

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8 OCTOBER 2007

### PRESENT

Mr K Mc Intosh  
Mr B Child  
Mr T Allison  
Mr D Harrison  
Mr D Lowe  
Mr K Nesworthy  
Mrs H Atkinson  
Mrs P Nicholson

### 1. APOLOGIES

None

### 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 10 September 2007 were signed as a correct record.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 4. ADJOURNEMENT OF MEETING

Not required.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Clerk is to invite PC Colin Hurd to future meetings.

As Mr Child was present it was decided to formally Confirm him as Vice chairman of the Parish Council.  
Proposer T Allison. Seconder H Atkinson, everyone was in favour.

Grass cutting on Drying Green. Mr Nesworthy was concerned that the PC were paying for this to be maintained when it is privately owned land. The reason that this area was being maintained was that, until a few years ago it was very overgrown was attracting rats and fly tipping. Mr Allison started to cut the grass in an effort to stop this. As it was successful the PC decided to maintain the area and it is maintained by Eden Woodland Consultants. The children play in the area as it is a safe place to play. The Parish Council now cut the area 8 times a year. Certain villagers feel that it is not acceptable for the PC to be paying for the maintenance of this privately owned area. Mr Allison will write to Mr Diggle the owner and ask him to make a contribution towards the upkeep of the Green.

The bus shelter in Garden Village in need of repair. It was temporarily repaired months ago but the repair looks unsafe. Clerk will try and get it repaired.

Unruly behaviour in village. There have been a lot of incidents of vandalism in the village. The wood on the church windows has been defaced. Residents have called the Police. The bus shelter is getting a lot of abuse and there has been a lot of vandalism to the Embassy Ballroom. The problem is that residents are not sure if all the children live locally. The Clerk will make the PC aware that there are problems. Clerk will inquire about the cost of sharing a neighbourhood support officer with Dalston.

Website. Agreed we want a stand alone web site. Get information from CALC about their software. Mr Allison will arrange a meeting with Mr Auld and Mr McIntosh. Mr Nesworthy will see who owns the site. The Clerk will E mail Mr Nesworthy the CALC things.

### 6. CORRESPONDENCE

AGM Carlisle Environmental Action

Victim Support Cumbria leaflets

Closure of St Aidans School, details.

Open Space. Given to Mr Child

Consideration to setting precept at next meeting.

### 7. PLAY AREA

It now looks as if this will be finished by Christmas. The play surface is going to be expensive. Pirelli will be supplying two picnic benches.

#### **8. CUMMERSDALE CONSERVATION TRUST**

Annual upkeep will be between £500 to £550 pa. The grass cutting is already paid in the PC bill. The edge of the common is looking messy, the grass and the bushes are overgrown and rubbish is collecting there. It was agreed to ask Phil to cut it back. Mrs Nicholson will do this.

#### **9. PARISH PLAN**

No progress. This will be discussed at the next meeting after the VAC meeting.

#### **10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None .

#### **11 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Chairman and another nominated Councillor were authorised to sign the following cheques.

36	EWC (2 invoices)	494.97
35	P L Gauntlett wages	140.22

#### **12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 12 November 2007

Meeting closed 8.35

K McIntosh  
Chairman