

## Levens Parish Council

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 November 2015 in the Methodist Meeting Room, Levens at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs R.Atfield (Chairman), D Martin, R. Mason, J Thacker + S Roberts (Clerk ) + County Cllr J.Bland & District Councillor A Rawlinson + 4 members of the public

**96/15 Apologies for absence:** Councillors S Bagot, C Hammond and H Burrows

**97/15 Declarations of interest:** None

#### 98/15 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 13 October 2015, as a true record.

#### 99/15 Public Participation

A resident asked when Hutton Lane would be resurfaced, Cllr J Bland stated that Highways was aware of it and they intended in repairing it as soon as possible.

It was brought to the Parish Councils attention that Cumbria Connect would be at the Institute this Thursday at 7 30pm.

#### 100/15 Reports

- a) Police Report: Due to changes within the Police Organisation, Community Police will not be present at the meetings unless requested by the Council but would email the report to the Parish Clerk. Since the last meeting seven calls had been reported in the area, none crime related, two were related to anti-social behaviour involving youths
- b) Relevant matters from District and County Councillors  
District Councillor A Rawlinson Lyth Valley & Witherslack Proposed Water Level Management Board have extended the Notice period to 30th June 2016. Cllr Rawlinson & Cllr Bland will be holding a consultation meeting in January 2016 in Levens and Cllr Rawlinson will also leaflet all resident with regards to this issue for their views  
Cllr Rawlinson had with the help of Cllr Burrows & Sue Young organised the Poppy appeal for the Community, it had gone well and future events where in the pipeline throughout the year to raise funds. Cllr Rawlinson also took part in St Johns Church Remembrance Service.  
Cllr Rawlinson had been in contact with Levens School where French Levens was discussed and the school would like the contact. Also Cllr Rawlinson would like to be part of the working party which Cllr Bagot was organising for French Levens.  
Nethercroft Housing issues: Cllr Rawlinson has been in contact with the owners. She has raised this issue with SLDC Building control who have informed her that no contact has been made by Russell Armour or NHBC in order to resolve these issues. Cllr Rawlinson is working with them to help resolve the problems..  
Residents near Hare & Hounds have requested a resident only parking area; discussions are underway with all interested parties.  
County Councillor J Bland: Reported the river burst its banks at Brigsteer, Highways resurfacing Windermere rd. Morale is low at Cumbria County Council as cut backs are creating job losses. Otherwise not a lot is happening.

#### 101/15 Clerk Contract

Agreed by all Councillors and to be signed by Chairman & Clerk.

It was agreed to place an advertisement in the Parish Magazine to seek clerical help on a part time basis for the Parish Clerk.

## 102/15 Finance

- a) Receipts None
- b) Payments None

## 103/15 Planning Applications

**New Planning Applications: None**

**CTIL 122393 VF89037** Proposed upgrade to Telecommunication Radio Base at Bridge End.

**Local Map - the mast incorrectly sited in Levens Village, Clerk to contact Clarke Telecom and request revised Plan. Clerk contacted telecommunication on two occasions still awaiting a response. Clerk to pursue this matter and report back to the next meeting**

**To note Planning Application, still to be determined**

**SL/2014/0370:** Change of use, extension, refurbishment and partial demolition of former carpet showroom and site to form nine self-contained apartments.

**SLDC Decision: Withdrawn**

**New plans being submitted for 5 flats & 2 affordables**

The reason for this was so the new plans could be applied for under the title of Shepherds Mill, if the owner could prove that was a previous name. It was noted that Simon Fawcett was aware of concerns of the roof pitch. The land for car parking provision has still had not been agreed by SLDC.

## 104/15 Levens Community Project

- a) S106: Cllr Mason reported that SLDC had not yet issued the final terms of the S106. This now had to go to a Planning Meeting on 26/11/16
- b) Business Plan: Cllr Mason advised that the contractor had almost completed work on the plan and he will circulate it shortly for the Parish Councillors to inspect
- c) Charities Commission: Solicitor Paul Davies had written to the Commission for approval of the Village Project. The approval had been received and the project could commence with no further correspondence required
- d) Tripartite Agreement: Cllr Mason will arrange a meeting with members of the Institute Committee, the Working Group and Parish Councillors to update them on progress of the scheme and to establish an agreement that meets all criteria which would be drafted by Solicitor Paul Davies. Levens Charity would need to be upgraded in order to protect the Trustees, also consideration given to where the Trustees would place the forthcoming income from the sale of land.
- e) Demolition & Site Clearance Sizergh Fell Quarry The Councillors agreed that L & W Wilson Contractor to commence work in preparation for the sale of the site, start date given, the last week in November. The sale of the plots can be marketed week commencing 10 December for a period of several weeks.

SLDC was aware of the site being in the National Park when planning consent was given and they will be managing the progress of the site to completion.

Cllr Mason also highlighted the need to remove some timber at SFQ & Cotes, in preparation for the sale. He would contact The Forestry Commission & SLDC to obtain agreement of what trees need removing for the preparation of sale of the plots.

It was agreed that Andrew Taylor would be contacted to inform the Sizergh Residents of the proposed commencement start dates.

Greengate Development: The tenders had been received and the successful developer would be known shortly.

## 105/15 Offer of purchase of land at Cinderbarrow, from Mssrs Bannister & Proctor.

Currently letters are being produced to enable the Parish Council in registering the land.

### **106/15 Land adjacent to Wayside Cottage**

Mrs Mallison solicitors have made an offer of £25,000.00 and to pay a fair priced legal bill; with the advice of the Parish Councillors solicitors the Parish Councillors have accepted this offer.

### **107/15 Budget/Precept:**

Although it was discussed further information would be required for the Council to consider before December's meeting. Clerk agreed to email all Councillors relevant documents

### **108/15 Parish Maintenance Report**

Cllr Burrows has queried several updates on the action sheet – It was agreed that Pete Tideswell Area Steward be contacted as the Councillors did not agree with some of the findings. The Clerk had updated the current report but the Area Steward was not contactable. Update at the next meeting

### **109/15 Woodland Management:**

Cllr Martin has reported that he has obtained maps of the Parish Council Woodland to establish the acreage of 5-6 acres. In order to receive a grant for the Woodland Plan Cllr Martin requires a Single Business Identifier ( SBI) number on the Parish Wood Land. It was agreed, he would investigate further into obtaining a (SBI) number and report back at the next meeting.

### **110/15 Allotment Update**

Cllr Mason had arranged a meeting with Richard Bagot; the ten plots would be 250 sq m. but could be split into two. All had access to water and would come at a cost of £50 per year. Cllr Burrows had a list of interested allotment holders and other residents whom wished a plot. Funding had been applied for and approval of £800 granted. Cllr Rawlinson would find out if she had available funds to assist

The Council are now in a position to contact all interested parties to enable them to formalise an agreement.

### **111/15 French Levens**

Cllr Rawlinson had covered this item in 100/15 b) in the minutes

### **112/15 Correspondence**

- a) HSBC Levens Parish Council Accounts: International tax compliance- Cllr Hammond contacted the bank and found out it was not applicable to Levens Parish Council
- b) Transparency Funding: £2,000.00 available to Parish Councils- Clerk applied for funding of £480.00 claim for 2015-16
- c) Email Consultation on the Heversham & Hincaster Neighbourhood Plan 2015 – 2025  
Chairman to reply that the Parish Council thought the plan lacked the need for new housing
- d) Letter Electoral Review South Lakeland: It was agreed that the Parish Council felt one Councillor was only required for one ward. A letter would be sent confirming this opinion.
- e) Invoice Treble3 Website, The Webteam had been contacted and no one was aware of this other website and could not advise the Parish Council. It was said that the site may not be Levens Cumbria but another Levens. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Treble3 and request confirmation of this fact.
- f) No Cold Calling Signs Update: The Parish Clerk had contact Jennifer Wood, Trading Standards Officer and explained the issue. Jennifer agreed to replace the old signs with new ones. Cllr Mason agreed to fit the spare one after the others had been fitted
- g) Email WI Plot of Land It was agreed that the Parish Council would be interested in having the plot of land owned by the WI and placing it into Levens Charity for the use of the village. Letter to be sent confirming this agreement.

- h) Email Complaint C Riley It was agreed that Cllr Atfield would send Mrs Riley a letter outlining the Councils position in this matter.
- i) Kendal AAC Run The Parish Council had no issues with this event taking place and would reply accordingly.

**113/15 Future agenda items to date:**

- a) New Allotments
- b) Update Land adjacent to Wayside Cottage
- c) Budget & Precept
- d) Village Project
- e) Payment for: Remembrance Wreath £ 30 and Wingspan: Business Plan

**114/15 Date of next meetings:**

Next ordinary parish council meeting: Tuesday December 2015 **Date to be confirmed.**

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date

Meeting closed at 9 25 pm