

Levens Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 08 December 2015 in the Methodist Meeting Room, Levens at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R.Atfield (Chairman), R. Mason, J Thacker, S Bagot, C Hammond, H Burrows + S Roberts (Clerk) + County Cllr J.Bland & District Councillor A Rawlinson + 3 members of the public

115/15 Apologies for absence: Cllr D Martin

116/15 Declarations of interest: Cllr C Hammond – Planning application for Rose Cottage, Cllr Hammond left the room when this item was discussed.

117/15 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 10 November 2015, as a true record.

118/15 Public Participation

The flooding of the Lyth Valley which occurred on Saturday 5th December was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Mason would liaise with District Cllr A Rawlinson to established the extent of the disaster.

With this information collated the Parish Council could then decide the best course of action. It was also noted that 'Christians Together in Levens' would be collecting money for flood relief. The Councillors agreed to donate £100.00 Cumbria Community Foundation Flood Relief Fund. It was also agreed to put on the next meeting's agenda 'Community Resilience'.

119/15 Reports

- a) Police Report: No report submitted
- b) Relevant matters from District and County Councillors
District Councillor A Rawlinson The proposed Drainage Board - The Environmental Agency has extended the consultation period to 30th June 2016. Cllr Rawlinson & Cllr Bland will be holding a consultation meeting on Monday 18th January 2016 at 7 pm in the Institute. The outcome would be reported to SLDC cabinet meeting in February.
Cllr Rawlinson had worked with various agencies and members of the village to help the flood victims and gave a further account of the situation over the weekend. She felt it was appropriate to consider setting up a plan for the village for dealing with future emergencies.
County Councillor J Bland: Reported that resurfacing work had taken place in the village and white lines also replaced.

120/15 Finance

- a) Receipts Cumbria County Council £800.00 25/11/15
- b) Payments British Legion – Wreath - £30.00
WingSpan – Business Plan –£1920.00
A590 Meeting Expenses - £21.45
Clerks Expenses/Allowance £310.00

121/15 Planning Applications

New Planning Applications:

SL/2015/1046 1 Rose Cottage Levens- Change Use of Land to form a Carpark

No Objections: Clerk to email SLDC The Parish Councillors agree it is a good solution to remove the parked cars off the road

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

Local Mast - the mast incorrectly sited in Levens Village, Clerk to contact Clarke Telecom and request revised Plan. Email with confirmation the location is the existing mast.

122/15 Levens Community Project

- a) S106: Cllr Mason reported that SLDC had not yet issued the final terms of the S106 agreement despite this being agreed at the Planning Meeting on 26/11/15. Until this document is received the project cannot begin. Planning permission was granted on 30th April 2015 and this delay is increasing costs. District Cllr A Rawlinson agreed to raise this issue with senior officers at SLDC and would report back to the Parish Council.
- b) Business Plan: Cllr Mason had held meeting with the working group, institute committee and Parish Councillors, to show them the business plan. Issues had been raised but on the whole it was well received as a working document. When the Business Plan has been finalised, it is intended to be placed on the village website.
- c) Tripartite Agreement: The same three groups were brought up to date on the progress and discussed the establishment of an agreement that meets all criteria. This will be drafted by the solicitor Paul Davies. A decision will have to be made on the formation of the correct means of protecting Trustees and creating a repository for forthcoming income from the land sales. The Institute Committee were advised to seek separate legal advice.
- d) 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. Work will commence forthwith with the removal of asbestos, general material rubbish, to regrade material within the quarry and to stockpile rocks and rubble so the site is cleared. Cllr Mason also highlighted the need to remove some timber at SFQ & Cotes, in preparation for the sale. He had contact The Forestry Commission & SLDC to obtain agreement of what trees need removing for the preparation of sale of the plots. The plots will be ready to be marketed as soon as the 106 agreement is in place.

123/15 Offer of purchase of land at Cinderbarrow, from Mssrs Bannister & Proctor.

Milne Moser Councils Solicitors have advised the Council on obtaining a possessory title claim by obtaining a statement from the current Clerk with regard to the collection of rental monies over a period of years, which is supported by a former member of the Parish Council so that the Parish Council can register the land.

124/15 Land adjacent to Wayside Cottage

The Parish Council had received confirmation instructions from Milne Moser Councils Solicitors which had been signed by The Chairman & Clerk and returned. It was thought that completion would be soon.

125/15 Budget/Precept:

Councillors considered budget details and Cllr Atfeild highlighted the need for additional funding for the forthcoming elections next May. Councillors agreed to add it on to next month's agenda and to consider costs in the meantime.

126/15 Highways Report

Cllr Burrows has attended the A590 meeting and informed the Council that work was programmed to start at Fulshaw in January 2016, which included a sensory sign being erected that would highlight the fact that a vehicle was waiting to join the dual carriageway. Also work would be undertaken to improve the cyclist route. This cost would not come from funding set aside for the A590 but another budget.

127/15 Woodland Management:

Cllr Martin is investigating obtaining a SBI number and will report back at a future meeting.

128/15 Allotment Update

A successful meeting has been held with the prospective allotment holders and interested villagers, all were in agreement with the proposal. All had access to water and would come at a cost of £50 per year. Grant Funding of £800 towards the preparation of the plots has been received. Cllr J Bland agreed to assist with a further £500 so that the work could commence in preparing the allotments. It was agreed by all the Councillors for this project to commence

129/15 French Levens

The French Teacher at Levens School is enthusiastic about this opportunity and hopes that the link will extend to the younger children as well.

A meeting convened by Cllr Bagot does not need to take place at present.

130/15 WI Land: Usage Ideas for the Village

Cllr Atfeild agreed to send a letter, informing the WI that the Parish Council would accept their kind offer on behalf of the Village. It was suggested for consideration that the land would be developed into an orchard for the children and/or a picnic area.

131/15 Correspondence

a) No Cold Calling Signs Update: Signs fitted to roads leading into the village

b) Parish Clerk Letter of resignation The clerk resigned giving the Parish Council a month notice. The Councillors agreed to advertise for a replacement asap

132/15 Future agenda items to date:

- a) Allotments Update
- b) Update Land adjacent to Wayside Cottage
- c) Clerks Post Update
- d) Village Project
- e) Community Resilience
- f) Budget/ Precept

133/15 Date of next meetings:

Next ordinary parish council meeting: Tuesday 12 January 2016

Signed (Chairman)

Date

Meeting closed at 9 34 pm