

CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 26th September 2011.

PRESENT Mrs Anne Cartmell (Chairman) Mrs Audrey Noble
 Mr William Cowx Mr Alan Armstrong
 Mr Colin Smithson Mr Norman Atkinson

Mrs A Ward (Clerk)

Mr Duncan Fairbairn (District and County Councillor), Mr Tony Richardson (Broadband Representative) and 2 residents.

26/09-44 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Alan Tyson (holiday), Roy Knowles (holiday), Claire Little (work), Angela Glendinning (family reasons), Mr Pete Barron (LDNP Ranger who has arranged to meet the Chairman and Clerk on the 27th September to view problems re footpaths), Paul Doherty (Broadband Representative, but his colleague Tony Richardson is reporting to the meeting), and the Police, who sent a report.

26/09-45 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 15th August 2011 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

26/09-46 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Audrey Noble declared personal interests in item 6c, Felling of Ash trees, Threshing Barn, and 6e, letter from Mr and Mrs Mattinson.

26/09-47 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Duncan Fairbairn, County and District Councillor a) asked the Council to remind residents that dog fouling is an offence in any location and to ask that persistent offenders are reported to the Dog Warden at Allerdale BC – they will follow up instances reported; b) Money has now been released for the resurfacing of the Parkend (B5299) road; c) the Boundary Commission's recommendations would reduce the Cumbrian members of Parliament by one, from six to five. Caldbeck would become part of the Workington constituency. Representations can be made; d) David Whitson's complaint re rigid rules at the recycling centre, Wigton, was passed to Duncan Fairbairn.

2. Police Report: 25/08/2011 Tools stolen from a house under refurbishment at Hesket Newmarket. There are no suspects. 26/08/2011 Report received of a suspected drink driver. Vehicle stopped, driver provided a negative breath test. 03/09/2011 Damage only RTC in Hesket Newmarket. 08/09/2011 Report received that the occupants of a lorry had dug up cabling on the Common. Extensive enquiries with B.T. failed to establish if a crime had been committed or not. 10/09/2011 Report of youths riding motor cycles on the Common. Police attended, but no trace was found of the motor cyclists. 11/09/2011 Report of possible poaching. No trace of offenders or vehicles. 17/09/2011 Report of prowlers at a farm. No crimes reported.

3. Resident Helen Charlton spoke regarding her recent planning application for solar panels in her garden at Cowpers Cottage. She had decided to withdraw her original application because she understood the Parish Council had objected on the grounds that it could be visually intrusive from the road. She has put in another application with the solar panels ground mounted so that they would not be seen from the road. The Council viewed the amended plans and agreed that when this application is received the Council would then support the revised proposals.

4. Resident Henry Hellon reported that the long grass surrounding the car park in Caldbeck has not yet been cut (to be followed up by the Chairman with the LDNP Ranger), that the pavements in Caldbeck need sweeping (Clerk to contact Allerdale to follow up), and that he wondered if the trees on the north side of the Cald Beck below Church Bridge need cutting back (Clerk to follow up with land owner of the verge). Mr Hellon also asked about the possibility of a 20 mph speed limit down the back of Caldbeck Green (also broached by David and Roberta Bowen in their letter, item 11.1), or repeater signs for the current 30 mph limit. Following discussion it was agreed that the current signs for 30 mph are adequate and that people not obeying the 30mph limit would be unlikely to obey a 20mph limit (which would require speed humps and additional signage). The Council advised

that the most effective action would be to note the number plate of any speeding cars on the Green road, and relevant times of day, and to report them to the Police for monitoring.

26/09-48 NEXT GENERATION BROADBAND

Tony Richardson reported on the progress of the Northern Fells Broadband Initiative: as mentioned in August the Group is investigating forming a Community Interest Company so as to be able to apply for grant monies but the definitive plan will depend on who the actual supplier is. Tony and Paul are leafleting Caldbeck with registration forms to encourage further expressions of interest. (During discussion it transpired that a number of people locally who have signed up for BT's 'to infinity' interest website may have thought they had already signed up for the Northern Fells Broadband expression of interest – Tony and Paul will follow this up). Tony explained that one of the possible supplier companies uses routers to access white space or unused radio spectrum now that TV has changed from analogue in favour of digital – this would be a wireless signal and can provide a strong and stable signal capable of penetrating buildings. The NFG Broadband Group hope to be given a live demonstration of this soon. The Chairman thanked Tony for his report and the work he and Paul are doing.

26/09-49 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS

a) Decisions: 7/2010/2302 1 Church Terrace, Caldbeck. Single storey extens'n to dwelling. Granted, 6 conditions.

7/2011/2150. Howbeck House, Hesket Newmarket, Wigton, CA7 8JN. Internal alterations including new en-suite bathroom and ground floor utility room, new connecting door and stairs into main house from hallway. Conversion of window into French doors. Listed Building consent granted with 3 conditions.

7/2011/2205. Highhouse, Hesket Newmarket, Wigton, CA7 8JY. Proposed extension to house and installation of boiler flue in outhouse. Granted with 3 conditions.

7/2011/2206. Highhouse, Hesket Newmarket, Wigton, CA7 8JY. Proposed alterations and extension to house and installation of boiler flue in outhouse. Granted with 3 conditions.

7/2011/2207. Highhouse, Hesket Newmarket, Wigton, CA7 8JY. Proposed alterations to listed building and outbuildings. Granted with 2 conditions.

T/2011/0051. Little Orchard, Riverside, Caldbeck, Wigton, CA7 8DX. Fell 5 douglas firs. Granted.

T/2011/0053. Fellbank, Howbeck, Hesket Newmarket, CA7 8JN. Fell 1 no Cupressus Leylandii. Granted.

b) Withdrawn: 7/2011/2091 Greenrigg Farm, Caldbeck, CA7 8HJ. Installation of PV panels to roof, outbuilding. 7/2011/2177/8 Hudscapes Cottage, Hesket Newmarket. Renovation and extension.

c) Applications: 7/2011/2247 Claybottom Farm, Nether Row, Hesket Newmarket, CA7 8LA. Installation of 32 photovoltaic panels on the roof of a barn adjacent to Claybottom Farm. **Agreed to support** because it will make use of renewable energy and the black panels will make it less obtrusive than would otherwise be the case.

7/2011/2255 Syke House, Nether Row, Hesket Newmarket, Wigton, CA7 8LA Demolition of rebuilding of extension to the original long barn portion of the house. **Agreed to support** because the proposals will improve the appearance of the house and will result in a more practical family home.

T/2011/0056 Midtown Farm. Adjacent to river (Threshing Barn), Caldbeck, Wigton, Cumbria. Fell 4 Ash trees. **Agreed** that the Clerk would circulate more details of this application to Councillors and then, following consultation, would make a devolved decision.

7/2011/2239 John Peel Farm Cottage, Caldbeck. Listed building application to replace windows with double glazed units, same design. **Agreed to support** because the double glazing will improve the insulation.

7/2011/2013 1 Brewery House Barn, Caldbeck, CA7 8GH. Proposed first floor window to west elevation. **Agreed to support** because it will give much better light and a view from the first floor living room.

T/2011/0065 Little Orchard, Caldbeck, Fell 2 pines. **Agreed to support.**

7/2011/2237 Bridge End Cottage, Caldbeck, CA7 8EW. Proposed works to form ground floor cloakroom/wc, alter rear access arrangements and alter the kitchen and lounge. Response required before 16 Sept so devolved decision by Clerk following consultation: **support** application.

d) Correspondence with CALC re request for planning issues to be on LDPC Meeting Agenda in October. The three representative Councillors, A Tyson, N Atkinson and R Knowles, and the Clerk are having a preliminary meeting with John Hayton Parish Member ,Allerdale, on the LDNPA, Andy Roe, Development Control Officer and Kevin Richards, Planning Officer, on Monday 10th

October. It was agreed that five issues be taken to the meeting: the current stringent restrictions on building homes in the National Park; the Parish Council's wish to see opportunities for local occupancy owner occupied homes; the recognition of Caldbeck's position on the edge of the National Park, its connections with neighbouring parishes and towns outside the Park and implications for Section 106 agreements; the restrictions on windows in barn conversions; and bat surveys. Following the meeting the representative Councillors and the Clerk will take the issues to the LDPC Forum meeting on 24th October to discuss them with the other Lake District Parish Councils.

- e) Letter from Mr and Mrs Mattinson thanking the Parish Council for its support for their agricultural shelter and explaining that they are going to follow up issues of delay and inconsistency in the planning process with their MP.

26/09-50 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) Local gritting of priority 3 minor roads. Norman Atkinson reported on behalf of the Working Party: Preliminary discussions suggest that a local Contractor would be willing to clear and grit Heskett Lonning and possibly other minor roads on an hourly rate basis. Cumbria CC grit could be delivered direct to the Contractor. At the next meeting Norman and the Group will produce a draft implementation plan and the Clerk will report on what funds would be available.
- b) Roadside kerbing project Heskett Newmarket Green. The Clerk apologised for not having had time to write to Heskett Newmarket residents to consult about the scheme. She will do this and report on the responses at the next meeting.
- c) Replacement of benches. Cumbria County Council has agreed to the installation of a new teak bench on the Green at Caldbeck, the two additional teak benches, donated by Mrs Doreen Steadman and Mr and Mrs David Bowen have arrived and the Chairman is organising for the four teak benches to be put in place. The bench currently on Cornhill will be kept in storage for when the next parish bench needs replacing. Mr and Mrs Ken Pears have offered to repair the Fellside bench slats at cost price and the Clerk was directed to write and thank them for their kind offer
- d) The Public Transport Noticeboard from CCC Community Transport Dept. has arrived and is a beautiful oak notice board. Councillors Colin Smithson and Norman Atkinson agreed to install the noticeboard and the Clerk will put up bus timetables, a map of bus stopping points and information re voluntary transport. Once it is installed Caroline Watson from the CCC Community Transport Dept will organise some publicity for the initiative.
- e) Heskett Newmarket Market Cross. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek two condition surveys for the Market Cross to find out whether the apparent woodworm in a beam is active or not.
- f) Other Parish Maintenance. 1. The tree at Fellside road junction near the top of Wath Brow is still causing problems. Councillor Colin Smithson will speak to the landowner about the problem. 2. The Clerk was reminded to ask Highways for a check of Church Bridge again. 3. The Chairman reported that the Allerdale workmen had told her that Lamp number 12 which has needed repair for some months is awaiting a new switching mechanism from United Utilities. The Clerk was asked to report Lamp 19 Caldbeck and Lamp 10 Heskett Newmarket as both need new bulbs. 4. The Clerk to report to Highways that the footpath near the White Bridge is showing signs of subsidence again. 5. The Clerk had sent a written report to Councillors that the pavement outside Midtown Farm is to be repaired soon and the blocked drain opposite Kirkland Stores is to be checked out.

26/09-51 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

- a) Website. The new parish community website went live at the end of August and the Clerk was asked to write and thank Andrew Ward for his work and for the clear design.

26/09-52 QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

Parish Councillors Audrey Noble and Angela Glendinning and the Clerk reported on progress with plans for the fundraising Auction on 12th November. The Clerk was asked to put commemorative items on the agenda for the next meeting.

26/09-53 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL AUDIT

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

Receipts: Allerdale BC. Precept 2: £4,675.00

David and Roberta Bowen, £474.48 for proposed new bench on the Green at Caldbeck.

Doreen Steadman, £500.00 for bench in memory of Brian Steadman.

Allotment Fees: K Linfoot-Smith, £2.00. A Johnston, £12.00. E Berry, £2.00. T Ryan, £2.00.

R Dickinson, £12.00. R Cosgrove, £2.00. S Macleod, £2.00. S Braithwaite, £14.00. P Richardson, £6.00.

W L Turner, £5.00 Parking Licence.

Payments: Antoinette Ward, Clerk's salary July, Aug, Sept: £711.06. Expenses, June, July, August: £58.33

HMRC, PAYE July, August, September: £177.60

Andrew Ward, WAM-Design, New parish website plus one hour's training for Clerk: £318.00

Andrew Ward, WAM-Design, hosting of new website 2011-2012: £82.50

Arnold Savage, Pond weed clearance: £120.00

Memorial Benches UK: benches donated by D Steadman and by D and R Bowen: £1024.95 (inc VAT £170.83)

The Northern Fells Group, Grant, s26: £300.00

Caldbeck First Responders, Grant, s137: 70.00

St Kentigern's PCC, Caldbeck, Grant towards Churchyard upkeep, s214: £750.00

Citizens Advice Bureau, Allerdale, Grant, s142: £50.00

Great North Air Ambulance, Grant for 'Pride of Cumbria', s137: £200.00

b) To be notified of the current financial position.

HSBC Current A/C 8th Aug: £1,379.37. Current A/C 8th September: £5,179.53

HSBC Deposit A/C 8th Aug: £10,240.89 Interest: 8th Aug: 0.53p

HSBC Deposit A/C 8th September: £10,241.50 Interest: 8th September: £0.61

c) Following discussion it was **agreed** to purchase a new Minute book at approximately £50.00

d) The Budget was reviewed with attention to expenditure to date and proposed expenditure and agreed to be in line with expectations.

26/09-54 CORRESPONDENCE

1. D and R Bowen. Re speed limit, back of Caldbeck Green. The Clerk was directed to write with suggestion re contacting Police as in item 47/4 above.
2. H Charlton. Re planning application for free standing solar panels. See Item 47/3 above.
3. Northern Fells Group AGM Thurs 29th September, 7.30pm, Millhouse. Mr David Ward, resident of the parish, was appointed the Parish Council representative to act as committee member/trustee for the Northern Fells Group and will attend the AGM on 29th September.
4. D Colborn. Re Wind turbines in Boltons and the surrounding area. The Clerk to write and explain that Caldbeck Parish Council prefers to comment on each application individually on its merits.
5. D Whitson. Re Wigton recycling – email given to Mr Duncan Fairbairn for his attention.
6. CALC AGM, Sat 12th November at 10.30am, Kendal. Clerk to send apologies.
7. CALC. Re Allerdale Broadband Champions Meeting. Broadband representatives Paul Doherty and Tony Richardson will be attending.
8. R Corrie. Re Bryce's Mobile Chippy. Proposal for fortnightly visit to Caldbeck village. The Clerk to write: the Parish Council has no objections to this plan as long as the area is left litter free as Mr Corrie proposes.
9. CALC Allerdale District General Meeting, 22nd September. The Chairman reported on this meeting which had included a useful talk by the Chairman of the County Council, Eddie Martin.
10. LDNPA. Allocation of Land consultation. Caldbeck Parish Hall, Tuesday 11th October 4pm – 7pm. Notices are up to alert residents.
11. Cumbria Police Authority. Advert for Independent Custody Visitors. Poster put up by Clerk.
12. Allerdale BC. Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2011. The Parish Council is content with the current arrangements.
13. Allerdale BC Planning Dept. Local Validation checklists. Noted.
14. Wigton Swimming Pool. Appeal for funds. Unable to respond as grants already allocated.
15. CALC. Implications of the Bribery Act 2010 for local councils. Emailed to Councillors 24.8.11.
16. CALC Circular September 2011. Emailed to Councillors.
17. Proposed North/West Regional Fire Control Room. Letters from current service, and Leader of CCC. Decision to use regional control room has been taken by the County Council.
18. ACT Gazette, Autumn 2011. Noted.
19. Hospice at Home. Newsletter, Autumn/Winter 2011. Noted.
20. Clerks and Councils Direct. Newsletter. Sept 2011. Noted.
21. RSN Online newsletter. Emailed to Councillors 5.9.11 and 19.9.11.
22. MRWS e –bulletin. September update. Noted.
23. CALC LDPC Forum meeting 24th October now at Staveley instead of Ambleside. Clerk and three Councillors will attend.

26/09-55 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 7th November 2011

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.