

CUMMERSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15 JANUARY 2007.

PRESENT

Trevor Allison
Keith McIntosh
Keith Nesworthy
David Lowe
Pauline Nicholson
Hannah Atkinson
Brian Child
David Harrison

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were agreed and signed by the chairman.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MATTERS ARISING

A reply had been received from the City Council in response to the Clerks letter about the recycling scheme. This states that the kerbside recycling of cardboard will start in February. All residents will be receiving letters about the recycling plans in the next few weeks.

No response from Capita re yellow lines in Garden Village.

Website, ask Mr Auld to come to next meeting. Or set up a meeting at Mr McIntosh's if this is not possible.

The PC will undertake the rebuilding of the spring. One estimate had already been received but it was agreed that the Clerk would get a second estimate.

CORRESPONDENCE

Park Leisure brochures, passed on to playground committee.

Planning Cumbria joint structure plan, noted.

CALC newsletter, noted.

Meeting at Newton Rigg on the Local Government White Paper, 3 February. Mr Allison and Mr Lowe will attend.

CUMMERSDALE CONSERVATION TRUST

Nothing to report.

It was agreed that a hedge be planted on the common beside the bridle path. A quote has been received for the work from EWC. Concerns were expressed about planting Blackthorn next to a play area as it is poisonous. The Clerk will advise EWC to go ahead with the planting but omit the Blackthorn.

The Clerk had received a complaint about footpath in front of Irvings Place she has passed this on to a Denton Holme councillor as it is outside the Parish.

PARISH PLAN

Mr Allison will set up a meeting with Chris Hardiman to take this forward. . Mr Child and Mr McIntosh have put quite a lot of ideas together already. They were thanked by all the PCs for their efforts.

REPORT ON THE PROPOSALS FOR A UNITARY AUTHORITY

Mr Allison gave a report on the City Council's proposals for forming a unitary authority. The Clerk also pointed out that a copy of the County Council's proposals for forming the unitary authority were on her desk if anyone wanted to read them. The PC were also asked if they wished to invite Maggie Mooney the chief executive of the City Council to address a meeting,. It was decided not to. On discussion it was thought that the best option was for two authorities based on a north/south split of the County.

STEAD McALPIN FLOOD EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The proposal for Steads staff to park their cars in the village centre is totally unworkable. There are never more than two or three empty spaces in the centre at any time of the day or night and most of the time there is no spare space. It was pointed out that leaving cars at the roadside in the square would stop the emergency vehicles getting through. Even the adjacent fields were not suitable as they are too soft. It was suggested that Pirelli social club car park was the only suitable venue that was near at hand. As this idea is outside the PCs control it was agreed that the Clerk would write and suggest this option. It was thought that, an emergency at the factory requiring evacuation could be caused by things other than a flood.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

06/1427 Extend existing caravan storage at 51 Peter Lane. This was agreed but the PC are concerned that previous applications for kennels on this site stipulated that a hedge must be planted before any building took place and this did not happen. The Clerk will write and state that the hedge must be planted first.

07/0004 New ramp to link cycleways at Millstream Cummersdale. As this is an amendment to the previous plan Mr Allison, Mrs Nicholson and Mr Child will study it and submit a response on behalf of the PC.

CHEQUES

The following cheques were written

07 Staples printing newsletter	42.00
09 P L Gauntlet	140.22
10 P L Gauntlett Accounts Ltd	5.82

ANY OTHER BUSINESS for next meeting.

The condition of road surface through Cummersdale is terrible

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12 February 2007.

The meeting closed at 8.55.

T Allison
Chairman