

## CALDBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

PRESENT      Alan Tyson (Chairman)              Anne Cartmell  
                  Audrey Noble                         William Cowx  
                  Norman Atkinson                    Roy Knowles  
                  Alan Armstrong                     Angela Glendinning  
                  Colin Smithson

Antoinette Ward (Clerk)  
Duncan Fairbairn (District and County Councillor)  
And 1 resident.

### 06/08-25      APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Claire Little (unwell), Pete Barron (LDNP Ranger) and Paul Doherty (Broadband Representative).

### 06/08-26      MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

### 06/08-27      DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No personal or prejudicial interests were declared.

### 06/08-28      REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) The Clerk's Report on the revised Code of Conduct was received and the recommendations in the Report were approved.
- b) The revised Code of Conduct was adopted (proposed by Roy Knowles, seconded by Norman Atkinson).
- c) It was agreed that Councillors will hand their completed Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests forms to the Clerk in the next week or two, for sending to Allerdale Borough Council and for publishing on the parish website.

### 06/08-29      NEXT GENERATION BROADBAND

Paul Doherty had sent a message to say that he hoped to get to the meeting but might be prevented. He sent his apologies if he did not make the meeting and sent a report: the current situation with the Broadband project is that the application has been resubmitted and the queries raised by DEFRA answered. The Group is currently awaiting a response which should be received around the end of the month. They can only wait on this response and Paul hopes that there will be more concrete news for the next meeting.

### 06/08-30      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Duncan Fairbairn, District and County Councillor, reported that the potholes on the Faulds road had been repaired but there was still a problem with water running onto the road from the stream beside it.
2. Resident Henry Hellon had a query about whether the strimmed grass is being removed from the ditches on the Green at Caldbeck. Councillor Colin Smithson agreed to check the situation.
3. Pete Barron, LDNP Ranger had sent his apologies for the meeting and sent a report: He had cleared overhanging vegetation from the Tanner Lonning culvert; they are going to fence some newly opened mine shafts above Potts Gill soon for safety reasons; the track up Roughten Gill has been damaged by flood water and it will be fixed in due course; there is work to be done above the Howk; the grass cutting contract for the LDNP car parks has been let and the Tenters car park grass should be cut shortly; the Field Ranger is working on repairing the gates and path to the Howk.

### 06/08-31      PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS

**a) Decisions:** 7/2012/2120 Burplethwaite, Caldbeck, CA7 8HD. Two agricultural buildings. (Prior notification of agricultural development). Granted.

7/2012/2130 Kirkland Store, Caldbeck, CA7 8EA. First floor extension above existing rear extension to increase domestic accommodation. Granted.

7/2012/2131 Clay Dubs, Caldbeck, CA7 8ER. Proposed extension and front porch enclosure, replacement conservatory and windows to existing dwelling. Granted.

**b) Applications:** 7/2012/2152 The Beeches, Hesket Newmarket, CA7 8JG. Remove window, open blocked up doorway and fit new door. Agreed to **support** the application.

7/2012/2094 Bank End Mill, Hesket Newmarket, CA7 8HR. Converting mill buildings to local needs house. Agreed to **support** the application because it will increase the stock of local needs dwellings.

T/2012/0074. Thorntree Hill, Caldbeck, CA7 8ER. Silver Birch to ground level. Agreed to **support** the application because the tree is damaging the wall.

06/08-32      PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) Water drainage problems, Newlands road down towards the bridge, Hesket Newmarket. The Clerk reported that she had written to Highways (copied to United Utilities and to Duncan Fairbairn) to request that a new drain be dug to take all the water at present discharging on to the road from the split channel drain in front of Caldew Lodge, and that this new drain be connected to the sewerage system. Andrew Harrison of Highways then responded to say he was meeting Kevin Lumley, our local Highways Inspector, at the site to plan what to do. The Clerk has now heard from Kevin Lumley that he has been out to measure for the new drain and he is seeking finance for the project. United Utilities also contacted the Clerk - but they seem to be treating the matter only as a complaint. The Clerk explained to their representative that no doubt the residents might indeed individually complain that they have not been receiving the service they have been paying for, namely the removal to the sewage system of the rainwater from their roofs and gutters. But the Parish Council's immediate concern was for someone from United Utilities to work with Cumbria Highways to solve the problem and she asked that the letter should be sent to that person whoever they may be. She has not heard any more from United Utilities except that she was sent a complaints form. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should continue to press Highways for action on digging the new drain.
- b) Water drainage channels on The Green, Caldbeck. The continuing problems with water from Tanner Lonning not draining effectively from the culvert, via under the road, to the pond in Caldbeck was discussed. The Clerk has written to RG Bell and Sons to request that the relevant drainage channels on the Green be dug out in order to improve the outflow from the drain. Highways have reported that the drain under the road has been jetted and is working but this is at odds with observations on the ground. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should liaise with the Highways Inspector to follow this problem up.
- c) Water leaking onto the road above the sharp bend by the barn near Gillfoot, Pasture Lane. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should liaise with Kevin Lumley, the Highways Inspector, to find out why this problem has not yet been sorted out.
- d) Pond weed on Caldbeck pond. The Clerk reported on her efforts to find out if grants might be available for the removal of the weed. Pete Barron, LDNP Ranger, responded that the Council could submit an application to the LDNP Communities Fund for the work on the pond although the maximum bid is £5k. He commented that funding is limited and becoming committed already and a £5k grant would not be presently available. However, his hope is that as applications are made an extra tranche of funding might become available. She had also asked David Rawle, the Land Agent for CCC, about whether a grant from CCC might be a possibility and he has referred the query to the County Council's Ecologist. The pond weed was discussed and it was **agreed** that the Clerk should obtain up to date quotes for the work needed to clear the pond of the spreading weed, from Tommy Trotter and Michael Bell. She should also check again with the Environment Agency regarding Licences for the work, and contact Holme East Waver Parish Council to find out how they manage Newton Arlosh pond.
- e) Trees on the Green at Caldbeck. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should put in an application to raise the crown on two of the big trees, the one by the pond near Cornhill House and the one opposite Dale Garth.
- f) Dilapidated bench among the gorse, Ratten Row. It was **agreed** (proposed William Cowx, seconded Norman Atkinson) that the rotten wood slats should be removed from this bench which is no longer accessible or used, but the concrete ends could remain.
- g) Tenters Car Park grass cutting. Pete Barron, LDNP Ranger, had sent a message that the grasscutting contracts had now been let for the LDNP car parks and he expects the car park grass to be cut very soon. The Clerk was asked to let Pete Barron know that the grass and weeds are still not cut and both the Parish Council and local residents are very concerned about the neglect.
- h) Other Parish maintenance: 1. The Clerk to write to the Environment Agency about the stones that have built up at the meeting of Gill Beck with the Cald Beck and to request their removal because they impede the flow from Gill Beck during heavy rain and add to the flood risk for Riverside properties. 2. The Clerk to write to Royal Mail to ask when the stolen post box is being replaced on Ratten Row, near The Height. 3. The Clerk to put a notice in the Parish Magazine to remind residents that it is an offence for a person in

charge of a dog at the time it fouls (not necessarily the owner), not to clean up its faeces in a public place.  
4. The Clerk to once again report the pothole near the end of Watery Lonning to Highways. 5. The Clerk to check with Allerdale Borough Council regarding the road sweeping programme for Caldbeck and Hesket Newmarket villages.

06/08-33      QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

Possible sites for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee memorial trees were discussed. It was **agreed** that one possible site would be to replace the dead tree on the Green at Caldbeck and the Clerk was asked to write to Cumbria County Council, the owners of the Green, to let them know about this likely plan. Discussions to continue about a possible site in Hesket Newmarket and it was **agreed** this would be on the next agenda.

06/08-34      MONTHLY ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL AUDIT

a) The monthly expenditure and record of income were approved:

**Receipts:** None

**Payments:** The Northern Fells Group, Grant towards Minibus service, 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) The Clerk notified the Council of the current financial position.

HSBC Current A/C 8<sup>th</sup> July: £0.61

HSBC Deposit A/C 8<sup>th</sup> July: £8,108.65      Interest: 8<sup>th</sup> July: £0.44p

06/08-35      CORRESPONDENCE

1. Pete Barron, LDNP Ranger. Emailed update of work done or in the pipeline. See Item 30/3 above.
2. Email from Wildfowl Trust re mallards on Caldbeck pond. Emailed to Councillors and to Mr Hellon.
3. Email from Catherine Anderson, Assistant to Rory Stewart, re letter regarding cost of parish elections. Rory Stewart is following up the concerns with NALC.
4. CALC. Email with report of meeting with Rob Lawley, CCC, re parishes' gritting of minor roads. Noted.
5. Email, Paul Musgrave: Establishing an effective public and patient involvement system. Dates of Events. Noted.
6. CALC. Invitation for nominations to Allerdale BC's Standards Committee. No nominations.
7. LDNPA. Invitation to North Distinctive Area Parish Tour, 26<sup>th</sup> September. Whinlatter Visitor Centre. Unlikely that anyone can attend.
8. Dept of Communities and Local Government: Consultation on payments by parish and community councils and charter trustees. Clerk to write and support the proposals.
9. HMRC. Consultation re the use of rebated fuel for gritting in rural areas. Clerk to write and support the proposals.
10. Cumbria County Council. A Boards and Street Café Licenses – Caldbeck. Noted.
11. Cumbria County Council. Consultation re Travel and access needs in Caldbeck parish. Clerk to write and stress the importance of keeping the much needed bus services we have at present.
12. LDNP. Planning Newsletter. Noted.
13. Allerdale Borough Council. Commitment to Local Communities: [www.allerdale.gov.uk/councilplan](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/councilplan)
14. CALC Circular July, August 2012. Noted.
15. ACT (was VAC). Introducing new Chief Executive, Lorraine Smyth. Noted.
16. CALC. Connecting Cumbria Newsletter (re Broadband progress). Noted.
17. Cumbria County Council, MRWS Local Plan. Noted.
18. RSN Newsletters - emailed to Councillors. Noted.
19. Clerks and Councils Direct, Newsletter July 2012. Noted.

06/08-36      NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012

The meeting closed at 9.31pm.