

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Parish Hall on Monday 19th September 2005.

PRESENT Mr W R Cowx (Chairman) Mr A L Ryan
 Mrs A Cartmell Mr A Savage
 Mr H Hellon Mr C Smithson
 Mr W R Knowles Mr A Tyson
 Mr H Little

 Mrs E Auld (Clerk) Mr D S Fairbairn (County/Borough Councillor)
Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A D R Noble.

19/09-30 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2005 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

19/09-31 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Fairbairn reported that he had received a letter from Mrs D Brown regarding change of site for the recycling bins in Heskett Newmarket.

19/09-32 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr W Cowx declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 05/2203 Hudscates, Heskett Newmarket – erection of slurry tower and collection pit.

19/09-33 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Decisions:

05/2175 Woodhouse Farm, Heskett Newmarket – conservation pond – approved 1 condition.

Applications:

05/2203 Hudscates, Heskett Newmarket – erection of slurry tower and collection pit – Councillors that saw the application within the consultation period has no objections to the development – no further comments.

Pre application consultation by Argiva, Caldbeck Transmitting Station, Brocklebank, Caldbeck – proposed replacement mast for digital TV – no comments.

19/09-34 HESKETT NEWMARKET BOTTLE RECYCLING

Disquiet at the position of the recycling bins on Woodhall Road had led to a forty signature petition, together with letters of objection being received from Mr and Mrs Crosland and Mrs Brown. The Clerk had spoken to Mr Davey, Brewery Chairman and Mr Ross, Old Crown Co-operative Chairman regarding the matter. It was felt that positioning the bins on the Back Green by the car park would be unsightly and muddy in winter, as well as them being an encroachment should any hard standing or fencing be installed. Resolved, proposed Mr Little, seconded Mr Knowles to arrange an open meeting on site to try and overcome the problem, with representatives from the LDNPA, Allerdale, Brewery, Old Crown and interested residents invited to attend.

19/09-35 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Capita Symonds consultation on Draft Outer Lakes Area Action Plan – Clerk reported on the response submitted. Councillor Fairbairn indicated that he had given funding information to Mrs Noble.
- 2 Notification of Bowness, Thursby & Caldbeck Neighbourhood Forum meeting on 19th October, Kirkbride – Mr Smithson to attend.
- 3 Allerdale CALC AGM – 3rd October 2005, Castle Inn – Mr Cowx to attend.
- 4 Cumbria Local Democracy Commission consultation re Cumbria CC engagement and response to the needs of local communities – agreed to comment that services should be retained at the local level, but finance was required to support them. The Highways hotline

- was generally considered to be a service demonstrating good practice.
- 5 LDNPA response to comments made by the Parish Council on Trails Management in the National Park were read out by the Clerk
 - 6 Cumbria CC acknowledgement of comments made regarding the proposed traffic regulation order review in Allerdale.
 - 7 VAC Workshop dates re Parish and Community Planning – 6th October & 16th November – the Clerk and Mr Knowles to attend on one date.
 - 8 CALC Quality Parish Development Programme consultation on Charters – agreed to comment that involvement of local councils should be limited their role as local councillors not as ‘secondes’ to the principle authority. The Charter could include a mechanism for resolving disputes. CALC Statement of Policies. CALC September County Circular. Training Programme dates Autumn 2005-Spring 2006 – no attendance indicated.
 - 9 Allerdale BC Anti social behaviour questionnaire – completed indicating some vandalism damage to seats and signs. Request made for greater police presence.
 - 10 Cumbria & Lake District Joint Structure Plan 2001-2016 Modifications September 2005 – circulated for comments. Councillor Fairbairn indicated that Caldbeck was now included in Allerdale BC Structure Plan.
 - 11 Caldbeck bus timetable poster – for display.
 - 12 Local Works campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill literature – no action.
 - 13 Allerdale BC annual playgrounds inspection letter – no action.
 - 14 Cumbria Playing Fields Association Annual Report 2004/05.
 - 15 The Local Channel – competition to build website – no action.
 - 16 Clerks & Councils Direct September 2005 magazine.
 - 17 CALC letter re LDNPA policy to exclude Parish Council representation at planning site visits – practice in other National Parks being looked at but no commitment re review.
 - 18 Notification of Footpaths 221066,221083, 348029 and 348027 at Heggles Lane, Caldbeck and Mungrisdale Public Path Diversion Order 2005.
 - 19 Copy of Allerdale BC Crime and Disorder Reduction and Community Safety Draft Implementation Strategy.
 - 20 Copy of VAC Gazette: Community & Parish Plans. Notification of Events – 1st & 21st October (Rural Change for Rural People and Community & Parish Plans Conference.
 - 21 Highways Agency Traffic Information and Roadworks leaflets September-November 2005
 - 22 Notification of Workington Police Area Community Liaison Forum 4th October – apologies for absence to be given. Agreed that letter be sent indicating that the Parish Council was strongly against regionalisation involving Cumbria Police. There was already concern that residents only see the Police on a very infrequent basis and attendance of officers at Parish Council meetings was extremely occasional. Moving the centre of operation to Lancashire would render Caldbeck Parish to even greater isolation.

19/09-36

PARISH PLAN AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING SITE VISIT

Reported that the Parish Plan was almost ready to send to Reed’s Ltd for printing 400 copies at a cost of £1,155. Agreed that volunteers could carry out distribution to each household, as with the questionnaire, with a covering letter indicating that a special Parish Plan event would be included at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2006 – to be arranged at January meeting. Budgets for implementation of actions in the Plan were to be considered when setting the Precept. The Clerk reported on the site meeting with Mr Thompson, Allerdale BC Housing Officer on 15th August re affordable housing sites. Agreed that the Planners from LDNPA and Allerdale BC should be invited to inspect the potential sites and report on them from a planning perspective. A letter received from Rachel Bland, LDNPA Community Development Planner asked for contributions to the Commission for Rural Communities Inquiry into rural housing – Clerk to update on current situation.

19/09-37

ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following payments and record of receipts.

Audit Commission – audit fee 2004/05	£141.00
P A Monkhouse – maintenance of Caldbeck Green 2005	£446.50
Metcalfe Plant Hire Ltd – Straits-Priests Mill footpath work	£3,995.00

Receipts:

Third World Shop – John Peel Shelter rent	£100.00
Mr T Richardson –shed annual Licence fee	£5.00
Mr W L Turner – Ratten Row parking area annual Licence fee	£5.00
A letter of thanks was received from St Kentigern’s PCC for the donation towards the maintenance of the Churchyard.	
Current a/c balance 08/09/05 Interest Aug/Sept £0.52	£2,476.53
Deposit a/c balance 08/07/05 Interest Aug/Sept £7.09	£1,824.30

19/09-38 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) Mr G Standring, NPA Ranger had inspected the Straits-Priests Mill footpath following remedial work undertaken by the contractors and felt that it was now satisfactory and as per the specification. The wall pointing was a difficult job and could perhaps have been slightly better. The grass seeding had not been carried out – Mr Cowx agreed to rectify this. Resolved to pay the invoice to Metcalfe Plant Hire Ltd.
- b) Mr Cowx reported that Ken Hope’s machines were unable to be used for removing the bulrushes from Caldbeck Pond. It was agreed that Cumbria CC should be asked to attend to the problem after the ecologist had inspected the pond – Councillor Fairbairn indicated that he would organise the initial investigation.
- c) Mr Knowles reported on the Cumbria in Bloom awards presentation day at Muncaster Castle attended by him and the Clerk. Caldbeck was runner up in the Tidy Large Village competition, with a silver award in Cumbria in Bloom and Hesket Newmarket was runner up in the Small Village category of Cumbria in Bloom with a silver-gilt award. It was agreed that both villages had done exceptionally well – a report was to be included in the Parish magazine.
- d) Signposts for Potts Ghyll/Nether Row and the top of Whelpo still needed to be replaced. The replacement signpost for Mungrisdale had been spelt incorrectly and the Youth Hostel sign required removing – the Clerk agreed to pursue the matter with Highways.
- e) Potholes were reported in the highway between Howbeck and Caldbeck – repairs to be requested before the winter, especially as on a main cycle route.
- f) Mr G Standring was to be reminded by the Clerk about the annual cutting of Howbeck Green.

19/09-39 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 31st October 2005. Agreed that a risk assessment would be considered. Mr J Thornthwaite had indicated his willingness to attend the meeting and talk about Neighbourhood Watch Schemes – suggested that this should be deferred to the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm