

Cummersdale Parish Council Newsletter

DECEMBER 2007



The Parish Council met on 12th November. Mr. K. McIntosh was in the chair. The meeting was joined by one of the Community Support Officers for the Police.

There have been a lot of calls to the Police about anti social behaviour in Cummersdale Village. The Police will soon be based in Dalston, which should make their response times to calls much faster, hopefully they will then catch a few more of the culprits. We are aware that some (but by no means all) of the perpetrators are from outside the village but we still want this behaviour curbed in the area.

One of the latest “tricks” is young boys hanging onto the bus before jumping off on Margery Terrace. All it will take if one of them is to mistime their jump, they will hit either a bollard or one of the garden walls. These boys are risking serious injury (or worse). If your boy is one of them please get him to stop before it is too late.

The other problem in the village is drivers not keeping to the 20mph speed limit. The speed limit is there for a reason, to protect everyone who is walking in the village. The road is too narrow and the visibility too poor to go any faster. Please remember to observe the 20mph limit whenever you are driving through the village. We are looking into getting some mobile speed warning signs to remind people of their speed as they approach the village. Hopefully, this will slow people down.

There is a problem in parts of Gilbert Road with vehicles parking on the footpath and completely blocking it. We all know the road is not very wide and it is often difficult to park but please remember that the footpath is for pedestrians. It is not a car park. Cummersdale is a compact village, we all need to think before we park, and park responsibly.

We have a constant problem with fly tipping, usually in the lay by on Peter Lane but also in the ditches along the whole length of the lane and up Wigton Road. The City Council will prosecute people for fly tipping so, if you see anyone doing this, please get the vehicle make, colour and registration number and either pass the details on to me or direct to the Civic Centre.

Finally, in the first week of January we have the Highways Response Team in the Parish doing minor road and footpath repairs. We have put together an extensive list of minor works that will take much longer than the few days we have been allocated. The Team will return later in 2008 to do another few days, so please keep me informed of problems.

Would all parishioners with e mail addresses please let me (or H. Atkinson e.mail hannah.atkinson2@btinternet.com) have their names, addresses and e.mail addresses to make delivery of the Parish Newsletter or other matter quicker and easier.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 7th January 2008.

On behalf of the Parish Council I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

L. Gauntlett Parish Clerk.
Tel & Fax 534565
Plg511@ukonline.co.uk

Community Action Plan.

It has been some while since an initial Parish Plan survey showed that there was an interest in developing a proper village hall in Cummersdale, either by adapting and developing existing facilities such as the Embassy Ballroom or by finding a way to provide a purpose built community centre.

A small steering group has been taking this work forward and have been successful in obtaining some money through the Parish Council to carry out a feasibility study.

It has been agreed to use a Cumbria-based consultant, Judith Brown of Porter Brown Solutions, who will be talking to local groups and other interested parties to ascertain what kind of facilities people really want and identifying the most practical way of meeting these needs in a sustainable manner.

There will be an initial meeting with these groups before Christmas to be followed by an open meeting on the evening of **Wednesday 6th February, 2008.** Details of this event will be advertised in the village nearer the time, but you may want to make a note in your diary now so as not to forget this important meeting.

As well as finding out what kind of community facilities people want to use, to ensure the long term sustainability of any hall or centre it is important to gauge the level of local commitment to getting involved in its development and management. Therefore we encourage you to have your say, so that Judith can really judge what kind of development is viable. We want to make sure that we get facilities that reflect the ambitions and needs of all parts of our community and which will be well used and supported for many years to come.



Cummersdale Primary School

Hello from Cummersdale School:

Number on Roll –

Total 66 33 Boys 33 Girls.

All Weather Play Surface (MUGA)

At the moment the Muga is hired out 4 nights a week.

Website

The website has been updated and Mrs. Vickers is currently putting examples of children's work on it. Parents will be informed of the website and how to access it when this is done, through a newsletter.

Visits and Events

The infants had a visit from the Carlisle firemen and talked about fire safety in the home. As a special treat some of the children got to spray water with a fire hose. There was water everywhere.

Organisers of the new Cummersdale play area visited school including Cllr. T. Allison, Hannah Atkinson, Sue Allison and Rob Coleman from the City Council. All the children were given the chance to vote for their favourite playground design. 48 children voted for the same design. Hopefully the play area will be accessible by Easter.

The Christingle service was held in the Church on 29th November.

Friends of the school held a Christmas Fair on 7th December .

The trip to Newcastle to the Pantomime is on 14th December.

School Party will be held on 18th December.

School Term ends 19th December.

**WE WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.**