

Buttermere Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 30th May 2017

Meeting opened at 20.30.

Present: Cllrs R Beard (chair), Y Kahane, M Thompson, G Evans, E Beard, L Kyle.

District and County Councillors: Alan Bowness (CCC)

Clerk: outgoing Dave Smith, incoming Mike Milner

Apologies for absence: Cllr M Richardson (BPC) Cllr A Beard (BPC)

008.00 Declaration of Interests

008.01 None

009.00 Read and approve the minutes of the Buttermere Parish Council meeting held on 16th December 2016, and the Special Planning Meeting held on 13th March 2017.

009.01 Cllr Y.K proposed the acceptance of the 16th December minutes, and Cllr G.E seconded the proposal, council unanimously approved.

009.02 Cllr L.K proposed the acceptance of the 13th March minutes and this was seconded by Cllr M.T. Council unanimously approved.

009.03 Chairman duly signed both sets of minutes as a true record.

010.00 Update from District and County Councillors.

010.01 The clerk D.S aware that CCC Alan Bowness's wife was sitting in their car, he requested the chair approve the moving of agenda item 8 to the next item. Chair duly agreed.

010.02 Cllr A.B (CCC) thanked the chair for the agenda change and proceeded to advise the council that Allerdale highway department as a result of the effects of Storm Desmond in Dec' 2015 had been allocated £16m funding for road repairs as a result of the storm damage it had suffered. This is substantially greater than the normal 4-year budget.

010.03 He advised the incoming clerk to remind Highways again of the areas of specific concern, especially the stretch of collapsed road and bank by Crummock water.

010.04 The gulley cleaning vehicle is now back under local control and it is locating the drains and logging their position into a GPS system. It makes it easier for subsequent follow up sessions. He stressed that if people knew of gulley's being missed please point them out, because if they are not logged into the GPS system, they could be missed on future routine maintenance trips.

010.05 Cumbria Highways department now have an online reporting facility for all Highways connected problems, pot holes to street lights. Clerk M.M confirmed having used it and that it was effective.

010.06 Passing places and missing posts marking such areas were mentioned and Cllr A.B confirmed he would take it up with Highways and the new manager Amber Sykes.

At the conclusion of his report he left the meeting at 20.46.

011.00 Public Participation.

011.01 No members of the public present but Cllrs had various comments.

011.02 Cllr Y.K reported that rubbish in the area was a major problem, one which she was most frequently challenged about by members of the public. There are just not enough bins and those there are, are not emptied frequently enough. She drew the council's attention to the "Grit Bin" on the road outside the hall the meeting was in and that it was overflowing with rubbish and dog poo bags.

011.03 Should there be fewer bins and more signs advising people to take their rubbish home? Or more larger bins emptied more frequently?

011.04 Cllrs finally decided that the clerk should contact the Cllr Tony Annison (ABC) for Buttermere and arrange a meeting and ensure Cllr Y.K at least should attend with the clerk. The clerk to take photo of the grit bin and email that to Cllr T.A (ABC) plus the Allerdale waste team.

011.05 Cllr M.T raised the legality of two sites where sheds had appeared, possibly without planning permission. One is passed Beck House on B5289 and the other is approx' half a mile after that on the left-hand side of the road travelling towards Lorton.

Cllr E.B left the meeting at 21.03

012.00 Clerk's report.

012.01 Clerk D.S prior to the meeting had circulated his report, a copy is attached to the end of these minutes.

012.02 Cllrs were happy with most of his observations but all raised concerns about the broadband speed and availability in the valley.

012.03 Cllr L.K advised that he thought that back in the 1980's when a major cable was being laid to the telephone exchange it was "fibre optic." Clerk M.M to contact BT and Openreach and try and discover the truth behind that comment.

013.00 Development Applications

None for this meeting.

014.00 Highways and Parish maintenance.

014.01 nothing specific for this meeting and any points had already been raised with Cllr A.B (CCC) during minute 010.00

015.00 Police report

015.01 no representative from the police present and Clerk D.S had been advised to consult the Cumbria Police "My Area" facility.

015.02 The website link was only up to March 2017, one report of theft from a vehicle, but little detail. All agreed the police website not fit for purpose.

016.00 Report from Melbreak Communities Group.

016.01 Cllr Y.K had supplied a written report which the clerk had circulated prior to the meeting. A copy of that is attached to the end of these minutes.

017.00 Council finances and authorisation of payments.

017.01 Clerk D.S produced the bank reconciliation to 30th May 2017, presented the bank statement which confirmed the balance as per the bank rec at 15th May 2017 and the chair initialled both documents.

017.02 Cheques for payment.

30th May 2017 Buttermere Old School House rental. Cheque No 100267 £60.00 PC meetings

30th May 2017 AON UK Parish Insurance. Cheque No 100268 £204.29

30th May 2017 CALC Subs 2017/18. Cheque No 100269 £63.00

All the above payments were approved.

018.00 matters for the next meeting.

No suggestions

019.00 Date and time of the next meeting.

019.01 Next meeting Tuesday 5th September at 20.00 at the Old School Room Buttermere.