda for the May 2013 meeting to enable the Parish Council to assess if the matter had been resolved or if a request for enforcement action would be necessary. In particular the issue of the shed. BC has recently contacted Julia to ask for an update but hasn't yet heard back.

Resolved: BC to circulate Julia's response to the Parish Council one it has been received.

Action Point: BC to action

Action Point: From the May meeting re definition of a dwelling be re-agenda'd for the September meeting

Consultations

Unless detailed below Borrowdale Parish Council had no comment:

-Securing the future of Flood Insurance- **Resolved- BPC support this consultation.**

-Cumbria County Council Service Reviews- **Resolved- BPC to send a copy of the letter that is being sent to the Passenger Transport Consultation to the CCC Service Reviews and ask that Public Transport (management of) and the mechanism of maintenance of roads, surveying & highways stewards be considered.**

-Passenger Transport in Isolated Communities- **Resolved- BPC felt that there is currently an issue that there are a large number of bus services coming down the Borrowdale Valley (often in quick succession) and councilors are concerned that this may mean a reduced overall profit and therefore a potential impact on the winter services. A response to this consultation be submitted on these issues/concerns.**

Action Point: Clerk to send consultation responses

13. Reports back from linked groups

Unless mentioned below no actions/resolutions were made or required with regard to the matters for information.

Grange Lampposts- No further progress has been made on additional funding for this project (due to BPC being a local government body they are not eligible for many grant funds). JH is continuing to work on this matter and is waiting for a response from a number of other funders.

AL suggested that it maybe easier to apply for funding if a separate group was set up e.g .the Grange Community Group. JH agreed he was prepared to chair such a group, and SH was prepared to be member

Action Point: Residents of Grange to consider this as a way forward.

Action Point: Clerk to ensure that all grant completion forms have been returned (6 months post grant)

Derwent 7- No updates at this stage, hopefully an update should be received at the next BPC meeting one the Derwent 7 AGM has taken place in early September.

Borrowdale Whole Valley Planning- The meeting has been delayed until Autumn. PB provided a brief update that consent has been granted for 2 gravel removal in 2 areas but funding needs to be sought. PB also reiterated that the BWVP group were looking to take on a broader role, and are well placed to do so as it has the backing of many organisations, the issue is currently that it is an un-constituted body with no bank account, so

the minutiae of how it works with Borrowdale Parish Council needs to be considered, e.g. can be an autonomous group that reports to the BPC and uses its bank account to avoid it hitting the same obstacle as the Grange Street Lights Project? The idea of the BPC councilors being trustees on a BWVP Bank Account was discussed and the council requested that further research be done on this idea, to ensure that liabilities are limited. It was also suggested that the implications of using the Borrowdale Village Hall bank account be considered.

Action Point: BC to consider options for this and to take advice from CALC, ACT.

Action Point: BC to research the idea of volunteer trustees (possibly consult KTC who are trustees for hope & Fitz park trust.

Action Point: BC to consult with JB on the type of account that the Borrowdale Village Hall holds.

14. Upcoming Events dates

A list of dates of upcoming events was circulated as part of the Agenda to all Councilors.

15. Councilor Matters

This section of the minutes provides an opportunity for Councilors to raise new issues- No decisions can be made on these matters but the Clerk/Councilors may make further investigations/request inclusion on a future agenda

Buses- Councilors & Observers reported an issue with a large number of public transport buses coming down the Borrowdale Valley the description of 'chasing and going to fast' was used. Queries included do buses need a license to operate? Particularly with relation to Reays- Are they having an impact on the Stagecoach profits? If so what effect will this have on the winter service? BPC are concerned about the future commerciality of the service. AL confirmed that having two operators was also causing parking issues at Keswick Bus Station.

Action Point: BC to raise this matter with CC County Transport, and to flag it up as an issue with the local police as well

Action Point: BC to research bus licensing regulation to see if licenses are required and how those licenses are issued.

Action Point: BC to request usage figures from Stagecoach from their Borrowdale Valley Service.

Seat @ Grange Bridge- This is an ongoing matter that has been discussed earlier in the year, the seat still hasn't been mended. TD agreed to look into the matter again.

Action Point: TD to action

16. Date & Time of next meeting

Wednesday 25th September

The meeting closed at 21:08