

CUMMERSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8 JANUARY 2008

PRESENT

Keith McIntosh
Hannah Atkinson
Dave Harrison
David Lowe
Pauline Nicholson
Trevor Allison
Collr Clarke
1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Brian Child
Keith Nesworthy

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 12 November were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. ADJOURNEMENT OF MEETING

The new landlord of Spinners Arms came to introduce herself. She was interested to meet the Parish Council. She wants to make sure that everyone knows that the pub is a local resource to be used. She is interested in putting a sign at the end of road advertising the pub, advice was offered as to how to go about this. The Council suggested that a history of the pub could be put in the newsletter together with opening times. It could also go on the website.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Better ways to schools, will provide some speeding signs, on a temporary basis. They will be checking with the school before they are put in.

The Clerk sent a list of the road repairs required to the contractors for their work this week. The potholes on Cummersdale Road -were highlighted in this evenings paper.

The Clerk & the Chairman, attended the December meeting between the City Council and Parish Council representatives. It was not a very interesting meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents, it was agreed that the Clerk respond to the questionnaire. She will also follow up the trees that are due to be planted on the cyclepath.

CNDR preferred bidder notification, noted.
Standards newsletter, noted.
CALC circular, noted.
Cumbria Highways, working together, noted.
NHS Spotlight, noted.
Clerks & Council Direct, noted.

7. PLAY AREA

The work will start in February. The contract has been awarded and work should take 6 weeks.

8 CUMMERSDALE CONSERVATION TRUST

Suggest that we approach the NF for grants for 2 benches. A wooden one for the end of Cummersdale Rd and a metal one on the cycleway. Suggest that the PC could contribute £200 so ask the NF for £600. Clerk to draft a letter to send to meeting.

The Conservation Trust has received a grant of £500 towards the feasibility study for the village hall. This money will be forwarded to the Parish Council. A further grant of £2000 will be paid by City Council it was agreed that the Parish Council will pay the remaining £500.

Chair went to a meeting in the ballroom about a new village hall. Ms Brown who is doing the feasibility study thinks there are no longer grants around for such large projects. The sale of the ballroom would not generate sufficient money to build a new hall. The other options were to renovate the ballroom or use the church. The church is owned by Mr Diggle. It was agreed that the Clerk will write and inform him and send him a copy of the questionnaire. There will be an open meeting on 6 February to discuss the project.

9. FOOTPATH SURVEY

Alan Lyne was at the last NF meeting and was approached by Mr Allison to help with the surveying of all the paths in the Parish. The Parish Paths initiative will give grants of up to £1000 to improve rights of way under certain circumstances, or towards producing maps, booklets etc. Mr Lyne's walking group propose to walk all the paths in the Parish over about 4 week ends and report back to the PC.

10. COMMUNITY PLAN

Agreed that meetings will be a week before the PC meetings for a month. Names of other interested volunteers are required. These are to be e mailed to Mr McIntosh.

11. TRAINING

Agreed to ask CALC to run the Effective Councillors Road show in March.

12 COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

Collr Clarke will check and see why the Community Support Officer did not attend tonight's meeting.

13 WEBSITE

Chair & Clerk had a meeting with Mr Auld. The Chair circulated a resume of the meeting. The Clerk had provided Mr Auld with the last twelve months minutes and agendas and they were all on the website. Agreed it was the PCs responsibility to provide articles and information for the site. We will review it in six months.

14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

15. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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

Cheques written, to be authorised

Staples	15.00
Eden Woodland Consultants	205.63
P L Gauntlett	180.89
Foster Fabrications	646.25
Air Ambulance	25.00

Get forms to change bank account for Keith.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4 February 2008.

Meeting closed at 9.30.