

HAVERTHWAITE & BACKBARROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th November 2015 In St Anne's Church Hall, Haverthwaite

The Meeting opened at 7.00pm

Present Cllrs J Woddy (Chair), D Fell, J Thompson, G Egglestone, S Sanderson (C/Cllr & D/Cllr), T Clarke, C Stoddart, A Cretney (new clerk)
Visitors – D Jackson (Indigo Planning), D Rowlinson & L Gillespie (both of Investec Bank PLC)

Introduction

Cllr Woddy introduced and welcomed the visitors.

1 Apologies

None

2 Declaration of Interest

None

3 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 14th September 2015

The minutes had been circulated to the Council; they were approved and signed as a true record.

Actions:

Notice Boards: Cllr Woddy continues to negotiate and pursue 3 new notice boards from J Bamford.
Minutes from September 2015 – Councillor Egglestone requested a PDF version of the minutes as the MSWord document couldn't be opened.

No other ongoing issues reported.

4 Presentation by developers in connection with their proposed Planning Application on the Ironworks site

Councillors were provided with a booklet which outlined the proposals along with expected timescales. A pdf version of the plans will be made available to the Parish Clerk for distribution to any interested parties.

Without exception, councillors expressed their support for the project which aims to provide 43 homes.

Prices are expected to range between £100k and £280k for properties sized studio up to 4 bed.

This is an initial guide although the developers felt it to be realistic.

Next steps are covered in the detailed booklet – in the short term an engagement event is scheduled for local residents on 23 November at which time feedback will be sort.

Councillors were shown an initial draft of the feedback form and have promised to get back to the developers with any suggested changes by 11 November 2015.

5 Police Report

PCSO Harris unable to attend, so no formal report.

Councillor Sanderson asked that thanks were recorded to PCSO Harris in relation to his assistance in obtaining "no parking" cones recently.

6 Website – progress and update

Councillor Sanderson confirmed that photos are now with the web designer
Majority of councillors have also supplied their biographies to him
Councillor Stoddart provided hers – Parish Clerk will forward to web designer

Action – Parish Clerk to establish from web designer what needs to happen next

7 Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

Planning Applications:

- 7/2015/5596 – Mr J Fell, Levenside
- 7/2015/5660 – Lakeland Motor Museum

Planning Granted:

- 7/2014/5821 – Mr D Wood, Saunderpot How

Planning Refused: None

Planning Withdrawn: None

Planning Other:

Councillor Egglestone to visit Lakeland Motor Museum and will provide commentary for planning application in due course.

8 Correspondence

The list of correspondence had been circulated and reviewed by all members.

The Clerk highlighted the main items, which were not covered elsewhere on the agenda, to the Council and brief discussions were held.

9 Finance

Details of the financial position were distributed and were in accordance with the agreed 2015/16 budget.

The clerk asked for cheques to be signed for payment of:

- £120.00 – ACW re cleaning bus shelters
- £126.40 – A Cretney re wages
- £500.00 – transfer from Saving account
- £519.00 – MTP Media (2008) Ltd re printing 450 copies of Community Plan
- £250.00 – Leven Valley Lunch Club donation
- £224.00 – hire of Church Hall

10 Local Area Partnership (LAP)

No further feedback with next meeting scheduled for 11 November 2015

11 County Councillor and District Councillor Reports:

C/Cllr & D/Cllr Sanderson updated the group, the main issues being:

- County have put their new plan on their web site
- Reduction of fire stations felt to be an issue
- Adult Social Care and specifically “in home” care concerning – 25% of the population is over 65
- Also children with disabilities
- It’s estimated that the county will need an additional 300 units if they’re to provide sufficient care
- County is pursuing a “Cumbrian Deal”
- Would necessitate the election of a Mayor
- Council leaders were given very little time to consider, so have decided to pursue positively
- Connecting Cumbria – trying to get improved coverage

- May do this by utilising B4RN (Broadband For the Rural North Limited) as other rural communities have done
- Sparse Rural Cllr Sanderson to act as a representative
- Revised waste collections have been circulated and will start in the coming weeks
- Boundary Commission – review due to take place
- Possibility that there may be the same number of councillors, but with 3-member wards
- Lengthsman – has some capacity. Parish Clerk to put him in touch with Cllr Clarke whom will explain what works need doing

12 Highways

Cllr Sanderson confirmed that agreement reached to allow installation of some yellow lines. Notifications received recently re a number of road closures, all of which have been advertised locally.

13 Parish Plan

No specific feedback from parishioners, although many were complimentary of the work that's been undertaken to date.

14 Urgent and Other matters

Cllr Clarke informed the councillors that one or more residents may seek to have a local occupancy clause removed – no further action required at present.

Cllr Woddy informed the Parish Council that the Parish Clerk had offered his resignation. Discussion was held and consideration to be given to somehow sharing the workload to allow him to stay in post. Parish Clerk to consider if this is workable.

15 Public Participation

No members of the public present

Meeting then closed at 8.30pm. Next meeting scheduled to be on 11 January 2016.

Signed:

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Chairman

Date

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Clerk