

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 27th September 2010.

PRESENT Mrs A Cartmell (Chairman) Mr A Tyson
 Mr W Cowx Mr C Smithson
 Mrs A D R Noble Mr R Knowles
 Mr H Hellon Mr A Savage
 Mr D Whitson Mr A Armstrong

Mrs A Ward (Clerk)
Mr Duncan Fairbairn, District and County Councillor
Mrs Julia Trotter, Northern Fells Group Village Agent
Dr Jim Cox

27/09-37 APOLOGIES
Apologies for absence were received from Graham Standring, LDNP Ranger and Rodney Earl, Age UK representative.

27/09-38 MINUTES
The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 16th August 2010 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

27/09-39 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Arnold Savage declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 5c, Dale Beck Barn.

27/09-40 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Dr Jim Cox, resident, had been to the Broadband Conference organised by Rory Stewart, MP, and kindly came to inform the Council at the Chairman's request. Mr Stewart is wanting New Generation Broadband in our constituency – this would be broadband at 2 mb for all users by the end of 2010 and then New Generation broadband for all users by the end of 2015. The scheme would need £4 – 5 million pounds from the Government. The Conference suggested various ways forward: using existing links eg those to primary schools in the constituency, communities might install their own fibre optic cables, satellite links might be used. Dr Cox explained that there is a website attached to Rory Stewart's website giving information on progress of the scheme: www.rorystewart.co.uk and click on 'Broadband for Cumbria'. Duncan Fairbairn, District and County Councillor, said that he is following up with Highways the state of the road from Greenhead to Norman. There has been minimal response to requests from residents and from the Parish Council for repairs to the road. Mr Fairbairn also mentioned that there is an opening for a Governor at Fellview School, Caldbeck.

Mrs Philippa Groves, one of the Northern Fells Group Village Agents, had sent information, distributed by the Clerk, regarding Awareness Days (Police, Fire and Rescue, Energy Saving Trust, Computers, Blood Pressure checks, Carers Association, and Margaret Brough demonstrating Home Made Soups) at Rosley on 10th November and Millhouse on 11th November, and regarding Millhouse Cake Competition at Millhouse in aid of Air Ambulance on 16th October, and regarding Heartstart sessions for two hour basic life support training organised by Philippa – telephone 016974 78555.

27/09-41 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS

a) Decisions: 7/2010/2090. Land adjacent to Brewery House, Caldbeck. Conversion of Barn to form 3 affordable homes. Planning permission **granted subject to a Section 106 legal agreement.**
7/2010/2086/2087. Subdivision of Bridge End House, Caldbeck, to its original form as two dwellings, Bridge End House and Bridge End Cottage. Planning permission and Listed Building consent **granted subject to a Section 106 legal agreement.**

Footpath 221008 at Woodhall Park, Caldbeck Parish. **Public Path Diversion Order 2010 confirmed.**

7/2010/2175. Howbeck Lodge Farm, Hesket Newmarket. Planning permission **refused** for the tented units to remain in situ, semi-collapsed, during closed winter period.

7/2010/2178. Greenrigg Farm, Caldbeck. Removal of concrete render from 2 walls, restore stonework – repointing with lime mortar. Listed building consent **granted** with two conditions.

7/2010/2037. Brownrigg Farm, Caldbeck. Installation of wood burning stove with flue through the back roof. Listed building consent **granted** with two conditions.

7/2010/2185. The Green, Caldbeck. Construction of new storage barn for use in conjunction with existing dwelling. Planning permission **granted** with one condition.

b) Applications: 7/2010/2155. 6 Church Terrace, Caldbeck, CA7 8DR. Alterations and first floor extension to provide playroom and additional bedroom. Devolved decision by Clerk as response required by 13th September. **No objection.**

7/2010/2223. Syke House, Hesket Newmarket, CA7 8LA. Extension of time limit for implementation of existing approval ref 7/2007/2173 – extension, alteration and improvements. **No objection.**

7/2010/2235. Nettle Syke, Caldbeck, CA7 8ER. Construction of an agricultural shelter – re-submission. **Agreed to support.**

7/2010/2240. School House, Caldbeck, CA7 8HF. Proposed kitchen extension and construction of detached garage. **Agreed to support.**

T/2010/0066. Cornhill House, Caldbeck, CA7 8EE. Fell Rowan tree due to damaging wall. **Agreed to support.**

7/2010/2184. Tuckgetin, Caldbeck, CA7 8EE. Construction of Garage/Store to rear of house. **Agreed to support.**

c) Dale Beck Barn, Branthwaite – Compliance investigation. The Clerk reported that the LDNP Compliance Team have confirmed that they have started an investigation.

d) Branthwaite Cottage. The Clerk reported on correspondence relating to the listed buildings at Branthwaite. The listed building descriptions and plans do not all match the names of the properties. The LDNP Planning Dept is following this up.

e) The Clerk to write and thank the Cumberland News for responding to the Parish Council's request and now including LDNPA Planning applications, including Caldbeck Parish, in their weekly listings.

27/09-42 PARISH MAINTENANCE

a) The LDNP proposal to replace two trees on Hesket Newmarket Green. Roy Knowles reported that he had spoken to all the neighbours in the vicinity of the trees on the Green, and to all the people who had signed the petition to the LDNP. The tree surgeon consulted by the petitioners, Ian Jack, had agreed with the LDNP Forrester, Alex Todd, that the Norway Maple is seriously split and should be replaced. The petition has since been withdrawn. Ian Jack and Alex Todd both recommend that the Norway Maple is replaced by a Red Maple, an equally attractive tree which is less likely to split.

b) Hesket Newmarket Car Park extension. The Clerk reported that David Coxon, LDNPA, had emailed to say that he will meet Tom Hrynkow (LDNPA) on site to see how to take things forward regarding alterations to the current car park, i.e. removing the humps and putting down sets to clarify the parking bays. The Clerk is to follow up re progress.

c) Speed Indicator Device Scheme. Following discussion it was **resolved** (proposed Henry Hellon, seconded William Cowx) that Caldbeck Parish Council should withdraw from the SID scheme. The Clerk was directed to liaise with Audrey Noble re notifying the Police and other parishes involved.

d) The proposed details and plan for the prohibition of Motor Vehicles, C2055, Hesket Newmarket, was considered and the Clerk was directed to write and say that the Parish Council is pleased that the scheme is now going ahead.

e) Replacement noticeboard at Hesket Newmarket. The Clerk is waiting to hear from Andrew Tiffin and Roy Knowles is liaising with Ashton Lea Joiners at Penrith about a possible quote.

f) Cumbria in Bloom. Mrs Ann Graham and Mrs Doreen Bell had attended the Awards ceremony with Councillor Alan Tyson and Hesket Newmarket was awarded the Windermere Lakes Cruises Trophy – Best Small Village Runner-up with a Silver Gilt Award. Hesket Newmarket Shop is kindly hosting the certificate.

g) Allotments. Clerk to organise autumn visit and to invite the Allotment Holders' Secretary.

h) Reflective posts for verges. Sample posts have not yet been supplied by Highways and Duncan Fairbairn said he would follow this up.

i) Delayed repair of pavement between Old Smithy and Riverside. Amey had still not completed this repair but Duncan Fairbairn said that there may be other issues relating to a utility company. He will follow this up.

j) Ditch below the Old Joiners Shop. The Clerk will follow this up with Michael Bell.

k) To consider any urgent matters regarding Parish maintenance: 1. Clerk to report potholes in Tenters car park to Graham Standing. 2. Audrey Noble has given the rusted off Cumberland CC ring from the traditional signpost at the top of Brewery Hill to Kevin Lumley, Highways Inspector.

27/09-43 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

Website development. The Clerk reported that Edward Spratt was meeting Lyn and Mike Steadman today to commence handing over the moderator role.

27/09-44 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL AUDIT

- a) It was **resolved** to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income:

Receipts:

1.9.10 Cumbria County Council, Caldbeck Green Maintenance: £685.00
1.9.10 A Ryan, Allotment Fee: £2.00
7.9.10 Precept (2): £4,650.00
7.9.10 Fair World Shop, rent: £100.00
Allotment Fees: R Dickinson: £14.00, E Berry: £2.00, R Cosgrove: £2.00, P Richardson: £6.00
15.9.10 Parking Licences: L Turner: £5.00, K Dickson: £5.00
Allotment Fees: A Johnston: £12.00, K Bates: £ 4.00, S Braithwaite: £14.00
20.9.10 S Robson, Allotment Fee: £16.00

Payments:

BDO LLP (External Auditor): £158.63
Northern Fells Group, Grant 2010 for Community Minibus: £300.00 s26
First Responders, Grant 2010: £70.00 s137
St Kentigern's, Caldbeck, PCC, Grant 2010 towards Churchyard maintenance: £750.00 s214
CAB Allerdale, Grant 2010: £50.00 s142
Great North Air Ambulance, Grant 2010: £200.00 s137
Antoinette Ward, Clerk's Salary, July, Aug, Sept: £711.06. Clerk's Expenses, June, July, Aug: £48.09

- b) Current financial position.

HSBC Current A/C 8th September 2010: £5848.77

HSBC Deposit A/C 8th September 2010: £9036.22

Interest: 8th September: £0.45

- c) An unqualified audit opinion had been received for the 2009/10 accounts. It was **agreed** to approve and accept the Annual Return. It was **agreed** that completion notices should be advertised on the notice boards and a copy should be displayed in the Post Offices in Caldbeck and Heskett Newmarket. One matter, not affecting the Auditors' opinion, drawn to the attention of the Council by the Auditors, is the level of the Fidelity Guarantee.

- d) The Council reviewed the budget and noted that expenditure and income are in line with expectations.

27/09-45 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Mrs M Coates. Reporting huge pothole on road down to Heskett Bridge. Clerk reported to Highways immediately. Clerk replied to Mrs Coates reporting action. Pothole now filled in.
- 2 Mrs J Trotter on behalf of Mrs Joanne Watson. Request for funding towards Caldbeck leaflet. The Council suggested the businesses in the leaflet contribute an annual fee and commended Mrs Watson for the excellent design of the popular leaflet. Mrs Trotter will take back ideas.
- 3 Stephen Hollins-Gibson. Re Cumbria Way repairs, Caldbeck to Sebergham. Noted with interest
- 4 Bowness, Thursby and Caldbeck Neighbourhood Forum, 16th Sept. No-one had been able to attend the meeting.
- 5 CALC Circular – CALC Allerdale 30th Sept 7pm. Local Council Elections confirmed 5th May
- 6 Allerdale BC. Review of Licensing Policy– draft on www.allerdale.gov.uk. Response by 1.10.10. No observations.
- 7 Gwen Dumbleton, CALC. Rural Broadband Survey. Forwarded to Councillors 10.9.10.
- 8 Cumbria Police Authority. Minutes of 8th June '10. Notification of meeting 21st September 4pm
- 9 Cumbria County Council. Revised Bus Timetables for Caldbeck. Put up on Noticeboard 31.8.10
- 10 Big Society Conference, Newton Rigg, Sat 9th October, 10am. Speaker - Rory Stewart MP. Clerk to send apologies.
- 11 CALC. Call for nominations to Executive Committee – by the 8th October 2010. No nomination
- 12 Michael Clarke, LDNP World Heritage Project. Open meeting Kendal, 1.30pm, 26th October. Noted.
- 13 CALC Training and Development. 'Essentials for Councillors' Oct 26th, Nov 17th. Noted.

- 14 ACT (was VAC) Gazette Autumn 2010. Noted.
- 15 Cumbria County Playing Fields Association Annual Report. Noted.
- 16 Rural Services Community Rural Focus – emailed to Councillors 6th Sept and 13th Sept.
- 17 National Training Strategy. Being a good employer. Guide for Parish and Town Councillors. Clerk has two copies.
- 18 Cumbria County Council – Your Cumbria, Autumn 2010. Noted.
- 19 Local Council Review, Autumn 2010. Noted.
- 20 Clerks and Councils Direct, September 2010. Noted.

27/09-46 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Monday 8th November 2010

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.