

## CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

PRESENT      Mrs Anne Cartmell (Chairman)                      Mr Alan Tyson  
                    Mr Henry Hellon    Mr Roy Knowles  
                    Mrs Audrey Noble    Mr Alan Armstrong  
                    Mr William Cowx    Mr David Whitson

Duncan Fairbairn, County and District Councillor

Mrs A Ward (Clerk)

07/03-80      APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Colin Smithson (work), Arnold Savage (holiday), Graham Standring, LDNP Ranger, and the Police.

07/03-81      MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

07/03-82      DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No personal or prejudicial interests were declared.

07/03-83      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Duncan Fairbairn, District and County Councillor, reported that: a) the Parkend to Whelpo, and the Snowhill to Parkend roads are going to be re-surfaced in the year 2011 – 2012, b) the 620 and 961 buses, which run once a week through the parish, are to finish at the end of April and Mr Fairbairn has suggested to the Community Transport Dept that they talk to the Northern Fells Group about how passengers might be assisted, c) the Allerdale part of the Council Tax is the lowest district charge in the County.
2. Police Report received: 1. On 24/01/2011 there was a report of a burglary and theft. Tools were stolen. Owner given crime prevention advice. 2. On 13/02/2011 there was a burglary and theft. A pedal cycle was stolen. 3. On 15/02/2011 a report was received of a car on fire on Caldbeck Common. The car had been stolen from Burgh by Sands. 4. On 16/02/2011 there was a report of property stolen from an uninhabited house. 5. The Clerk reported that the Chairman and Clerk had met with Inspector Kelly at his invitation on 31.1.11. Inspector Kelly explained that Cumbria Police need to save 18.65 million pounds over five years – more than it costs to run West Cumbria Police for a year. Therefore they are instigating a 'Change' Programme from 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011 and Wigton is merging with Cockermouth and Keswick. Wigton Police Station staying open at present – no decision taken as yet as to whether it will or will not close. The Police are reducing from 7 to 3 Neighbourhood Policing Teams. No frontline Police Officer redundancies but retiring PO's will not be replaced. Keswick, Cockermouth, Aspatria, Wigton (inc Caldbeck) and Silloth will be one Neighbourhood Team: Allerdale Rural. They are going to equalise teams and resources in terms of officer training and capabilities. The teams will be on mobile dispersal and mobile working. The Police Officers get IT training and they type their own reports. They communicate via Airwave. Inspector Kelly will be based at Cockermouth and there is a Neighbourhood Policing Team Sergeant based at Wigton. Inspector Kelly also mentioned that Police Officers will be transferred from other responsibilities to front line policing.

07/03-84      PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS

**a) Decisions:** 7/2010/2310 Croft Head, Hesket Newmarket, CA7 8JT. Proposed extension and internal alterations. Granted with 2 conditions.

7/2010/2314 The Green, Caldbeck, CA7 8ER. Proposed extension and alterations. Granted with 3 conditions.

7/2010/2330 Long Lea, Caldbeck, CA7 8HW. Proposed improvements and conversion of adjacent barn. Granted with 7 conditions.

- b) Applications:** 7/2011/2008 Lonning Head, Hesket Newmarket, CA7 8JU. Erection of Agricultural Shed. Devolved Decision by Clerk as response requested for 22<sup>nd</sup> February: **No objections.**  
 7/2011/2022 Glen View Barn, Caldbeck, CA7 8EU. Proposed horse stabling. Devolved decision by Clerk as response requested for 3<sup>rd</sup> March. **No objections.**  
 7/2011/2024 Summerfield House, Hesket Newmarket, CA7 8JP. Extension to dwelling and alterations to existing outbuildings for additional accommodation inc provision of a self catering holiday letting unit. **Agreed to support** as the proposals will improve the house.  
 7/2011/2042 Bannest Hill, Hesket Newmarket, CA7 8JT. Construction of domestic garage/storage. **No objections.**
- c) LDNPA Consultation on proposed diversion of footpath 221061 at Summerfield House, Pasture Lane, Hesket Newmarket. CA7 8JP. **No objections.**
- d) LDNPA, For information: Prior notification of proposed agricultural building at Beck Grange, Caldbeck, CA7 8HH.
- e) The Clerk reported that the LDNPA Planning Dept had confirmed that pre-application advice is still available from Planning Officers. They require a letter telling them what the applicant has in mind together with a location plan. The site should be outlined in red so they can identify exactly which property/land is being considered. Any drawings or plans showing the proposal would be helpful (but not compulsory). It was **agreed** that the Clerk would put information about this in the Parish Magazine.

07/03-85 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) Allotments. The Clerk reported that two new Allotment Holders had recently taken over plots and that there are two people on the waiting list.
- b) Winter salt/grit for roads programme. Alan Tyson reported that he had not yet formed a working party but that David Whitson had some information. David Whitson explained about issues relating to accountability and said that local contractors might be interested in the work. Following discussion it was **agreed** that the Clerk would 1. find out from Dave Harrison at Highways about how informal parish gritting services worked in other parts of the county, 2. find out from other parishes, including Castle Sowerby, how they organise their minor road gritting, 3. when the Clerk writes to formally request that Hesket Newmarket's gritting priority be upgraded for next winter, she also requests that salt heaps left beside the road are placed clear of hedge bottoms and tree roots.
- c) Annual inspection of Market Cross and John Peel Shelter. The inspections were undertaken on the 15<sup>th</sup> March. Eric Wright met the Chairman and Councillors at the John Peel Shelter and said that there were no problems with the building. Jonty Brame kindly cleans out the gutters regularly. The volunteers keep low heating on all the time, even when closed in Jan and Feb, to prevent frozen pipes to the sink in the corner. The volunteers keep the paths weeded. Next the Councillors visited the Market Cross. Worm was noted in one outer beam – it needs treatment. Anne Cartmell and Arnold Savage are willing to do the necessary wire brushing and worm treatment to the beams when the bins and benches are done in May.
- d) Dog fouling on Hesket Newmarket Back Green. The Clerk reported that Allerdale Borough Council Environmental Wardens had said they could provide notices about dog fouling at the Back Green at Hesket Newmarket if wanted. It was **agreed** that notices similar in size to the ones on the Green at Caldbeck should be requested for Hesket Newmarket Back Green.
- e) Planting of hazels above track Hesket Newmarket Back Green. The Chairman reported that Councillors had met with Graham Standring, the LDNPA Warden, that morning to review the recent planting in relation to the original plans agreed in 2006. It was **agreed** that Graham would move the Hazel saplings from the top of the bank and plant a bottom row ½ - 1 metre above the drain and a top row 1½ metres above the drain, staggered. He will move the three saplings behind Denton House to a position on the Green that will not interfere with the grass cutting, perhaps by the wall. The stones will be left in position to protect the drain until the hazel saplings are big enough for their branches to perform their planned function of preventing vehicles either parking or driving over the drain. Once that is definitely working the stones will be removed. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would write to Mr Frank Cosgrove to explain the situation.
- f) Roadside kerbing project Hesket Newmarket Green. Graham Standring has reported that the LDNPA are now unable to carry out this work due to cuts in funding. The original plan was for cobble kerbing but in view of the fact that ordinary kerbstones elsewhere in the village have weathered satisfactorily the Clerk was asked to investigate the cost of ordinary kerbing with the Highways Department of the County Council.

- g) Other Parish Maintenance. 1. Grass cutting and Maintenance Tendering process for Contracts for Heskett Newmarket and Caldbeck Greens 2011. It was agreed that notices (as last year) inviting tenders for the two grass cutting contracts should be placed in the parish magazine and on the parish noticeboards, as well as sent to previous contenders for the work. The contracts will be decided at the next meeting in April. 2. The Clerk was directed to report the following to Highways: potholes at the junction of the Street and main road, Heskett Newmarket, outside Evening Hill, and near the bridge at The Wath, subsidence of tarmac strips across main road, Heskett Newmarket, and street lamp no 12 still not working at Caldbeck. 3. It was agreed that the topic of a possible replacement bench in front of The Oddfellows at Caldbeck would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

07/03-86 NEXT GENERATION BROADBAND

Roy Knowles gave a report on the Broadband developments locally. An organisation has been established in the area, known as Northern Fells Broadband. This has a steering group comprising two representatives from each of the seven parishes of the Northern Fells. The stated object of the group is 'to secure the universal availability of next generation high speed broadband throughout the seven parishes referred to as the Northern Fells'. By universal availability they mean every household and every business and by high speed they mean 100 megabits per second. The highest priority is to stimulate demand from the local population and Northern Fells Broadband is preparing a pamphlet to explain why this is important and to encourage people to get involved. The Chairman thanked Mr Knowles for his report - the full report is available from the Clerk.

07/08-87 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

The Caldbeck website was reviewed and it was **agreed** that the Chairman and Clerk would arrange to meet Mr and Mrs Steadman to discuss progress with the website.

07/03-88 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was **agreed** that Roy Knowles would give details of the probable speaker to the Clerk and she would advertise the meeting in the parish magazine and on the website, and would write to businesses and organisations within the parish. Audrey Noble offered to organise the fair trade refreshments for the meeting.

07/03-89 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

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

**Receipts:** 18.2.11, HMRC: VAT repayment, £157.72

**Payments:** Edwin Thompson (for Miss M Burkett): Allotment Licence Fee, 1/3/11 – 1/3/12: £90.00

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| Mr C Smithson: Grass cutting, School Hill, Caldbeck, 2010: | £110.00 |
| Mr R Auld: Website hosting 2010 – 2011:                    | £88.75  |
| Antoinette Ward, Clerk's salary, Jan, Feb, March 2011:     | £711.06 |
| HMRC, PAYE, Jan, Feb, March 2011:                          | £177.60 |
| Antoinette Ward, Clerk's expenses, Dec 2010, Jan, Feb 2011 | £59.16  |

- b) Current financial position.

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| HSBC Current A/C 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2011 | £203.49   |
| HSBC Deposit A/C 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2011 | £7,938.86 |
| Interest: 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2011        | .44p      |

- c) It was **agreed** to review the Risk Assessment document at the next meeting as the Clerk had attached the wrong document to her email to Parish Councillors.

- d) The Effectiveness of Internal Audit document was reviewed and **approved**.

- e) It was **agreed** that Peter Wilson be appointed as Internal Auditor.

- f) It was **agreed** that the Insurance and Fidelity Guarantee would be reviewed at the next meeting when offers for next year's Insurance policy would be available.

- g) The Assets Register was reviewed and it was **agreed** to add the blue parish council salt bins provided by Mr Smithson over the last winter.

- h) It was **agreed** that Standing Orders would be reviewed at the next meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Emma Horsley. Probable vacancy arising at Green Close. The Clerk assisted with advertising the vacancy and the house is now being let. The Clerk will find out about the new social housing letting system (Cumbria Choice) and do a notice for the parish magazine.
- 2 David Wood. Thanking the Parish Council for resolving drainage problem, south end of the Green. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would write to Peter Marr, Highways, to remind him about protective posts for the drain.
- 3 Tony Ryan. Concern re plot for sale in Hesket Newmarket. Noted.
- 4 Email from Chairman, Anne Cartmell, re Nominations for Parish Councillors. **Agreed** that Clerk will put reminder notice in parish magazine re nominations deadline of Noon, 4<sup>th</sup> April.
- 5 Cumbria County Council. Letter re bus services 620 and 961 ceasing from end of April. See Item 83 1b above.
- 6 Sandra Edmondson, LDNPA. Committee Site visits re Allocations of Land Dev Plan Doc. Noted.
- 7 Allerdale local Councils meeting 7<sup>th</sup> April, Wigton Market Hall. Chairman and Clerk will attend.
- 8 Allerdale Borough Council. New opportunities for sport and physical activity. Information sent to Northern Fells Group Village Agents.
- 9 Cumbria in Bloom Entry Forms. It was **agreed** that Caldbeck would not enter this year and Hesket Newmarket's possible entry would be reviewed at the April meeting.
- 10 Cumbria County Council. News Release re Budget Agreed. Noted.
- 11 CALC. Lake District Parishes Meeting. Mon April 18<sup>th</sup>, Keswick. Chairman and Clerk will attend.
- 12 CALC. Feedback on meeting about 'Cumbria Alert'. Noted.
- 13 Cumbria County Council. Future Highways maintenance will be 'in house'. Noted.
- 14 Census Area Manager. Information Note re Census 2011. Posters for noticeboards put up by Clerk.
- 15 Cumbria County Council. Cost savings opportunities for Village Halls. Forwarded to Richard Brough for Parish Hall Committee.
- 16 MRWS Partnership. Newsletter. Noted.
- 17 Cumbria Youth Support Services. Newsletter. Forwarded to Northern Fells Group Co-ordinator.
- 18 Rural Services Network Newsletters. Emailed to Councillors, 26/1, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 7/2, 14/2
- 19 Clerks and Councils Direct, March Newsletter. Noted.
- 20 CALC Circular February 2011. Noted.
- 21 Allerdale Borough Council. Questionnaire re concurrent grant. Clerk to respond before 21<sup>st</sup> April.
- 22 Jennings Charity Ride. Noted.
- 23 Allerdale notification re Council Tax lowest in Cumbria. Noted.
- 24 ACT (VAC) Newsletter. Noted.

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DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011

The meeting closed at 9.27pm.