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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21 January 2010
at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal**

PRESENT. Cllrs F Mason-Hornby (Chairman), R Boddy, J Hopwood, I Hunt, G Isherwood, P Rogers, M Taylor, A Wren, Dist.Cllrs R Bingham and Parish Clerk P Smith.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE. Two members of the public were present.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies from Cllr.J Brown were accepted and apologies from Dist Cllr B Cooper were received.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** No interests were declared.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17 December 2009.** The minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 09 were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.
4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

(ACTION)

- a. The Chairman and Councillors mourned the sudden death of Michael Whitaker. As well as being an incredibly hard working, reliable and versatile milkman and general handyman, Mike meant much more to the village. His cheerful manner and his help to those in need will be sorely missed. The Council expressed their condolences to Mike's family.
- b. The £1000 grant from the County Council towards the cost of the parish lengthsman had been received. The Chairman thanked Cllr Bingham for arranging the grant. Cllr Bingham confirmed that the grant would be available next year.
- c. Notification had been received that Tanpits Lane would be closed for one day not before 16 Feb10 at the junction with Main Street. The closure is to allow BT to erect a telegraph pole. Traffic will be diverted through Hollowrayne.
- d. There will be public exhibitions of the proposed Longfield Tarn wind-farm on 9 Feb at Hutton Roof and 10 Feb at Whittington.
- e. A small supply of grit and salt mix has been delivered to the parish. The delivery came just as the thaw was setting in so most of the supply has been retained for the next spell of snow and ice. However, some has already been used to ensure there was grit available in critical salt bins around the village.

5. **OPEN FORUM.**

- a. PCSO Rachel Thomas reported that the police had been notified of the bad ice on Tanpits Lane and a subsequent collision between two vehicles. The police had also received a report of a suspicious pick-up vehicle carrying metal farm gates. No gates had been reported missing in the area. PCSO Thomas also announced that the Police Bus would be in the Memorial Hall car park on Saturday 30 January between 2:30 and 3:00pm. Residents would be welcome to come and meet the neighbourhood policing team and discuss any policing issues if they wished.
- b. Cllr Hunt announced that he and 3 other residents had purchased the Royal Hotel, the bowling green, the multi-use games area and the land leased to the Recreation Trust. He said that no plans for the site had as yet been made but that it was the intention of the partners to ensure a development that was sympathetic to the village. He was able to confirm that there were no plans to build houses on the field above the games area. He noted that any development would need the use of the car park but if possible some residential parking would be included in the plans.
- c. Cllr Bingham reported on Cumbria County Council's road clearing and gritting during the period of snow and ice. In the subsequent discussion it was agreed that it may be possible to use the lengthsman to help with pavement clearance but that he was only available to Burton on one day a week.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

- a. Applications granted:
SL/2009/0981 – Barklee, Vicarage Lane. Garage and front entrance extensions for Mr S Head.
SL/2009/0982 – 10, Tanpits Lane. Front porch and single storey extensions for Mr C Hargreaves.
- b. Applications refused: None.
- c. Applications received: None

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7. **FINANCE.** The Council received and noted the Income and Expenditure Account for the year to date, and balances at the bank as at 21Jan 10:

Income to date	£11386.94	Bank of Ireland	£1184.27
Expenditure to date	<u>£14431.69</u>	NatWest Current	£5563.26 (inc £3000 transfer)
Difference	-£3044.75	NatWest Savings	£1510.98 (inc £3000 transfer)
Bank Balance at 1/04/09	<u>£7432.80</u>	Less cheques	<u>£3870.46</u>
Carried forward	£4388.05	Carried forward	£4388.05

8. **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED.** (PS)

a.	Lengthsman's contract and expenses to 16 Dec 09.	£212.50
b.	Clerk's salary 1 Jan to 31 Jan 10.	£200.26
c.	Burton Memorial Hall January to December 2009.	£111.00
d.	Stramongate Press – Winter Newsletter.	£90.00
e.	Queensbury Shelters – Bus Shelter.	£3014.15

9. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS.** Cllr Hunt proposed, Cllr Wren seconded and it was unanimously agreed to transfer £3000 from the NatWest Deposit account to the NatWest Current Account. (PS)

10. **GUEST SPEAKER AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.** After discussion it was agreed to invite a speaker from the NW Air Ambulance to come and talk to the village about their work. (PS)

11. **PARISH COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT IN THE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP.** After discussion the Council expressed misgivings about the cost of the proposed Local Area Partnerships and the added level of bureaucracy they would bring to our local government. Cllr Boddy proposed, Cllr Rogers seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Council should write to the District and County Councils to propose delaying or cancelling the introduction of the LAPs whilst nonetheless reassuring them of our willingness to participate actively in the South Westmorland LAP if or when it becomes active. (RB/PR/PS)

12. **COUNCILLORS REPORT ON PARISH PLAN ITEMS.**

- a. **Allotments:** No further PC action. No further report required.
- b. **Bus Shelter:** Timetable displayed and will be updated by Clerk. Report from Stagecoach awaited on moving the bus-stop signs. (PS)
- c. **Design Statement:** Still awaiting feedback from SLDC Conservation Officer consultation.
- d. **Improvements to Siape Lane:** Awaiting better weather. (MT)
- e. **Post Boxes:** Post Office have reviewed the requirement and do not believe that there is a case for another post box. No further report required.
- f. **Signage:** Nothing new to report. (PR)
- g. **Upgrade Playground:** Insurance for the last two new items had been issued without increase in premium. An estimate of £160 had been given by Playdale Ltd for signs at the playground entrance. The production of locally produced signs would be investigated. The CCC had been asked to advise on the requirement for a Highways Sign. If this was not required by the Council then the Insurance inspector would be notified. (AW/PS)

13. **LENGTHSMAN'S LOG OF PLAYGROUND INSPECTION AND REPORTS FROM PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.**

- a. The lengthsman's playground and equipment inspection log for December and January was reviewed. No problems had been reported.
- b. The whole Council joined Cllr Wren in thanking Mrs Lawson of Deerslet Nurseries for once again providing the Christmas Trees for the Memorial Hall. (PS)
- c. Cllr Rogers reported that the area around Nineteen Trees had been cleared. He noted that one of the trees appeared to have died and consideration would need to be given to a replacement policy.
- d. Cllr Hopwood asked if we had had a response to our request to CCC for the cost of providing the Highways Steward. County Cllr Bingham volunteered to determine the cost. (PS)
- e. Cllr Hopwood reported that there were up to 15 cows grazing on Dalton Craggs and that damage was being caused to the paths by this larger than expected number. It was agreed that this would be discussed as an agenda item at a future meeting. (JH/PS)
- f. County Cllr Bingham noted that the Queens Jubilee would be in two years time and that Burton had always supported such events with enthusiasm.

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14. **TO NOTE COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.** The communications listed below were noted. No action was ordered.

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will take place on Thursday 18 February 2010 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Meeting Closed at 9:00pm

Schedule of communications not otherwise in the minutes.

1. By e-mail forwarded to Councillors:

- a. CCC Youth Capital Strategy.
- b. CCC Flood Recovery Update.
- c. Temporary One Day Closure of Tanpits Lane.
- d. Government Consultation on Potential sites for Nuclear Power Stations.
- e. Kent Estuary Area Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter January 2010.
- f. Rural Services Network Newsletter and Bulletins.
- g. Road Safety Improvements in the Vicinity of Morewood School.
- h. The Overhead Wires Newsletter.
- i. Parish assistance with Rural Service (Grit).
- j. Consultation on the North West Regional Strategy.
- k. Lancashire Minerals and Waste Site Allocations.
- l. Request for Support for the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill.
- m. Parish Paths Initiative.

2. In circulation folder:

- a. Clerk and Councils Direct January 2010.

Glossary of Abbreviations:

ACT	Action with Communities in Cumbria (formerly VAC)
ALSF	Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund
CALC	Cumbria Association of Local Councils
CCC	Cumbria County Council
CiLCA	Certificate in Local Council Administration
CIEP	Cumbria Improvement & Efficiency Partnership
Cllr	Councillor
CRHT	Cumbria Rural Housing Trust
CVS	Cumbria Voluntary Service
CYSS	Cumbria Youth Support Service
LAP	Local Area Partnership
LDF	Local Development Framework
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
NWAA	North West Air Ambulance
NWDA	North West Development Agency
NWRA	North West Regional Assembly
NWPPR	North West Plan Partial Review
PCM	Parish Council Meeting
ROWIP	Rights of Way Improvement Plan
SLDC	South Lakeland District Council

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