

**Borrowdale Parish Council Minutes**

Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the Borrowdale Parish Council held in the Rosthwaite Institute on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014

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

**In Attendance:** Becx Carter (Clerk), C/Cllr A Lysser, Jeff Hall

**Apologies:** Nigel Dixon, Pete Barron (LDNPA)

**55/14 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from the above-mentioned people

**56/14 Request for Declarations**

None received

**57/14 Declarations of Interest**

None

**58/14 Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

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

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were confirmed as a true & accurate record, and as such were signed by the Chairman.

**59/14 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- This matter is still ongoing and it was agreed that this item be removed from the agenda until any further progress is made.

6.ii- Toilets- An email has been received from the National Trust which provided information on the provision of public toilets within Borrowdale for the Summer Season 2014 (all facilities are currently open and this will continue until the end of the summer season. Volunteers have been found to clean & lock/unlock Rosthwaite toilets. The email also noted that the parking charges for National Trust have been increased as of June 2014. This increase was not directly related to toilet issues, but may help mitigate some of the costs.

It is likely that this item will crop up on future agendas as there is no obvious way forward, as the National Trust's budgets are restricted, and the Parish Council can't afford to take on the running of the toilets.

6.iii- SSSI Lodore Woods- The clerk has now received copies of Land Registry maps for the title numbers from the initial search. One of these maps covers part of the area of the SSSI in question, however more research is needed to identify any potential owners of the remaining area.

**Action; Clerk to continue work on this matter.**

6.iv- Housing/National Trust- This matter has been on-going for a number of meetings, the council is aiming to establish why the National Trust don't consider themselves to be a significant housing provider, as if they are they can consider letting properties according to a specialized housing policy. The clerk read out an email from Thomas Burditt the General Manager for the North Lakes. This email confirmed that the National Trust do not consider themselves to be a significant housing provider in Borrowdale. This decision was not made locally and was made by a regional process. The email confirmed that a 'significant housing provider' was only agreed where the Trust owns a significant number of houses which are a high proportion of the available housing in a particular locality and where there is a reliance on Trust housing to meet the social needs of the community.

The National Trust considers that the proportion of the total houses owned by the National Trust within Borrowdale is low. (The email confirmed the National Trust own 14 residential lets, 1 let to staff, and 8 houses that come as part of a farm (agricultural lets)- 4 of which have linked cottages as part of the tenancy that may not be under the Trust's direct control. There are a further 5 commercial lets.

**Action: Clerk to invite Mr Thomas Burditt to the September Borrowdale Parish Council meeting**

It was further noted that the Parish Council would also like a clearer response on which properties were left to the National Trust with a caveat of providing housing to local people.

**Action: Clerk to ask Mr Burditt for a list of all National Trust properties within the Parish.**

**Action: Clerk to do a Freedom of Information Request to the National Trust asking for specifics on any benefactors stipulations on all properties within the parish**

**60/14 Public Participation**

Police Report- A written report was received from the police stating that 3 incidents had occurred since the last Borrowdale Parish Council meeting.

*C/Cllr Lysser-White Lines-* These have now been installed on a significant stretch of the B5289 it is hoped that this will improve the parking issues.

*Broadband-C/Cllr Lysser* informed the council that CCC have now applied for a grant to create up to 2% more broadband coverage. This may not help Borrowdale to achieve coverage but it may make more grants available for alternative methods of broadband provision e.g. satellite. C/Cllr Lysser informed the meeting that he was hoping to organize a meeting in Keswick to which all broadband providers would be invited to enable people to attend and discuss their needs. C/Cllr Lysser will keep Borrowdale Parish Council informed of the date of this event.

*Neighbourhood Forum-* C/Cllr Lysser informed the meeting that there is still money remaining in both the standard and 0-19 pots for the neighbourhood forum. Any one that has a project that might satisfy the requirements should be encouraged to apply.

*CCC Speed Limits consultation-* A consultation is taking place on if the B5289 (and other roads) should have their speed limits increased to 60MPH. C/Cllr Lysser asked to be copied into any consultation response to enable him to lobby on our behalf.

**61/14 Borrowdale Road**

No issues were raised.

**62/14 Broadband**

The clerk had circulated the report from the meeting held on Easter weekend to all councilors. No interest was registered in taking the matter any further at this stage.

Vodafone Rural Sure Signal Project- The clerk informed the meeting that Vodafone have opened up applications for communities to register to be involved in the Rural Sure Signal Project- for communities that don't currently have any phone signal. To be eligible the sites need to have at least 4MBPS broadband speed. Cllr Metcalfe confirmed that he does regularly receive this speed at his property.

**Action: Clerk to contact the project and ask about the implications on the broadband service (slowing it down etc) that having one of these devices installed would cause, and the radius/distance that the signal would research. Also clerk to research the funding criteria for this.**

**Action: Clerk to circulate the responses to the above questions for a decision via email on if Borrowdale Parish Council should proceed with an application**

**63/14 Community Voluntary Projects**

No suggestions were received

**64/14 Correspondence.**

Unless listed below all correspondence listed on the agenda is noted as having been received by no action was required.

- Winter Maintenance Routes for Comments- **Resolved** that Borrowdale Parish Council request that the road to the school be gritted

**Action: Clerk to submit this response**

-Support for proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act giving parish councils the right to sell electricity generated from local schemes- **Resolved:** That Borrowdale Parish Council email in support of this.

**Action: Clerk to respond to the email**

**65/14 Finance****a) Accounts for payment**

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

Chq Ref	Supplier	Total
8	Cumbria CVS Funding Fair Ticket	£50.00
9	Becx Carter- Expenses (including land registry costs)	£99.14
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£149.14</b>

**Action: Clerk to process the above payments**

**Action: Clerk to chase up VAT returns.**

**66/14 Planning Matters & Consultations****Planning Applications for Consideration**

Ref: 7/2014/2171  
 Location: Honister Cottage, The Yew Tree, Seatoller  
 Proposal: Change of use of manager/staff accommodation into holiday letting accommodation for first floor and part of ground floor of existing buildings (retrospective)

Following a robust discussion about the background to this application it was **resolved** that majority of councilors objected to this application on the basis that it is the loss of amenity for the village and the loss of opportunity for local housing in the village. Councils felt that if this development were changed at all it should be back to local housing. Further to this councilors didn't understand why this development could be a holiday cottage but not local housing. It was also noted that this building is listed and it is not clear from the application how this would be affected.

**Action: Clerk to submit the above comments**

**Action: Clerk to chase up the issue of the unauthorized timber building that the council were informed in November was subject to an enforcement order.**

**Planning Decisions**

The following decisions were noted:

Mary Mount Hotel	7/2014/2109-Replacement of dilapidated garage with new garage/garden store & woodchip boiler- GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS
Hazel Bank Hotel	7/2013/2301-Extension and alterations to existing hotel and creation of 3 bedroom owners flat- GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS

**Consultations for Response**

*CCC Consultation on Allerdale Speed Limits-* A consultation has been received looking at the possibility of raising the speed limit on the B5289 from 40MPH to National Speed Limit (60MPH) whilst maintaining the 20MPH zones at Mary Mount etc.

It was noted by the council that a letter objecting to this had been received from local residents.

It was further noted by the council that there were many inaccuracies in the consultation documentation including the fact that it refers to the majority of the route not having a footpath, (when in fact most of the route has one) and also references to a 'low amount of traffic.

**Resolved** that Borrowdale Parish Council OBJECT to this consultation on the grounds of safety.

**Action: Clerk to submit the above response, and also to ask on the implications of maintaining the existing limit as the council is keen to not have too much additional signage installed. Clerk to copy CCC Cllr Lysser on the response.**

#### **67/14 Standing Orders & Financial Regulations**

A draft copy of the proposed standing orders & financial regulations had been circulated to all councilors prior to the meeting.

**Resolved** that the proposed standing orders & financial regulations be adopted and were signed as such by the Chairman (Cllr Bennett proposed, Cllr Hicks Seconded-All were in favour).

**Action: Clerk to PDF these documents and send to Cllr Webb for inclusion on the website.**

#### **68/14 Appointment of a representative to the Borrowdale Charitable Trust.**

Cllr G Metcalfe was nominated to take this position. This was approved by all present.

**Action: Clerk to inform Rev Peter Vivash of the new representative.**

#### **69/14 Memorandum of Agreement Re Rosthwaite Name sign**

**Resolved** that this Memorandum of Agreement be signed between Borrowdale Parish Council and CCC to enable the installation of a slate name sign at the entrance to Rosthwaite Village. The agreement was signed by Cllr Andrew Webb & Becx Carter Parish Clerk on behalf of Borrowdale Parish Council.

**Action: Clerk to return the signed agreements to CCC for their signature.**

**Action: Clerk to get written confirmation from Borrowdale Parish Councils insurers that this sign is included on the policy**

#### **70/14 Reports back from linked groups**

*Grange Lampposts-* A request is currently being considered by the Allerdale Local Committee of CCC to transfer these funds towards the Rosthwaite Institute restoration fund.

Borrowdale Parish Council thanked Mr Jeff Hall for his hard work on this project.

*Derwent 7* – No further updates received, the next meeting will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September (Transport meeting), and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September for a cluster group meeting.

*Borrowdale Whole Valley Planning Group-* No further updates.

#### **71/14 Councillor Matters**

**Action: Clerk to check when rent was last paid to the farm for the football pitch and report back to the next meeting. As Councillors felt that Rosthwaite was lacking in some outdoor amenity space.**

Borrowdale Institute- Cllr J Bennett informed the meeting that the institute committee is waiting for the architect to produce some proposals, once these have been received a public event will be organized for people to view & comment on the plans and the next steps.

**72/14 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 19:30 at the Rosthwaite Institute.

The meeting closed at 21:05