

CUMMERSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8 SEPTEMBER 2008.

PRESENT

Mr K McIntosh
Mr W Kerr
Mr K Nesworthy
Mrs H Atkinson
Mr T Allison
Mr B Child

IN ATTENDANCE

Collr J Collier
Miss E Tonge Cumbria Constabulary
Mrs D Craddock, member of the public.
Mr A Lyne
Mr M Worrall

1. APOLOGIES

Mr T Allison for late arrival
Mr B Child for late arrival
Mrs P Nicholson
Mr D Harrison
Mr D Lowe
Collr N Clarke

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 14 July were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr K McIntosh for the problems on Peter Lane.

4. ADJOURNEMENT OF MEETING

Mrs Craddock came about the parking problems on Gilbert Road. At least 3 residents appear to be running businesses from their homes and two of them involve several vehicles being parked in the area most of the time. It is in the deeds of some of the properties that they cannot carry our businesses from home. The Police will go and have a look at the area and see what they can do, although if the vehicle is taxed and parked legally they cannot ask for it to be moved. It was understood that Mr Allison had sought alternative parking for one of the businesses vehicles but this appears to have fallen through. The Police will check the area and report back to the chairman. If necessary the chairman will then ask the Clerk to write to the Civic Centre about the parking problems.

The top 4 houses are on a private road but sat navs are showing this as a through road. Mr Collier will try and get larger private road signs put up in the area.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

6. FOOTPATHS IN THE PARISH

Messrs Lyne and Worrall came to give a report on the footpaths that they had surveyed in the Parish. Their report had been copied to every Parish Councillor in advance of the meeting.

The following problems were identified.

The path from Gilbert Road towards Dalston cannot be accessed from Gilbert Road as a garage was built across the path years ago. It was suggested that perhaps the farmer would be amenable to having the right of way rerouted across his land.

The path from the village down to the river is not a proper right of way, this needs to be registered.

The road from Steads to the railway bridge is not a right of way, again this needs to be dealt with.

It was suggested that Mrs Nicholson might become the Parishes rights of way officer and review these paths annually.

The Clerk will write to the City Council about the rights of way.

7. REPORTS FROM CITY & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

The portfolio holder for highways at the County council has resigned so, unfortunately there has been no progress on the resurfacing of Cummersdale Road.

8. COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

There have been problems with mini motos and trail bikes in the area. Some of these have been seized and crushed.

9. ROAD PROBLEMS IN THE PARISH

See sect 4 above. It was agreed that the clerk will write to the City Council and enquire about the regulations that are in force re running a business from home.

Grace Lane.

Mr McIntosh declared a personal interest in this matter.

The bridle path is being destroyed by the farmers machinery which is wider than the tarmaced strip of road. The slurry tanker is also messing up the road and tipping slurry into the ditches. Councillor Collier will try and find out if the County Council are supposed to maintain this road.

10. CNDR

It was agreed to invite Wayne Foster from Birse to the next meeting to give a presentation on their work on the road.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Recycling posters were handed out to go on the noticeboards.

The Clerk had received a call from Mr Foster from Birse who would like to come to the next PC meeting to talk about the CNDR. This was agreed.

County Council proposals to replace 6 residential care homes. Mr McIntosh took this to read.

Highways news letter. Noted.

Highways Stewards rough guide. Noted

Letter from Dalston PC re buying a speed device. The Clerk advised that since the letter, these had all been withdrawn by the Police. The PC are still interested, the Clerk will contact Mr Auld and confirm thia.

Clerks & Councils Direct, noted.

Hespin Wood resource pack, noted.

12. CONSERVATION TRUST

Nothing to report.

13. PARISH PLAN

The sub group are making reasonable progress. They are nearly finished the consultation process. A pie and pea supper is being planned for October, not dates have been finalised yet. There will be a sub group meeting on 22 September 7pm in the school, all Parish Councillors are welcome.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

08/0843 1 Garden Village.

No problems with this application.

15. FENCE MARGERY TERRACE

The Clerk had received an e mail from the Planning Enforcement Officer. He says there are still two panels on the front of the property that require replacement. It was noted that the Leylandi, although it is straggly is over 2 metres tall in places. The Clerk will reply and ask that Mr Tickner ensures that the fence panels are removed and the correct ones installed and that the hedge is trimmed to 2 metres.

16. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The audited accounts had been returned from BDO. The Clerk gave Mrs Atkinson the notification for the noticeboard. The comments were that the Return must be in whole pounds only, no pennies and that every item on section two f the Return must be discussed and minuted at the meeting where the Return is signed. This was agreed.

To authorise two nominated Councillor to sign the following cheques.

Cheques written, to be authorised

73 P L Gauntlett 147.41

74 P L Gauntlett exps 100.32

75 BDO Auditors 158.63

76 EWC (3 invoices) 658.01

77 payment for bench 229.12

Clerk to get invoice from Mrs Nicholson

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6 October at 7.15.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Mr K McIntosh Chairman

