

CUMMERSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 21 MARCH 2005.

PRESENT

Mr T Allison
Mr B Child
Mrs H Atkinson
Mrs P Nicholson
Mr D Harrison
Mrs A Warwick
Mr K McIntosh
Mr W Kerr

APOLOGIES

None

The meeting was joined by Tom McMullen of CALC who gave a talk on Quality Parishes. The details of the scheme are in the Quality Parish brochure which was circulated last month. It was agreed to consider this again at a later date as there are things (the web site, the Clerks certification) that need to be in place before it can be applied for.

The meeting was then joined by Mr Auld who gave a presentation on a Cummersdale website. The PC have secured a grant of £400 towards setting this up. It is hoped that, once it is set up it will be self financing with local businesses paying to advertise. It was agreed to proceed with this. Mr McIntosh will liaise with Mr Auld on it's construction.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 8.30.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Cumbria County Council have logged our complaint about the road near Kingrigg Farm and will be dealing with it shortly.

The Clerk had written to Mr Martlew about the bus service.

Grass Cutting.

The Clerk had written to the City Council cancelling the contract with them. They had replied. It was agreed that Jason Boertien be asked to cut the same areas as last year. Mr Allison will keep cutting the pieces on Wigton Rd. Eden Woodland will cut the Common and the Drying Green. Mr Allison will grind off the remaining bolts on the seat on Peter Lane and Mrs Atkinson will have the new hardwood latts fitted. It was agreed to site a new bench between the sub station and the houses on Wigton Rd. The Clerk will contact the County Council highways dept for confirmation that this is ok. Mrs Nicholson will order a bench (she has already ordered two for the copse).

The Clerk had written to PC Shorrock detailing the incidents of youths on bikes in the village and the teenagers hanging round the bus shelter on Wigton Rd. She had also advised him of tonights meeting. She had not received any response. The problems with the motor bikes has increased over the last few weeks and several councillors have tried to get in touch with P C Shorrock with no success. Mr Kerr had had problems with youths lighting fires in his fields and adjacent fields and even then the Police are not turning up to apprehend the culprits. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Chief Constable and complain about the lack of Police support in the Parish. She will also ask about the Police's attitude to these unlicensed bikes and what they are prepared to do about this problem. She will copy the letter to John Collier the County Councillor.

CORRESPONDANCE

Agenda for the Cumbria Police Authority meeting, noted. It was agreed that Mr Allison and Mr Nicholson will attend in view of the problems currently being experienced in the village.

Clerks & Councils Direct, noted.

Letter about road sign renovation, noted.

Save our Control Group, noted. The Clerk has already registered the PCs support for this.

Branch change for the Post Office, noted.

CALC circular, noted.

Agendas for City Council meetings, noted.

CALC annual fees to pay, agreed.

CUMMERSDALE CONSERVATION TRUST

The Clerk has the bill from EWC for clearing the fallen tree away to pay.

Two seats, the fence and the litterbins have been ordered and will be installed when they arrive.

FOOTPATH SURVEY

Still ongoing.

PARISH MEETING ON 14 MARCH

The Clerk has prepared a synopsis of the questions asked at the meeting.

She stated that she received the formal planning application on Tuesday 15 March and it was dated 7 March. This gave the PC 7 working days to draft a response which was insufficient time. It was agreed that the Clerk write in the morning and ask for an extension to the time limit, pointing out that the correct amount of time has not been given. She will also point out the PPS22 guidelines on renewable energy which do not appear to have been adhered to.

Concerns were expressed about the health implications of the turbine which, it was felt have not been correctly addressed by Pirelli. It was agreed that Mr Allison, Mr Child and Mrs Nicholson will get together tomorrow to prepare the PCs response to the planning application.

PARISH PLAN

Mrs Atkinson and Mr McIntosh have reviewed the questionnaire. They handed out their analysis of the results which will be discussed at the next meeting.

ORTON GRANGE

Mr McIntosh and Mrs Atkinson went to the presentation about this. The proposal is for a 28 acre garden centre. The development will be owned by Dobies and Linton Tweeds and when it is fully opened will employ 110 people. The PC agreed that, when the planning application arrives the Clerk can agree it.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None other than Pirelli's turbine.

CHEQUES & ACCOUNTS

The following cheques were written

33 H Atkinson (postage)	18.90
30 P L Gauntlett Accounts Ltd	79.08
29 P L Gauntlett (2 months wages)	225.30
31 CALC (annual subscription)	119.50
32 Eden Woodland Consultants	235.00

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Residents in Garden Village are again objecting to paying Cummersdale rates when, according to the signage they are within the city of Carlisle. The Clerk has made attempts in the past to have these signs relocated but with no success. Possible the only way this could be achieved would be with a petition from the residents.

Mr Marrs the farmer has left a lot of slurry on the lonnen beside Peter Lane. The Clerk will phone him and ask him to clean it up.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9 May AGM at 7pm

The meeting closed at 10pm.

T Allison Chairman