

Minutes of the Meeting of Claife Parish Council held on Tuesday 25 August 2009 at 7.30pm at Braithwaite Hall Far Sawrey

Present

Councillors: Dr C Lane (Chairman) Mr R Shuttleworth Mr R Brown Mrs A Brodie and Ms Y Pavelyn and **Clerk** Mr VM Phillips

Apologies: Mr J Mallett

Members of the public: Mr A Brockbank Dr J Burgoyne Ms A Carlisle- Morgan Ms G Fletcher Mrs M Green Mr P Jewitt Mr P Johnson Mr R Morris- Shaoul Ms C Pritchard Councillor Mrs C Salisbury Sgt J Stephens (Cumbria Police) Mr G and Mrs D Schofield Mrs H Thomson and 3 children and Ms T Wakeman

Minutes of the Meeting of 30 June 2009 were approved and signed.

Declarations of Interest

Mr Shuttleworth declared an interest in Item 4(h) on the Agenda: Braithwaite Hall - provision of disabled toilets

Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) **Co-option of Councillor:** Mrs Brodie had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Registration of Financial and Other Interests form, which the Clerk had sent to South Lakeland District Council.

(b) **Cumbria Highways -Traffic Issues:**

(i) **Single yellow lines - Near Sawrey:** Extension of the single yellow line on the B5285 to Wilfin Beck would be undertaken on 17 September 2009. With regard to the extension of the single yellow line in Market Street there was no existing Traffic Regulation Order in existence. A site meeting to discuss this issue further was to be arranged by Cumbria Highways to which all interested parties would be invited. Sgt Stephens said the Police would also be willing to attend.

(ii) **Speed limits - Near Sawrey:** Tests were currently being undertaken to ascertain whether a 30mph speed limit was justified in Near and Far Sawrey.

(iii) **Old village signs:** Mr Shuttleworth said he would determine what was involved in straightening the original village signs which had recently been painted by the Highway Steward.

(c) **Registering Claife Parish Council land:** The Clerk said he had sent HM Land Registry Durham marked up plans of land asserted to be in the ownership of the Council to determine whether or not any claim to registration had been made by another party. The Council also claimed ownership of the quarry at Gill Bank, Colthouse.

(d) **Housing Needs Committee update:** 5 potential sites had been identified and a meeting was to be held with Mairi Lock, Lake District National Park Authority planner, on 8 September 2009.

(e) **Freedom of Information Act request - Hawkshead Parish Council:** Hawkshead Parish Council had now supplied a copy of the original lease and a copy of the new lease was awaited.

(f) **Windermere Ferry:** A meeting had been requested with John Robinson, Highways Network Manager responsible for the Windermere Ferry Cumbria County Council, and an agenda proposed. A response was awaited.

(g) **Ash Landing Car Park:** Mr Shuttleworth said that Terry Dobson had quoted the sum of £350-00 plus VAT for the erection of posts and placing of boulders at Ash Landing car park and the Council agreed to proceed once the written estimate for such sum was in the possession of the Clerk.

(h) **Braithwaite Hall - provision of disabled toilets:** The Council agreed to make a contribution of £1000-00 towards the provision of disabled toilets at Braithwaite Hall.

(i) **Japanese knotweed, Sunnyside Near Sawrey:** A complaint regarding the failure of the owner of Sunnyside to eradicate Japanese knotweed had been made to the Wildlife Liaison Officer, Cumbria Police.

Finance

(a) **Annual Return 2009:** The external auditor had provided an unqualified report on the Annual Return.

(b) **Accounts to pay:** It was agreed to pay the following sums:

(i) South Lakeland District Council - parish election costs £114-00; and

(ii) BDO Stoy Hayward LLP - audit fee 2009 £57-50

(c) The current account showed a balance of £4287-00

Letters and Communications

(a) **CALC Training for Chairmen and Councillors:** It was agreed that Councillors A Brodie and Y Pavelyn would attend Essentials for Local Councillors training sessions to be held at Gilpin Lodge Hotel, Levens near Kendal on 4th and 9th February 2010 between 6.30pm and 9.00pm at a total cost of £80-00.

(b) **Parish Council Filing Cabinet:** The Council authorised the Clerk to source a filing cabinet for Parish Council papers and documents.

Planning Matters

(a) **Little Ees Wyke Near Sawrey - detached garage and alterations to outbuildings:** The Council had objected to the proposal as being overdevelopment of the site. It was also concerned that traditional slate was not being used.

- (b) ***Strawberry Gardens Far Sawrey - replacement of existing septic tank with biodisc package sewage treatment tank and associated drainage alterations:*** The Council had no objection to this proposal.
- (c) ***Green End Cottage Colthouse - installation of new 2000 litre semi underground bulk LPG tank:*** The Council had no objection to this proposal.

County Council Matters

- (a) ***Neighbourhood Forums:*** Councillor Salisbury reminded the meeting of the local Neighbourhood Forum which made grants of between £300-00 and £400-00 to local groups making a good case to those present. The next forum was to be held at Torver on 12 October 2009.

Police Matters

Sgt. Stephens said crime levels in Claife were low. Dedicated task forces had been established to tackle thefts from motor vehicles and of marine craft.

Date and time of next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 27 October 2009 at High Wray Village Hall at 7.30pm.