

Borrowdale Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the Borrowdale Parish Council held in the Rosthwaite Institute on Wednesday 26th March 2014

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

In Attendance: Beccy Carter (Clerk), C/Cllr Andrew Lysser, Pete Barron (LDNPA), Michael Chapman (Borrowdale Resident), Jeff Hall

Apologies: Andrew Thompson (National Trust), Penny Webb (National Trust),

19/14 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the above-mentioned people

20/14 Request for Declarations

None received

21/14 Declarations of Interest

None

22/14 Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th November 2013

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

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on the 29th January 2014 were confirmed as a true & accurate record, and as such were signed by the Chairman.

23/14 Public Participation

C/Cllr Lysser provided the following updates:

Borrowdale Road:

Borrowdale Parish Council thanked C/Cllr Lysser for all his work on the road issue over the past 6-8 weeks.

C/Cllr Lysser informed the council that he had worked hard to convince Cumbria County Council to bring forward a significant volume of money (50-80k) forward from the 14/15 budget to the 13/14 budget to enable works to be done on the Borrowdale Road at the same time as the road closure was in place. The total spent on the works has now exceeded this total, including work done on the road up to Ashness, and reparation works have been done on Catbells terrace as and when it has been requested as a result of increased usage.

Resolved: That a letter of thanks be sent to Cumbria County Council Highways Team for their consideration and work during the recent road closure.

Action: BC to organize this

It was confirmed by the clerk that she had raised the issue of the old joints being sealed at the same time. Mr Harrison of Highways has confirmed that this would be looked at.

C/Cllr Lysser also confirmed that he was aware that some of the smaller jobs haven't yet been completed e.g. signage/vegetation etc but he is confident that these jobs will be picked up again once the highway stewards are back working in the valley (They have been seconded to the major road works whilst they have been going on).

PB raised the issue that water management needs to be kept on top of, as this is one of the key issues that causes a lot of the damage to the road. C/Cllr Lysser acknowledged this and said that one of the main issues is that when the gas & water pipes were laid down the valley a stone saw was used which cut through all the

drains so they no longer function. C/Cllr Lysser further informed the council that CCC have an engineer looking at these issues but the report has not yet been received.

Action: BC to contact the highways team and get an update on the progress/outcome of this work.

The clerk confirmed to the meeting that the 10mph speed limit would be in place for another 3 weeks to enable the works to be completed and there would be some short over night closures as the main works finish to complete the job.

C/Cllr Lysser left the meeting 19:43

Resolved: That a letter of thanks be sent to C/Cllr Lysser for his help, support and work on this issue.

Action: BC to organize this.

24/14 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- BC, The National Trust & UU held a site visit on the 6th February during which United Utilities ran a camera down the main sewer and confirmed that there was NO problem with main sewer. UU did inform us during the meeting that there were some plumbing issues within the Rosthwaite toilet block around pipe diameters, and around overhanging plumbing fittings. The National Trust have confirmed that they will fund these works to be done. (The National Trust have confirmed that these works and others at other toilet blocks will be done with a view to all the toilet blocks being open by Easter). The National Trust have also confirmed the LDNPA are no longer in charge of the Seatoller WC's and that these are passing back to the National Trust (they have also taken the decision to keep these toilets open for the forthcoming season).

The Clerk informed the council that the National Trust had asked for an indication if there was any community support for opening/closing the toilets/refilling supplies etc.

This was considered by the council and the council resolved that it wasn't something they wished to be involved with and they felt this should be done by the National Trust because they charge 50p extra for the car park and the council believe that this extra 50p was added to the charge to cover the toilet costs.

Action: BC to write to the National Trust to ask what the justification is for the extra cost of the car parks, and why this funding can't be used for the man power to run the toilets (also why can't it be done by the car park team as they empty the parking meters).

6.iii Sheep Feeders- A response has been received from the National Trust stating " Natural England & the National Trust have received the situation. In respect of Farm & HLS management, the Trust presently has no immediate concerns at this time and that the field the sheep are being fed in which the permissive path passes over; is the field within the Farmers environmental stewardship scheme that permits such activities' . As the National Trust felt there was no need for action it was resolved that this matter now be removed from the agenda.

6.iv- SSSI Lodore Woods- The clerk has received one report back from the Land Registry and has filed the relevant subsequent 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: ongoing- Clerk to re-agenda this for the next meeting by which a response should have been received from Andrew Thompson & his line manager).

6.vi- Roadside Parking @ Lodore- The clerk has written to the Lodore Hotel raising this issue but no response has yet been received. The police have confirmed that if the parking were to obstruct emergency vehicle access this would be something they would act upon.

Action: The Council requested that the clerk contact Highways and ask if single white lines could be put on both sides of the road over the brow of the hill to discourage parking.

6.vii- Holiday Cottage Bin Collection & Fly Tipping @ Mary Mount.

Fly Tipping at Mary Mount- The clerk has written to the owner of the Mary Mount and AW confirmed that some clearing had taken place. It was resolved that in future if the issue re-occurs that another letter would be sent prior to it being reported to ABC.

Holiday Cottage Bin Collection. A response has been received from ABC which states " Businesses would have a red top for their business refuse and pay a trade refuse account. A property available for letting for more than 20 weeks a year should pay business rates, have a trade refuse account and a red top bin. Those properties should be available for less than 20 weeks rent per annum will be classed as second homes and retain the domestic bins". ABC further confirmed that domestic bins should be left and the roadside (and collected from there) by home owners, business bins should be collected from the premises and returned back to the premises.

The above information was noted by the council but it no further action was agreed upon.

25/14 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.

No other matters were raised.

26/14 Borrowdale Road & Public Transport

No other issues were raised other than those discussed under item 23/14

27/14 Broadband

This matter is ongoing, no date has yet been set for a Stage 5 Community Build meeting. BC & Nigel are continuing to work/liase with the relevant people regarding this.

28/14 Email Summons.

It was **resolved** that all councilors are happy to receive their meeting summons via email, if a councilor requests hard copy summons these will be provided.

Action: Clerk to ensure that his resolution is included in the next revision of the Standing Orders.

29/14 Community Voluntary Projects

No suggestions were received

JB confirmed that he was in touch with someone from the probation service and was in the process of organizing a meeting with them to look at the possibility of the probation service doing a day's work within Borrowdale Valley clearing roadside footpaths of vegetation.

30/14 Correspondence.

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

Parish Approval for St Bega's Ultra Trail Event- Parish Council had no objections to this taking place

Action: Clerk to reply to this email

LDNPA Notice of vacancy following John Hayton's resignation- The parish council did not wish to nominate anyone to stand for this position, but it was **resolved** that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Hayton

Action: Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Mr Hayton

31/14 Finance

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

Chq Ref	Supplier	Total
25	Cumbria Payroll Services	£14.00
26	Becx Carter Clerks Salary	£474.22
27	HMRC PAYE costs	£118.60
28	Clerks Expenses	£61.25
29	CALC Annual Subscription	£126.00
Total		£794.07

32/14 Planning Matters & Consultations

There were no planning applications for consideration.

The Fix the Fells Alignment Project- Public Path Order- Diversion of Fix the Fells Path 212003 & 212053 at Ruddy Gill & around Angle Tarn was noted.

33/14 Reports back from linked groups

Grange Lampposts- BC has completed a draft application form for an application to local committee for £1000 to enable the lamp-post in Grange village to be replaced. This is with Jeff Hall now for his consideration/editing.

Action: JH to continue working on this

Derwent 7 – At a meeting of the Derwent 7 held on Monday 24th March (Nigel attended on behalf of Borrowdale) it was agreed that a funding offer of £1550 from ABC be accepted. This money will enable the Derwent 7 to continue for an additional 18months after the LDNPA Communities Fund money runs out in September. The Derwent 7 in particular is focusing on Community Broadband to help communities like Borrowdale who currently will receive less than 20% coverage from the Connecting Cumbria Project.

Borrowdale Whole Valley Planning Group- No further updates, it is felt that this group is likely to remain on hold for some time. Pete Barron did confirm that the group still holds to EA consents for extraction but funding needs to be raised to enable this to happen.

34/14 Upcoming Dates

Pete Barron informed the meeting that the date for the LDNPA Distinctive Area Tour is now scheduled to take place on 30th September (not the 11th September).

35/14 Councillor Matters

GM raised the query on if Joe Weirs offer of a replacement 'Rosthwaite' sign could be taken up?

Action: BC to contact Highways and ask if this would be acceptable or is planning required etc?

JB informed the meeting that at the next meeting (the AGM) he would like to stand down as vice chair of Borrowdale Parish Council

All to consider nominations for the positions of chair & vice chair in advance of the AGM in May.

36/14 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14th May 2014 (AGM & Annual Meeting)

The meeting closed at 20:30