

CUMMERSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12 FEBRUARY 2007.

PRESENT

Keith McIntosh
Keith Nesworthy
David Lowe
Pauline Nicholson
Brian Child
Warren Kerr

APOLOGIES

Trevor Allison
David Harrison
Hannah Atkinson

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were agreed and signed by the chairman.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MATTERS ARISING

Response from Chris Hardiman is due mid month re the village boundaries. The Clerk will circulate this when it arrives.

E taken forward.

CORRESPONDENCE

CALC training courses, noted.

CALC newsletter, noted.

CUMMERSDALE CONSERVATION TRUST

Nothing further to report.

Clerk has attempted to get other quotes for the stonework to the spring with no success. Mr Child will confirm the quote with Ferguson's and will get it done by them.

PARISH PLAN

Mr Child & McIntosh will meet and go forward with this once they receive the boundary details from Chris Hardiman.

REPORT ON THE PROPOSALS FOR A UNITARY AUTHORITY

Mr Lowe gave a report on the meeting he had attended together with T Allison at Newton Rigg to hear presentations from County and District Councils on their proposals for a Unitary Authority. Mr Stybeski gave presentation on behalf of County, Ms Mooney gave opening talk on behalf of the City Council and then handed over to consultants they had retained to prepare the bid. The City Council's bid was not submitted to central government by the 24 January deadline. The representative's of the PCs voted to accept the County Council bid with reservations . as the City Council had missed the deadline it was felt that this was the only viable project on offer, this was endorsed by both TA and DL.

Concern was expressed that the City Council appear to be pressing ahead with their proposals for a Unitary Authority bid despite missing the official deadline., and they are continuing to employ the consultants to do this at some considerable cost. The Clerk said Ms Mooney had offered to come out and give a presentation to all PC's this was unanimously rejected.

PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT

Playground needs £1500 to help with refurbishment. Meeting at school tomorrow, It was agreed that the PC would donate this amount.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The clerk reported several calls she had received from the Planning Dept concerning the planning application number for the caravan storage on Peter Lane. The Enforcement Officer had reported that, when he contacted the applicant about the lack of hedge in front of the kennels he had been told that cows had eaten the hedge. The Clerk had expressed surprise at this and said there were no cows in that location on a main road. The Clerk advised that the PC were concerned that this development would also go ahead without the planting and landscaping schemes being done. The PC agreed that, the Clerk should press for the planting work in front of the kennels to be completed and that this should be watched. Also, the Clerk should advise the Planning dept that the applicant is currently building a stone wall to the front of the property that is not in keeping with the rest of the building and does not appear on any planning application.

1/07/9004

Disabled ramp for access from playground to all weather pitch. Concerns that the ramp could be seen as a security risk for adjoining properties and the pub as it raises the level of the ground behind the pub. Mr Child will check if pub have seen the application.

Cycle ramp on path will go ahead, PN and KM have had meeting with designers and agreed that a few trees will need to be removed. Maintaining the old path the way it is now but the ramp must be tarmaced. They will plant new trees to replace the ones dug out. PN asked to be consulted once the ramp is installed before the trees are plated.

CHEQUES

The following cheques were written

11 P L Gauntlett	140.22
12 EWC	452.38

ANY OTHER BUSINESS for next meeting.

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 19 March 2007.

The meeting closed at 8.05

K McIntosh
Vice Chairman