

## CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

PRESENT      Mrs Anne Cartmell (Chairman)                      Mr Alan Tyson  
                    Mr Henry Hellon    Mr Roy Knowles  
                    Mr Alan Armstrong                                        Mr David Whitson  
                    Mr Arnold Savage    Mr Colin Smithson

Duncan Fairbairn, County and District Councillor  
One resident  
Mrs A Ward (Clerk)

### 11/04-92      APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Audrey Noble, William Cowx, Pete Barron, LDNP Ranger, and the Police.

### 11/04-93      MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

### 11/04-94      DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Alan Armstrong declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Planning item 5b) Denton House.

### 11/04-95      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Duncan Fairbairn, District and County Councillor, reported that: a) he will follow up the problem on the road in Hesket Newmarket where the newly adopted and surfaced road beside the Market Cross has not been properly tarmaced into the main road – there is a gap which will lead to erosion if it is not sorted out soon, b) that a number of Teaching Assistants are being affected at the moment by the Single Status review. Some jobs may be taken out of the ‘Green Book’ framework.
2. Police Report received: No incidents relating to Caldbeck Parish since the last meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March.
3. Parish resident Martin Powell spoke about his concern at the 961 and 620 buses being withdrawn from the end of April. Duncan Fairbairn, County Councillor, was invited to reply and explained the costs and subsidies involved. Mr Fairbairn was also asked about the social benefits to the villages that bus services bring, and Mr Powell asked if monthly buses to Carlisle and Penrith might be considered. Mr Powell said he would ask the bus companies concerned about the idea of monthly buses. The Clerk reminded the meeting that the Tuesday Wigton bus and Saturday Rambler to Keswick are both continuing and that there is a daily bus from Carlisle to Keswick and back, via Caldbeck and Hesket Newmarket, every day between 11<sup>th</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> October.
4. The Chairman expressed the Council’s gratitude to retiring Councillors, Henry Hellon and David Whitson for their conscientious service to the Council and the Parish.

### 11/04-96      PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS

**a) Decisions:** None.

**b) Applications:** 7/2010/2294 Denton House, Hesket Newmarket, CA7 8JG. Replace 18 windows from single glaze to double glaze units. **Agreed to support** as proposals will improve the dwelling.

7/2011/2060 Claybottom Farm, Hesket Newmarket, CA7 8LA. Form new door and window openings to garage, fit stove and flue. Build new greenhouse. **Agreed to support** as the proposals will improve the garage/workshop and not be visible from the road.

7/2011/2049 Throstle Hall, Caldbeck, CA7 8HE. Conversion and partial rebuilding of redundant agricultural buildings to provide new local needs dwelling, together with walkers’ bunkhouse, reception and resited sanitary facilities in connection with existing caravan pitches and installation of new sewage treatment plant to replace existing septic tank. **Agreed to support** as the dwelling is needed for a young family, the redundant farm buildings will be put to good use and therefore be maintained, and the proposals will develop the farm diversification business.

7/2011/2078 Long Lea, Caldbeck, CA7 8HW. Proposed improvements to dwelling and conversion of adjacent barn to living accommodation. **Agreed to support** as the proposals will result in a better looking as well as a more practical dwelling house.

**c) Appeal.** Allerdale Planning Application 2/2010/0879. Appeal Reference:

APP/G0908/A/11/2149278/NWF. Site at Reathwaite Farm, Brocklebank. Erection of Wind Monitoring Mast

(temporary for 2 years). Following discussion it **was agreed to make no comment** on this appeal as the site is in Westward parish and is not visible from Caldbeck parish.

d) The Council considered the implications of the recent building of substantial garages and stores. The view put forward was that it seems that buildings can be built, eg to extend properties or for garages and stores (and the Parish Council usually has no reason to object to that), but not for additional dwellings for people. The only dwelling houses that can be built or converted in the National Park are affordable homes for rent or shared equity (social housing), homes linked to agricultural occupancy, and holiday rental houses. The rigid policy does not seem to affect the actual footprint of buildings, hence the granting of consent for garages and stores, but seems to be directly concerned with no additional homes that could be sold, even with local occupancy agreements. It was agreed that the concern about the planning policies should be followed up and the Clerk will find out if the topic can be put to planners for discussion at the Lake District Parish Councils' biannual meeting.

e) The Clerk was asked to find out from Eden District Council if Caldbeck Parish Council would be consulted about a replacement wind turbine at Newlands in Castle Sowerby parish.

11/04-97

#### PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) **Resolved** to exclude members of the public. Caldbeck Green grass cutting and maintenance – 1 tender received. **Resolved**, proposed Roy Knowles, seconded Colin Smithson, to award the contract to Mr Mark Monkhouse for £1,500. Heskett Newmarket grass cutting and ground maintenance – 2 tenders received. **Resolved**, proposed Roy Knowles, seconded Colin Smithson, to award the contract to Mr Mark Monkhouse for £850.
- b) Allotments. Sue Braithwaite, the new Chairman of the Allotment Holders Association had sent an email to introduce herself and offer to accompany the Chairman and Councillors on their next visit to the Allotments. The Clerk was directed to thank Mrs Braithwaite and organise a date for the visit which would be convenient for her and for the Councillors concerned. Councillor Arnold Savage reported that he had cleared the wild area behind the Chapel in the corner of the Allotment area. The Chairman expressed the Council's sincere thanks to Mr Savage for his voluntary work.
- c) Local gritting of priority 3 minor roads. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to David Harrison at Highways and to Michael Stockdale who does priority 3 gritting for Highways. Priority 3 are the local minor roads that don't get done until all the main roads have been done and often don't get done for days until the snow has impacted. – Heskett Newmarket falls foul of this and the Clerk has written as directed to ask in the strongest terms for Heskett's priority to be reviewed and upgraded. Castle Sowerby parish has a big heap of grit delivered by Highways to Inglewood Edge and then Parish Councillors who are also farmers distribute it to different areas of the parish – a voluntary effort. The Clerk hadn't had time to ring Alston and find out how they manage their minor road gritting but will follow that up.
- d) Roadside kerbing project Heskett Newmarket Green. The Clerk reported that Graham Standing (before he left) explained that the LDNPA would not now be able to do the job of cobble kerbing round the lower edge of Heskett Green to prevent vehicles eroding the Green. She had spoken to David Harrison of Highways and he said that they do not have supplies of second hand kerbstones – old ones are broken up for recycling as hardcore. He suggested that the Parish Council contact a contractor and they would be able to give a price for the work required. The contractor would also know if a 'road opening' permit would be required for putting in kerbstones round the Green. The LDNPA as landowners would need to give their permission but presumably that would be forthcoming as they were originally going to do the work, albeit with cobbles rather than kerbstones. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would find out if the 'Green Heritage' Fund from Friends of the Lake District might consider this project for a grant, and also arrange for a contractor to give an estimate for the project.
- e) Possible replacement of bench near Pub in centre of Caldbeck village. It was **agreed** that this bench does need replacing in the near future and the Clerk was directed to find out costs.
- f) Tolliday Carter memorial notice boards in Caldbeck. Mrs Cosgriff had contacted the Clerk to offer to refurbish the notice boards with side opening doors. She wondered if the Parish Council would then take over responsibility for the notice boards' maintenance. It was **agreed** to accept this kind offer and to thank Mrs Cosgriff.
- g) Other Parish Maintenance. 1. Plans were made for the Chairman and Councillors to do the annual maintenance for benches and litter bins, and for treating the woodworm on the Market Cross beam. 2. The Clerk was directed to report the following matters to Highways:
  - a) that the repair of the side grids at Parkend cattle grid has already failed despite being apparently repaired only a few weeks ago,
  - b) potholes throughout Caldbeck village, and in

particular the one outside the Oddfellows accommodation wing which was reported weeks ago and is still not repaired, c) severe potholes on Pasture Lane, d) the cuts for water drainage on the sides of the roads all need digging out.

11/04-98 NEXT GENERATION BROADBAND

Councillor Roy Knowles gave a report on the Broadband developments locally. Northern Fells Broadband now has a website: [www.northernfellsbroadband.co.uk](http://www.northernfellsbroadband.co.uk), listing the benefits of high-speed broadband, and it has a form for residents of the seven parishes to complete and submit online giving support to the project. A leaflet explaining the whole project has been produced and the group members hope to deliver it to all the households in the seven parishes of the Northern Fells area. Roy Knowles has stood down from the Northern Fells Broadband Steering committee due to insufficient time for the role so a replacement is needed to represent the parish. The Chairman thanked Mr Knowles for his report - the full report is available from the Clerk.

11/04-99 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

**a) The website.** The Chairman and Clerk reported on their meeting with Lynn Steadman about the website. Due to other commitments Mr and Mrs Steadman will need to hand the website management on to someone else before too long – they will manage it in the meanwhile. The design and running of the website was discussed and it was **agreed** that the way forward would be to have a purely community website using open source rather than proprietary software, but keeping the current website domain name. The site would still need a voluntary moderator (with the Clerk as back up) but the advantage would be that the site would be easier to run and it would be straightforward for a particular group to run their own page on the website. Some groups have their own websites and would just need a link to their own site. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would advertise for a website moderator in the parish magazine and would put a tender document regarding the new website in the parish magazines and on noticeboards and send to local website designers.

**b) Mobile phone masts** – the lack of them. It was agreed that this issue might be answered by the Broadband Initiative (item 11/04-98 above) so to wait and see how that progresses.

11/04-100 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would write to Guy Jarvis of Next GenUs to confirm that he and Roy Knowles would speak on the High-Speed Broadband project, and she would advertise the meeting in the parish magazine and on the website, and would write to businesses and organisations within the parish. Councillor Audrey Noble has kindly offered to organise the fair trade refreshments for the meeting.

11/04-101 CALC ALLERDALE MEETING Wigton, 7<sup>th</sup> April

Meeting attended by Chairman, Clerk and Councillor Roy Knowles:

a) The Library Service is being reviewed. 48 fixed premises in Cumbria, 3 mobile libraries, 5 pilot link schemes in premises like village shops. There has been an 18% fall in borrowing and a 20% fall in people visiting libraries. Only 2000 people in the whole of Cumbria use the mobile library service (no suggestion that it should be stopped but only three buses are still serviceable). A three strand future is envisaged: Libraries in towns in fixed premises with fixed opening hours and a wide range of services as now, then community libraries perhaps in other facilities like village shops or village halls with a broadband link to the main library – would have a stock of books etc but books could be ordered and dropped there for readers, and then internet access with readers able to download audio books – and in the future E-books. The consultation document is widely available and everyone is encouraged to take part and give their views.

b) Lorraine Smythe, CCC, spoke about Broadband. CCC has been awarded pilot status but does not yet know whether it will receive 10 million pounds or 80 million pounds – should know before Easter. The pilot areas in the County will be the Eden Valley and then three other areas that meet the Council's criteria. See [www.cumbria.gov.uk/broadband](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/broadband) for details of the CCC hopes and plans. Colin West spoke about the Northern Fells Broadband initiative. There was discussion around the issue that the County Council at best would deliver high speed broadband to a hub in a community – the community might well have to organise the 'hub to home' section of the project itself. Two people mentioned the issue of 'dark fibre' – optic fibre which has been laid for businesses but is not actually being fully used. Lorraine said that there was now legislation to encourage businesses to share knowledge of where such dark fibre is situated.

c) David Claxton from CALC then spoke about the 'Localism' bill which is going through Parliament and is due for Royal Assent in November. The bill is supposed to be about 'removing bureaucracy' and 'empowering communities' and provides 'powers of competence' to Quality parish councils. A lot of the

detail of the bill is still not published and known but CALC will organise seminars re the bill in early 2012 once the detail is clearer and it is coming into force

d) There was a Managing Radioactive Waste Safely report provided – The Clerk has a copy.

#### 11/04-102 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

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

**Receipts:** Allerdale BC. Precept 1: £4,675.00

**Payments:** CALC Annual Subscription £192.00

Local Council Review annual subscription £15.50

Mrs E Benson, monitoring and cleaning of WC for disabled

February, March, April 2011 £100.00 s87

b) Current financial position.

HSBC Current A/C 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011: £1,561.21

HSBC Deposit A/C 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011: £6,739.25

Interest: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011: 0.39p

c) The Risk Assessment document was reviewed and **approved**.

d) The Insurance and Fidelity Guarantee were reviewed. Insurance quotes from AON and from Zurich Municipal were compared and it was **agreed** to accept the Zurich Municipal quote of £571.23 inc IPT. This cover increases the Fidelity Guarantee to £25,000.

e) Standing Orders were reviewed and approved. It was agreed that at the next meeting an item for the agenda would be whether a fixed term for Chairman would be a good idea or not.

f) The budget out turn at the end of the financial year was presented by the Clerk.

g) The Clerk had agreed a provisional date of 4<sup>th</sup> May with Peter Wilson for the Internal Audit.

#### 11/04-103 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Lynn Steadman. Query relating to the Royal Wedding. The Clerk to let Mrs Steadman know that there is no plan for commemorating the wedding but Council would support Mrs Steadman and others in any plans for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year.
- 2 Anne Cosgriff. Telephone call re Tolliday-Carter noticeboards, Caldbeck. Agreed to accept Mrs Cosgriff's kind offer to refurbish and to put side opening doors on both noticeboards, and then the Parish Council will maintain the noticeboards hereafter.
- 3 Frank Cosgrove. Re hazel planting Back Green, Hesket Newmarket. Agrees with plans.
- 4 Frank Cosgrove. Re Photovoltaic Cells on roof. Noted.
- 5 CALC. Launch Event for Cumbria Choice Lettings system 5<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk attended and reported on this meeting. Report available from Clerk.
- 6 CALC. Town and Parish Council survey. Clerk to respond to survey.
- 7 CALC. Election of Parish members to LDNPA. Noted.
- 8 LDNPA. Query re ownership of Caldbeck Cricket Ground with reference to open space designation. Clerk responded 30.3.11.
- 9 Friends of the Lake District. 'Our Green Heritage' projects. Agreed to put in expression of interest relating to kerbing of part of Hesket Newmarket Green edges.
- 10 Cumbria Highways.. Traffic Regulation Order, C2055, Hesket Newmarket. Noted.
- 11 Duncan Fairbairn/Cumbria County Council. Funding boost for pothole repairs. Noted.
- 12 Citizens Advice, Allerdale. Thank you for donation of £50.00. Noted.
- 13 Northern Flood Conference. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Noted.
- 14 Rural Services Network. Online newsletters forwarded to Parish Councillors 14.3.11 and 28.3.11
- 15 CALC. Booklets: 'All about local councils', 'It takes all sorts', 'The good Councillor's Guide'. Clerk has copies.
- 16 Local Council Review, Spring 2011. Noted.
- 17 CALC Circular April 2011. Emailed to Councillors 4.4.11
- 18 LDNP Update April 2011. Emailed to Councillors 5.4.11. Clerk to notify LDNP that Parish Council wishes to be involved if and when Interpretation Panel in Car Park is renewed.
- 19 RHS Cumbria in Bloom. Agreed that Hesket Newmarket would not enter the competition this year.
- 20 Allerdale Borough Council. Elections May 5<sup>th</sup>. Statement of Nominations on notice boards.

11/04-104 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
Parish Council Annual Meeting: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011

The meeting closed at 10pm.