

# Distington Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Distington Club for Young People, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

## **Members Present**

Cllrs Mrs K Sharpe, Mrs M Smart, Mrs S Smallwood, Mr B Pattinson,  
Mrs C Pattinson, Mrs P Nelson, Mrs K Hodgson, Mrs J Williams.

## **Apologies.**

Cllrs. Mr J Bowman, Mrs J Bowman, Mrs R Robinson Mr R Gallacher, Mr P Kelly.  
Cllrs. Mrs Sue Hayman, (Cumbria CC). Mr B Dixon, Copeland Borough Council.

## **Also Present.**

PCSO Sarah Marshall, PCSO Tony Butler.

## **Minutes of last Meeting.**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

## **Declaration of Interests.**

None of the members had any interests to declare on any specific item on the agenda.

## **Police Matters.**

PCSO Sarah Marshall reported that it had been a busy month with regards to Anti Social Behaviour in particular, adding that issues around dogs, loud music and shouting in the street were the main problems. There had also been problems with theft of meat from the Co-op and a suspicious tradesman going around his business, with the CCTV being of great assistance in resolving.

There had also been one road traffic accident in the area to deal with.

## **CCTV.**

As a result of what was reported by PCSO Sarah Marshall it was agreed that further assessment of where benefits of further extension of the CCTV system within the village could be installed. A meeting with the suppliers/installers was to be arranged along with the police officer and some costing acquired.

## **Pica Community Group – Feedback.**

It was reported that the AGM of the group had been held on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015. It was reported that there had been a complaint made about the condition of some of the equipment

on the play area, but members were reminded that as of yet the responsibility for the maintenance of the equipment had not been passed on to the Parish Council.

It was also reported that work had been carried out by Cumbria County Council to resurface approximately 2/3 of the highways through the village.

#### **Footway – Loop Road.**

The works to cut back the edges of the verge along the Loop Road footway was to be carried out during the following week.

#### **Public Participation.**

There were no members of the public present who expressed a wish to address the meeting.

#### **Election May 2015.**

Members were informed that all the nomination papers which had been completed at the previous meeting had been handed in to Copeland Borough Council and had been accepted as correct.

#### **Councillors Questions.**

Some members raised concerns about the horses on the old Royal British Legion field, and queries as to what was planned for this field in the future.

A member raised the possible request for funding to assist the church in their need to provide toilet facilities in the church. As it was the end of the financial year for the Parish Council it was suggested that the matter be held over to a later meeting when an official request should be made. It was also suggested that other sources of funding may be available for applications to be made.

#### **Correspondence.**

A letter was received from Copeland Borough Council with regards to footway lights which were to be removed from Electricity Poles in the near future. The letter suggested that the Parish Council should take over responsibility for the replacement and maintenance of these lights. It was agreed that the Parish Council should take no action on this matter as the lights were clearly the responsibility of Copeland Borough Council or Cumbria County Council highways and not the Parish Council.

#### **Planning Applications.**

Application to extend garage and loft conversion to create storage area/office, at 15 Gilgarran Park, Gilgarran, application number 4/15/2097/0F1.

Erection of 2m high wooden fence on north boundary of 31 Pinewoods, Gilgarran, application number 4/15/2111/0F1.

After consideration, it was agreed that the Parish Council should have no objections to either of these proposals.

### **Financial Matters.**

The Following accounts were passed for payment:-

JS Holliday (salary, phone, travel) £610.00.

End of year accounts.

Copies of the final accounts had been supplied to the members in advance of the meeting and the Clerk give an explanation of the various income and expenditures contained in them and requested any questions be put which members would like answered. It was agreed that the Accounts should be accepted and signed as a fair record of the Parish Councils financial affairs.

# Distington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General meeting held in the Community Centre, Distington, 12<sup>th</sup> May  
2014.

## **Members Present**

Cllrs Mr J Bowman, Mrs J Bowman, Mrs C Pattinson, Mr B Pattinson,  
Mrs R Robinson, Mr R Gallacher, Mrs J Williams, Mrs K Hodgson,  
Mrs M Smart, Mrs S Smallwood, Mrs M Nelson.

## **Apologies.**

Cllr. Mrs Sue Hayman, (Cumbria CC).  
Cllr Mrs G Troughton, Copeland Borough Council,  
PCSO Sarah Marshall.

## **Minutes of last Meeting.**

The minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Council were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

## **Election of Chairman**

Mr J Bowman was nominated to serve as Chairman for the year 2015-16.

As there were no other nominations Mr Bowman was elected as Chair of the Parish Council for 2015-16.

Mr Bowman signed the acceptance of office form.

## **Election of Vice Chair.**

Mrs C Pattinson was nominated to serve as Vice Chair for the year 2015-16.

As there were no other nominations Mrs C Pattinson was elected as Vice Chair of the Parish Council for 2015-16.

## **Chairman's Report.**

Cllr Mr Bowman presented a report on the past year to the members, recollecting the work of the council over the year and especially for the work carried out by the Clerk and Colin McBride behind the scenes, and also thanking the Distington and Pica in Bloom groups for keeping the community looking great. He also talked about the future works which the

Parish Council will be taking on in the coming year and thanked all the members for their efforts.

### **Agree dates for Monthly Meetings.**

It was agreed that Parish Council meetings should be held on the second Monday of each month except during August when no meeting will be held. Each meeting will be held in the Club for Young People and commence at 7.00pm.

### **Membership.**

The Clerk reported that there were now five vacancies on the Parish Council, and that Mrs Susan Smallwood, who had failed to fill in nomination form for the election because she was out of the area at that time expressed a wish to re-join the council.

It was agreed by the members that Mrs Smallwood should be co-opted onto the council. After signing the declaration of acceptance of office forms she joined the other members at the table.

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**The meeting was recommenced after the Annual Meeting.**

### **Police Matters.**

Apologies had been received from the police for this meeting but a copy of the previous months reports were sent to the clerk by e-mail. The clerk read out the report and there was a brief discussion on some of the incidents it contained.

### **Correspondence**

A letter and poster were received from Nu'Gen, (NuGeneration Limited) with regards to their proposal to build a nuclear power station on the west coast of Cumbria to the north of the Sellafield site. The letter requested that the poster be placed on the village notice-board or somewhere appropriate.

Another letter was received from Sandra Carter, Neighbourhood Services Officer, Copeland Borough Council with regards to footway lights which are to be removed by Electricity Northwest, and suggesting that the Parish Council fund the replacement of these lights if they wish. It was agreed that the Parish Council should take no action on this matter as it is clear that the existing light are the responsibility of Copeland Borough Council and that any replacements should also be funded by the same council.

It was understood that this matter was being discussed by members of CALC elsewhere.

### **Planning Applications**

Application to erect detached garage and store and convert existing garage to extend living accommodation, Whiteside, Loop Road, Distington, application number 4/15/2132/0F1.

Conversion of former retail premises to 3 bedroom terraced dwelling, 32 Main Street, Distington, application number 4/15/2163/0F1.

After consideration, it was agreed that the Parish Council should have no objections to either of these proposals.

### **Financial Matters.**

The Following accounts were passed for payment:-

Blue Fin Insurance (mower) £262.00. Zurich Municipal (Insurance) £789.10. J Bowman (loop road) £600.00. J Bennett (memorial gardens) £700.00. JS Holliday (salary, meeting) £216.00.

# **Distington Parish Council**

Minutes of Annual Parish meeting held in the Community Centre, Distington, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

## **Members Present.**

Cllrs Mr J Bowman, Mrs J Bowman, Mrs C Pattinson, Mr B Pattinson,  
Mrs R Robinson, Mr R Gallacher, Mrs J Williams, Mrs K Hodgson,  
Mrs M Smart, Mrs S Smallwood, Mrs M Nelson.

## **Apologies.**

Cllr. Mrs Sue Hayman, (Cumbria CC).  
Cllr Mrs G Troughton, Copeland Borough Council,  
PCSO Sarah Marshall.

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There were no residents from the area in attendance; but several members had been approached by members of the public with issues they wished to have raised on their behalf.

# Distington Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Distington Club for Young People, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

## **Members Present**

Cllrs Mr J Bowman, Mrs J Bowman, Mrs M Smart, Mrs P Nelson,  
Mrs K Hodgson.

## **Apologies.**

Cllrs. Mrs R Robinson, Mrs S Smallwood, Mr R Gallacher, Mr B Pattinson,  
Mrs C Pattinson, Mrs J Williams.  
Cllrs. Mrs Sue Hayman, (Cumbria CC).  
Cllr Mrs G Troughton, Copeland Borough Council,  
PCSO Sarah Marshall.

## **Minutes of last Meeting.**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

At this point an agreement between the Parish Council and the Big local committee, which had been signed by the Chairs of both parties. The agreement was concerning the use of the mowing machine and information on the operators, parking, diary of use and maintenance.

## **Declaration of Interests.**

None of the members had any interests to declare on any specific item on the agenda.

## **Police Matters.**

Apologies had been received from the police for this meeting but a copy of the previous months reports were sent to the clerk by e-mail. The clerk read out the report and there was a brief discussion on some of the incidents it contained.

## **Pica Community Group – Feedback.**

There was no-one from the Pica Residents Group present to give an update on their activities.

## **Public Participation.**

There were no members of the public present who expressed a wish to address the meeting.

## **Councillors Questions.**

Concerns were raised about the number of weeds growing on the roadside and footpaths especially in Main Street. It was stated that this was the responsibility of Cumbria County Council highways and the matter would be raised with them.

There was a request that the paint on the path on Main Street be removed. It was pointed out that actually removing paint from a tarmac surface was practically impossible without damaging the surface but the best method may be the use of slurry seal to cover it up.

### **Correspondence.**

A letter was received from CALC requesting payment of annual subscription. It was agreed that this should be paid.

Distington in Bloom put in a request for funds to cover cost of plants for the coming season and also towards the cost of prizes for garden competition. It was agreed by the members to give the same amount as last year, £750.00.

Estimates were received from Protec Systems for installation of more CCTV cameras around the village. It was agreed to leave this matter over until the next meeting when more members were present.

A letter and leaflet were received from Dulas with regards to a proposal to apply for permission to erect a second wind turbine at Stubsgill Farm. The letter also contained a copy of an information leaflet which was to be circulated around the area over the next few weeks.

It was agreed that the Parish council would make no comment until the planning application was received.

### **Planning applications.**

Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling, Home Farm, Gilgarran, application number 4/15/2194/0F1.

Amended scheme for extensions to Fell View Cottage, Pica, application number 4/15/2182/0F1.

After consideration, it was agreed that the Parish Council should have no objections to either of these proposals.

### **Financial Matters.**

The Following accounts were passed for payment:-

Calc (subscriptions) £282.00. Gates (mower puncture) £28.80.

Distington in Bloom (donation) £750.00. JS Holliday (salary, stationery) £215.00.

Distington Community ASC (rent) £170.00.

# **Distington Parish Council**

Minutes of meeting held in the Distington Club for Young People, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

In the absence of the Chair the meeting was chaired by the vice-chair.

## **Members Present**

Cllrs Mrs R Robinson, Mrs S Smallwood, Mr R Gallacher, Mrs M Smart,  
Mrs P Nelson, Mrs C Pattinson, Mrs K Hodgson.

## **Apologies.**

Cllrs. Mr J Bowman, Mrs J Bowman, Mr B Pattinson, Mrs J Williams.  
Cllr. Mrs Sue Hayman, (Cumbria CC).  
PCSO Sarah Marshall.

## **Also present.**

Cllr Mrs G Troughton (Copeland Borough Council).

## **Minutes of last Meeting.**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were agreed and signed by the Chair.

## **Declaration of Interests.**

None of the members had any interests to declare on any specific item on the agenda.

## **Police Matters.**

Apologies had been received from the police for this meeting but a copy of the previous months reports were sent to the clerk by e-mail. The chair read out the report and there was a brief discussion on some of the incidents it contained.

## **Pica Community Group – Feedback.**

Cllr Smallwood gave a short presentation on the work that had been carried out over recent weeks including mowing, which was looking good. She reported that there had been a bit of vandalism but nothing terribly serious. On behalf of the group she put in a request for a donation from the Parish Council to acquire new plants etc.

It was agreed by the members that a donation of £500 should be awarded.

## **CCTV.**

The clerk reported that he had received estimates of the costs for additional CCTV cameras around the village. He explained that there were cameras available which could be controlled remotely by the police in order to get a wider spread of cover and that Protec had advised that

one of these cameras could be fitted onto the end of the Community Centre. This type of arrangement was favoured by the police as it means that they can vary the areas which are covered as and when required.

The Clerk stated that from memory (he did not have the estimates at hand) as costing £7,000 each, whereas static cameras cost £350 each but there would be a need to upgrade the base unit if more than 4 additional cameras were needed. A contribution to the costs would be requested from other funders including the police and possibly the Big Local. It was agreed to leave the matter over to the next meeting when the costs were at hand.

### **Public Participation.**

Mr Pritt attended the meeting to discuss the proposed Wind Turbine at Stubbs Farm. After a long discussion it was agreed that to ascertain the level of support for a refusal Mr Pritt and some members of the Parish Council would distribute letters around the parish and request those who wish to write in to the planning department with their views.

Mr Robin Fotheringham, a farmer, requested to address the meeting and was given permission by the chair. Mr Fotheringham came to explain that he had had complaints from some of his neighbours about the waste matter which had been spread on his land, and he gave an account of the process which had led up to this waste material being spread and pointing out that nothing illegal had occurred although there was some smell from the material the environment officers were content with how things had been carried out and he also pointed out that the material would be ploughed into the land shortly.

The chair thanked him for coming along to the meeting to give members an account of the problem.

A resident of Scholars Green was in attendance but when asked if he wished to speak he stated that he was only interested in the process which was as he had never attended a Parish Council meeting before adding that he may wish to join the council at some time in the future.

### **Councillors Questions.**

A member requested an update on the process to register land as village greens. The Clerk stated that he had contact name of the County Council officer who deals with this process and also some information on the process. It was agreed that the matter would be on the next agenda.

Concerns were raised about rubbish in the back lanes at Pica, bus shelter panels, and vandalism of telephone box.

It was stated that an eyesore building on Barfs Road, which been unused for many years had been offered to the Big Local for £1,000 per year rent by Home Housing.

The clock on the Old School Tower was still running slow, this had been reported by the Clerk.

A request was made for some additional bins on Church Road, Nr Legion Entrance and the School.

### **Correspondence.**

Distington Amateur Rugby League wrote requesting a donation towards their funds. A short discussion took place and it was agreed that a donation of £500 should be awarded.

### **Planning applications.**

Double storey extension, 1 Hill Crest, Distington, application number 4/15/2255/0F1.

Erection of general purpose building, Castlerigg Farm, Moresby Parks, application number 4/15/2240/0F1.

After consideration, it was agreed that the Parish Council should have no objections to either of these proposals.

Installation of Wind Turbine, Stubbs Gill Farm, Distington, application number 4/15/2246/0F1.

This proposal had been discussed earlier on the agenda, during public participation, and the members decided not to make any comment and leave the process which had been agreed earlier to speak on behalf of the residents.

### **Financial Matters .**

#### The Following accounts were passed for payment:-

JS Holliday (salary, postage) £231.00. Copeland BC (election) £80.00. Tyson Burrige (fuel) £52.92. Lloyd Ltd (mower repair) £62.98. Pica Community Group (donation) £500.00. Distington ARL (donation) £500.00. R Robinson (gift card) £50.00. J Bennett (plants) £700.20. Lloyd Ltd (mower registration) £55.00. Distington Club for Young People (club funds) £1,000.00. Distington Club for Young People (rewards for positive action scheme) £1,000.00. DBO LLP (audit) £360.00. GH Chambers (notice board) £1,377.60. Tyson Burrige (fuel) £79.80. E.ON (clock tower) £92.17.

# **Distington Parish Council**

Minutes of meeting held in the Distington Club for Young People, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

## **Members Present**

Cllrs Mr J Bowman, Mrs J Bowman, Mrs R Robinson, Mr R Gallacher,  
Mrs C Pattinson, Mrs K Hodgson.

## **Apologies.**

Cllrs. Mrs P Nelson, Mr B Pattinson, Mrs M Smart, Mrs S Smallwood, Mrs J Williams.  
PCSO Sarah Marshall.

## **Also present.**

Cllr Mrs G Troughton (Copeland Borough Council).

## **Minutes of last Meeting.**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were agreed and signed by the Chair.

## **Declaration of Interests.**

None of the members had any interests to declare on any specific item on the agenda.

## **Police Matters.**

Apologies had been received from the police for this meeting. A short discussion took place but nothing specific was thought to have occurred in the Parish over the past month.

## **Pica Community Group – Feedback.**

There no-one present from the group to make a report on any progress or otherwise.

## **CCTV.**

The Clerk produced some figures and estimates for increasing the number and type of CCTV cameras which could be fitted around the village. A long discussion took place and it was decided that more cameras would be a benefit to the community and preference for two remote controlled cameras should be considered if funding was available.

It was suggested that some funding may be available through the big local and members of that committee were take the matter to a future meeting of the group to get some guidelines. The Clerk stated that he had some forms given to him by the police officer which may produce some additional funding but not thought to be a lot.

In addition to the remote cameras it was agreed that an upgrade of the NVR to a 16 channel unit would also be helpful in getting an increase in coverage.

The matter will be on the agenda for future meeting to collect all the information required to make progress.

### **Public Participation.**

Several members of the public came to request assistance with a matter of great concern to them and a long discussion took place as to the best way to progress the matter. It was agreed the people in question should have the support of the parish council if required in the future.

### **Councillors Questions.**

Members were concerned about a report that rats were occupying the old maintenance building on Barfs Road, and it was agreed that the owners 'Home Group' should be contacted with regards to this problem. It had been suggested at a previous meeting that the Big Local wished to take over this building and put it to use once again, but negotiations with Home Group had not been successful in having the building handed over as the owners wanted a substantial rent for it even though they were not using it themselves.

There were also concerns raised with regard to the poor quality of the grass cutting which Home Group were responsible for especially opposite 15 Hinnings Road.

It was suggested that the developer of Scholars Green should be contacted to ascertain as to when the final surface was to be laid on the road surface. The problem at the moment was that water was ponding near to the junction with Main Street because of the difference in levels.

### **Correspondence.**

A letter was received from the Church of the Holy Spirit requesting a donation towards the cost of installing a toilet within the church for the use of the public who sometime come from great distances for funerals etc. It was agreed that a donation of £1,000 should be made to this worthy cause.

Letters of thanks for donations were received from Distington Amateur Rugby League club and the Distington Club for Young People.

A letter was received from electricity supplier E.ON to arrange for a smart meter to be installed in the clock tower. The Clerk had arranged a date and time to meet the installer on site.

Central Motors Lillyhall wrote to the Parish Council to inform members of their intention to submit a planning application to install a wind turbine in the grounds at the rear of their car sales building. A discussion took place and it was agreed that it was best not to make comments at this stage as anything said may effect the freedom to comment later if an application is submitted.

National Grid wrote informing members about the consultation exercise which they are carrying out on their proposals to erect high pylons passing close to the area and also to

inform members about dates and venues of exhibitions be arranged. Members had been well informed through letters – leaflets through their doors.

### **Planning applications**

Allerdale Borough Council planning department wrote to the council as part on a consultation on an application to change a condition imposed on the use of land at Dean Cross by K & M Fulton Dean Moor. It was agreed that the members have no comments to make as this site was well away from the parish boundary and the Council have never had any complaints put to them but other parishes or members of the public may have, and unless further discussions took place they had no comment to make for or against the proposals.

### **Financial Matters.**

The Following accounts were passed for payment:-

JS Holliday (salary, travel, phone) £849.00. E.ON (clock tower) £13.82.

Tyson Burrige (diesel fuel) £78.96. Post Offices (income tax) £125.00.

Church of the Holy Spirit (donation) £1,000.00.

### Audit Return.

The Clerk stated that he had now received the audit back from the auditors clear of any adverse comments, pointing out that, as like last year, there had been several queries based around the Big Local monies and what powers were being used to distribute them. They accepted the explanations given and the Parish Council have a clean bill of health with the only comment made was the asset value of the clock tower. This would have to be included with all the other assets next year.

Although not a concern of the Audit, the Clerk stated that the building will now have to be added to the councils insurance, with the only real part which may have a risk being the slate roof.

## **Distington Parish Council**

Minutes of meeting held in the Distington Club for Young People, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

### **Members Present**

Cllrs Mr J Bowman, Mrs J Bowman, Mrs R Robinson, Mrs P Nelson, Mr R Gallacher,  
Mrs S Smallwood, Mrs J Williams, Mrs C Pattinson, Mrs K Hodgson.

### **Apologies.**

Cllrs. Mr B Pattinson, Mrs M Smart.  
PCSO Sarah Marshall.

### **Also present.**

Cllr Mrs G Troughton (Copeland Borough Council).

### **Minutes of last Meeting.**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were agreed and signed by the Chair.

### **Declaration of Interests.**

None of the members had any interests to declare on any specific item on the agenda.

### **Police Matters.**

Apologies had been received from the police for this meeting, an e-mail had been received by the clerk from PCSO Colette Harrison informing the Parish Council the PCSO Sarah Marshall was covering Millom at the moment and that Colette would be covering for her, an update of the previous month's incidents was also received. The report was read out to the members after which a short discussion took place but nothing specific was thought to have occurred in the Parish over the past month.

### **Alan Lowe – Big Local.**

Mr Alan Lowe attended the meeting to put forward proposals to fit solar panels to the roof of the Community Centre and as the building was the property of the parish council, leased to the Community Centre Management Group, permission of the Parish council was being sought. After a long discussion it was agreed that permission should be given provided assurances with regards to future maintenance of the roof any additional cost incurred in removing the panels would be met by the Management Group.

### **Pica Community Group – Feedback.**

Feedback on the group's activities was presented to the members by Cllr Mrs S Smallwood.

### **Pica Play Area.**

The clerk reported that information had been received from the Council's solicitor with regards to the transfer of the play area to the Parish Council. Progress had been made and a lot of survey work carried out with regards to mineral rights etc. There was also a matter of a small portion of the land which was in the ownership of United Utilities and a suggestion that this piece of land be purchased separately after the transfer was completed.

### **CCTV.**

A discussion took place with regards to what upgrading of the CCTV system was required and how much funding was available to pay for any additional cameras etc. Various options were discussed but nothing definite agreed, and it was agreed that the figures concerned would be taken to the Big Local Committee to decide what a way forward should be.

### **Public Participation.**

Mr Bob Thoresen was present at the meeting and expressed a wish to join the Parish Council. It was agreed by the members that Mr Thoresen be co-opted onto the Council at the next meeting.

### **Councillors Questions.**

The possibility of a seat in the bus shelter was raised once again and also the condition of the telephone kiosk. The water standing at the entrance to Scholars Green was raised and it was explained that this was the result of the final surface not been applied to the estate road.

The possibility of the village greens being registered was raised and the clerk stated that he had the details of the officer at Cumbria County Council who dealt with these matters but he needed a map of a decent scale to mark the various plots onto. Mr Smallwood stated that she had a suitable copy and would provide the clerk with a copy.

Members were concerned about the amount of dog fouling is occurring around the villages, and were reminded that the dog warden is content to come into the villages if a specific time and place, and person identified, to observe any irresponsible dog owner and will deal with them accordingly but they do not have the time and resources to simply come along on the off chance of catching someone.

It was reported that the Distington in Bloom Concert was brilliant and that the village Grounds-man was doing a good job.

### **Correspondence.**

St John Ambulance wrote to the Council pointing out new legislation regarding H&S Non-Compliance on workplace first aid. It was agreed that as the parish council do not have a place of employment this matter is not intended for them.

The parish council's electricity supplier to the clock tower, E.ON had been in contact with the clerk regarding fitting a smart meter. The clerk explained that he had met with their meter fitter to arrange this but he it was found that a telephone signal which is needed to operate a smart meter could not be relied upon so a meter was not fitted.

A letter of thanks was received from the Church of the Holy Spirit for the donation towards the installation of toilet facilities in the church.

North West Air Ambulance sent a magazine showing their activities and also a number of raffle tickets to be purchased as a fund raising effort. It was pointed out that the Parish Council could not purchase raffle ticket out of the precept and that each year the members do agree a donation towards their fund raising efforts no further action should be taken.

### **Planning applications.**

There were no planning applications to be considered this month.

### **Financial Matters.**

#### The Following accounts were passed for payment:-

United Flags (flag) £363.60. J Bennett (planting) £700.00. JS Holliday (salary, meeting). Tyson Burrige (fuel) £84.84. E.on (clock tower) £21.12. Club for Young People (rent) £75.00. Metro Rod (community centre) £96.00.

# Distington Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Distington Club for Young People, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

## **Members Present**

Cllrs Mr J Bowman, Mrs J Bowman, Mrs R Robinson, Mrs P Nelson,  
Mrs S Smallwood, Mrs J Williams, Mrs M Smart, Mrs C Pattinson, Mrs K Hodgson.

## **Apologies.**

Cllrs. Mr B Pattinson, Mr R Gallacher.  
Cllr Mrs G Troughton (Copeland Borough Council).

## **Also present.**

PCSO Hollie Dennis.

## **Minutes of last Meeting.**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were agreed and signed by the Chair.

## **Declaration of Interests.**

Cllr Mrs J Bowman declared an interest in all planning matters. Otherwise none of the other members had any interests to declare on any specific item on the agenda.

## **Police Matters.**

PCSO Hollie Dennis attended the meeting and reported on issues which had been dealt with by the police over the past month, a copy of the report had been sent to the clerk). The report stated that there had been a drugs warrant conducted which resulted in a negative search, and criminal damage was investigated when it was reported that a car had been keyed, no witnesses resulted in no further action could be taken.

A vehicle had been uplifted as the driver was found to no license. A personal alarm had been activated at the Co-op to which the police attended but all was in order. One report of suspected assault at wcaz, officers attended and one youth arrested for breach of peace, and youths from wcaz refusing to pick up litter that they had dropped by a member of the public, an argument had occurred and officer called and suitable words of advice given.

A discussion then took place with regards to the general behaviour of the youths from wcaz who were roaming around the village dropping litter and knocking on doors and windows with one member stating that it is scary. It was agreed that further discussions with the management should take place.

## **Pica Community Group – Feedback.**

It was reported that the group had organised a bonfire with fireworks adding that the weather had been a concern but it cleared out in time and about 50-60 had attended with free food and drink being provided by the group. £150 of the group's funds had been used to acquire the fireworks.

### **Pica Play Area.**

The clerk reported that he had received further information from the solicitors with regards to ground surveys and land ownership. He also reported that a small plot of land within the boundary of that which was to be transferred was possibly available for purchase and the matter would be brought to members when the transfer of the play area was completed.

### **CCTV.**

A short discussion took place but it was agreed that no final decision could take place until the extent of funding available was confirmed.

### **Public Participation.**

There were no members of the public present who expressed a wish to address the meeting.

### **Councillors Questions.**

It was reported by the Chair that the matter of the proposed Solar panels had been resolved with the agreement about the cost of removing them if needed for roof repairs lay with the Community Centre Management Committee, and members were informed that as the management committee were a registered charity no VAT would be charged by the suppliers.

The matter of a proposal for a seat to be fitted in the bus shelter at Hinnings Road was again raised and the clerk stated that he would look again at having something fitted.

The need for a gaming license for the Community Centre was raised and it was stated that some members thought that that was already in order but checks with the committee would be made.

### **Correspondence.**

CALC had sent a copy of their Annual report for information ahead of the AGM.

Members of the Fire Brigade Union had sent a letter to the Parish Council expressing their concerns over the proposed closure of Frizington Fire Station. A discussion took place among the members with a general feeling that it was not a good move with regards to travel times to incidents, it was also noted that the number of incidents attend by crews from this station was more than first thought. It was pointed out that there was a meeting of the County Council to take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November when it was thought that there would be some discussions taking place.

### **Planning applications.**

Loft conversion, 21a Common End, Distington, application number, CH/4/15/2431/0F1.

Details of landscaping etc., Distington Golf Course and Driving Range, application number CH/4/ 15/ 2427/0F1.

After consideration, it was agreed that the Parish Council should have no objections to either of these proposals.

### **Financial Matters.**

The Following accounts were passed for payment:-

J Norman (service mower) £188.25. E.On (clock tower) £11.64.

Lloyd Ltd (service mower) £345.03. Tyson Burridge (fuel) £31.32.

JS Holliday (salary, paper) £178.50. J Bennett (plants) £437.40.

Royal British Legion (wreaths) £110.00. R Robinson (refreshments) £101.00.

Egremont Town Band (remembrance day) £200.00.

# **Distington Parish Council**

Minutes of meeting held in the Distington Club for Young People, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

## **Members Present**

Cllrs Mr J Bowman, Mrs J Bowman, Mrs R Robinson,  
Mr R Gallacher, Mrs C Pattinson, Mrs K Hodgson, Mr B Thoresen.

## **Apologies.**

Cllrs. Mr B Pattinson, Mrs P Nelson, Mrs S Smallwood, Mrs J Williams, Mrs M Smart.

## **Also Present.**

Cllr Mrs G Troughton (Cumbria County and Copeland Borough Councils).  
PCSO Hollie Dennis.

## **Membership.**

The Clerk reported that there were now four vacancies on the Parish Council, and that there was one resident of the parish who had expressed an interest in joining the council, Mr Bob Thoresen.

It was agreed by the members that Mr Thoresen should be co-opted onto the council. After signing the declaration of acceptance of office forms he joined the other members at the table. This leaves the council with three vacancies still to be filled.

## **Minutes of last Meeting.**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were agreed and signed by the Chair.

## **Declaration of Interests.**

Cllr Mrs J Bowman declared an interest in all planning matters, as a member of the planning panel. Mr John Bowman also declared an interest in the applications before this meeting as his home is very close to the site of the proposals. Otherwise none of the other members had any interests to declare on any specific item on the agenda.

## **Police Matters.**

PCSO Hollie Dennis attended the meeting and reported on issues which had been dealt with by the police over the past month, (a copy of the report had been sent to the clerk).

PCSO Dennis went through the report and added to the detail where requested by members.

Dog fouling and speeding were issues which were of specific concern from members.

An urgent matter occurred which required the attention of PCSO Dennis as a result she left the meeting to go to the matter and she made use of the CCTV cameras to possibly identify the cause of the problem.

### **Pica Community Group – Feedback.**

Concerns were raised by members of the poor condition of some garages on land which was privately owned and also various pieces of rubbish left strewn about the area. The matter was to be raised with the Environment Officer of Copeland BC to see what action could be taken, if any, to have the site cleaned up.

### **Pica Play Area.**

It was reported by the clerk, that other than the large amount of research paperwork already received previously, no further progress had been made on the transfer.

### **CCTV.**

It was reported that the matter had been discussed at the Big Local meeting as to a possible contribution to the cost of installing additional cameras, in particular remote controlled ones as requested by the police, but no decision had been confirmed or otherwise but the matter was still ongoing.

It was agreed that the parish council should proceed with the installation of such a camera on the gable end of the Community Centre only, if no additional funding is available.

### **Public Participation.**

There were no members of the public present who expressed a wish to address the meeting.

### **Councillors Questions.**

A member expressed a problem with the condition of the Fairy Path, beside the school, and requested to know who was responsible for the upkeep. It was pointed out that this path was adopted by Cumbria County Council as a public footpath and as such would be the responsibility of their 'Rights of Way team'.

It was reported that a quote of £2,000 had been received for the installation of a fence along the eyesore property on Main Street. Although the Parish Council had agreed some time ago that it would pay for fencing to be installed the cost and the value of what it would achieve was to be considered further.

It was reported that the Xmas parcels had all been delivered in good time before the Christmas break.

### **Correspondence**

A request for a donation, or prize, towards the flower festival was received from the Church of the Holy Spirit. It was agreed that a donation of £50 should be made.

The Open Spaces Society wrote with a request for a donation towards their funds. It was agreed that as the Parish Council already subscribe to the funds by means of membership fees no further donation should be made at this time.

The Great North Air Ambulance wrote requesting a donation towards their fundraising efforts. It was agreed by the members that a donation of £500 should be made.

### **Planning applications**

Residential Development, land adjacent to Ennerdale View, Distington, application number CH/4/15/2466/O01.

Residential Development, land to east of B5306, near to Ennerdale View, Distington, application number CH/4/15/2467/O01.

Members considered both of these applications carefully and agreed that, while there were concerns about the narrowness of Ennerdale View and the problems that the additional traffic may cause, this was a matter which should be dealt with by Cumbria Highways.

### **Financial Matters.**

#### Precept for 2016-17.

After a long discussion it was agreed that the precept for 2016-17 should be raised to £18,000, in recognition of the proposals for this years increased responsibilities.

#### The Following accounts were passed for payment:-

E.On (clock tower) £22.45. Copeland BC (grass cutting) £1666.70. Cumbria Clock Company (service) £162.00. Solway Good Neighbours (Xmas parcels) £527.23. Great North Air Ambulance (donation) £500.00. Church of the Holy Spirit (donation) £50.00. JS Holliday (salary) £166.00. Post Offices Ltd (income tax) £125.00. Tyson H Burr ridge (fuel) £7.56.

# Distington Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Distington Club for Young People, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

## **Election of chair for this meeting only.**

As both the Chair and Vice Chair had tendered their apologies,  
Mrs R Robinson was elected to Chair the meeting.

As the meeting was not quorate the clerk pointed out that no decisions could be taken but matters could be discussed for information only.

## **Members Present**

Cllrs Mrs R Robinson, Mrs M Smart, Mr R Gallacher, Mr B Thoresen.

## **Apologies.**

Cllrs. Mr B Pattinson, Mr J Bowman, Mrs J Bowman, Mrs C Pattinson, Mrs P Nelson,  
Mrs K Hodgson, Mrs S Smallwood, Mrs J Williams.  
Cllr Mrs G Troughton (Cumbria County and Copeland Borough Councils).

## **Also Present.**

PCSO Hollie Dennis.

## **Membership.**

The Clerk reported that there were now three vacancies on the Parish Council.

## **Minutes of last Meeting.**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were agreed and signed by the Chair.

## **Declaration of Interests.**

None of the members had any interests to declare on any specific item on the agenda.

## **Police Matters.**

PCSO Hollie Dennis attended the meeting and reported on issues which had been dealt with by the police over the past month, (a copy of the report had been sent to the clerk).

PCSO Dennis went through the report and added to the detail where requested by members.

A motorbike from the Hinnings Road area was of concern for some members. The bike appears to use the cycle track almost every night. Also there are some sheds/stables near Barnhill Place and the Rugby club which appear to be in a dangerous condition attracting

youngsters with a fear of someone getting hurt, it was suggested that they should be pulled down.

### **Pica Community Group – Feedback.**

There also problems with sheds and old caravans and cars at Pica. Otherwise progress is being made in the usual works which the group carry out trying to keep the village tidy and presentable.

### **Pica Play Area.**

The clerk reported that he had not had any more information on the transfer of the play area to the Parish Council.

### **CCTV.**

Further discussions took place with regards to the proposals to install more CCTV cameras to cover as much of the village as possible but it was still unclear as to whether any assistance with funding was forthcoming from the Big Local or not. It was made clear by the Clerk that it was unlikely that the Parish Council could find the funds to cover all of the costs involved providing the number and type which had been suggested at a meeting with the providers and the police. The matter is to kept on the agenda as a regular item for discussion while members of the Big Local were going back to the meeting of the group for further discussion.

### **Public Participation.**

There were no members of the public present who expressed a wish to address the meeting.

### **Councillors Questions.**

A member raised concerns over the condition of the fencing on the foot-bridge over the Bypass. There were also concerns about some of the drains in the village and in particular near the Millennium Green and between Number's 48 and 62 Barfs Road. There were also concerns about the condition of the road past the Crematorium.

Concerns were raised about two properties on Main Street which were in need of a lot of attention and which had previously referred to the owners to have the problems rectified. New letter were compiled to be posted to the relevant owners to request some works to be carried out to rectify matters.

### **Correspondence.**

Letters of thanks were received from the Great North Air Ambulance Service and the Church of the Holy Spirit, for donations to their fund raising efforts.

### **Planning applications.**

Application to Sub-Divide exiting dwelling to provide new dwelling, 102/104 Main Street, Distington, application number CH/4/15/2497/0F1.

After consideration, it was agreed that the Parish Council should have no objections to this proposal, it was suggested that the proposals would enhance the area.

Allerdale Borough Council planning wrote with regards to planning reference No 2/2015/0546 Removal of conditions on land at Dean Moor, Dean.

After consideration, it was agreed that the Parish Council should have no objections to this proposal, as this application was not within the parish boundaries and that there had been no complaints from residents of the parish with regards to the activities carried out there.

### **Financial Matters.**

The Following accounts were passed for payment:-

E.ON (clock tower) £20.59. Tyson H Burrige (fuel) £12.60.

JS Holliday (salary, ink) £201.00.

# **Distington Parish Council**

Minutes of meeting held in the Distington Club for Young People, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

## **Members Present**

Cllrs Mr J Bowman, Mrs J Bowman, Mrs C Pattinson, Mrs M Smart,  
Mr R Gallacher, Mr B Bell, Mrs K Hodgson, Mrs S Smallwood.

## **Apologies.**

Cllrs. Mr B Pattinson, Mrs R Robinson, Mrs P Nelson, Mrs J Williams.  
Cllr Mrs G Troughton (Cumbria County and Copeland Borough Councils).  
PCSO Hollie Dennis.

## **Membership.**

The Clerk reported that there were now three vacancies on the Parish Council.

## **Minutes of last Meeting.**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were agreed and signed by the Chair.

## **Declaration of Interests.**

Councillor declared an interest in the agenda item concerning the Distington Club for Young People.

## **Police Matters.**

Apologies had been received from the police for this meeting but a copy of the previous months reports were sent to the clerk by e-mail. The clerk read out the report and there was a brief discussion on some of the incidents it contained.

Concerns were expressed again with regards to the motor cycle which was being used illegally around the village and that the rider was not even wearing a helmet. There were also said to be incidents which had occurred but were not contained in the report.

## **Pica Community Group – Feedback.**

It was reported that at this time of the year there was very little work being done because of the weather. There are concerns with regards to the condition of some road signs especially bend signs and chevrons at bends; nr West Croft farm, Crum Road and Dyan Road.

### **Pica Play Area.**

The Clerk reported that no further information had been received from the Parish Council's solicitors.

### **CCTV.**

It was once again reported that no clear decision had been taken by the Big Local on part funding of additional cameras and the type required, but it was agreed that the Parish Council would provide some additional cameras within their budget as and when the position was clear.

### **Community Centre Proposals.**

It was reported that the Community Centre Management board were proposing to add an extension to the Community Centre. It had been pointed out to them that permission of the owners of the building, Distington Parish Council, would have to be given before any work could be done. As the Parish council had not been furnished with any plans of the proposals no decision could be taken at this point in time.

### **Bus Shelters.**

It was reported that the big local were intending erecting some additional bus shelters in the village and that there had been a meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 with the authorities to inspect the sites of the proposals.

### **Mower Costs.**

The clerk reported that there was some concern as to the cost involved with the new mower, both for fuel and repair/service. It was agreed that the figures be produced at the next meeting.

### **Village Greens.**

Village Green status is to be applied for Beck Green and Pica Green, the clerk is to contact the officer at Cumbria county Council to make a request.

### **Public Participation.**

There were no members of the public present who expressed a wish to address the meeting.

### **Councillors Questions.**

A request for signs with regards to dog fouling were requested and also additional litter bins especially on the loop road, and the Pica play area.

Road drains right through Pica Village are in need of cleaning.

The village name plate signs which are sited at either direction for Pica Village which read “Welcome to Pica” require straightening up.

Members were informed that for the second year running, the village of Distington had been awarded the “George Coward Trophy” awarded for the most funds collected by ‘a community without a branch of the Royal British Legion,’ from the Poppy Appeal organisation. The shield and certificate that goes with the award will be on display in various locations over the next year, as it was over the past year.

### **Correspondence.**

Distington Club for Young People wrote to the Parish Council thanking the members for their support over the past 14 years and asking if a donation towards their funds could be made to cover the following year.

Cllr C Pattinson left the meeting while this item was discussed. After a discussion it was agreed that a donation of £1,000 should be made towards the funds.

A list of training events which CALC are putting on was sent to the Parish Council. The Clerk and the Chair agreed to attend the event on ‘Website & Social Media’ training.

A letter was received from Distington Community Centre requesting a member be nominated to attend their monthly meetings to represent the Parish Council. After a discussion it was agreed that some members would take it in turns to attend but no-one present felt that they could attend every month.

### **Planning applications.**

There were no planning applications to be considered this month.

### **Financial Matters.**

The Following accounts were passed for payment:-

JS Holliday (salary) £168.00. E.ON (clock tower) £18.12.

Bank Mandate.

The Clerk stated that the Parish Council needed to renew their Bank Mandate as there had been a lot of changes to the membership and that there were insufficient names to sign cheques, he explained that any member who put their name forward for the mandate if they were a member of HSBC they would simply be required to add their detail to the form and sign, anyone who is not a member of the HSBC are required to present documents to the bank for identification. It was agreed that the mandate would be completed at the next meeting.

## **Distington Parish Council**

Minutes of meeting held in the Distington Club for Young People, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

### **Members Present**

Cllrs Mr J Bowman, Mrs J Bowman, Mrs M Smart, Mrs R Robinson,  
Mr R Gallacher, Mrs P Nelson, Mr B Bell, Mrs K Hodgson.

### **Also Present**

Cllr Mrs G Troughton (Cumbria County and Copeland Borough Councils).  
PCSO Hollie Dennis.

### **Apologies.**

Cllrs. Mrs C Pattinson, Mr B Pattinson, Mrs S Smallwood, Mrs J Williams.

### **Membership.**

The Clerk reported that there were now three vacancies on the Parish Council.

### **Minutes of last Meeting.**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were agreed and signed by the Chair.

### **Declaration of Interests.**

Cllr Mrs J Bowman declared an interest in all planning matters. Otherwise none of the other members had any interests to declare on any specific item on the agenda.

### **Police Matters.**

PCSO Dennis attended the meeting, even though she was off duty, and she gave a presentation on the update of incidents included in the previous month's reports and there followed a brief discussion on some of the incidents it contained.

Concerns were expressed again with regards to the motor cycle which was being used illegally around the village and that the rider was not even wearing a helmet. There were also said to be incidents which had occurred but were not contained in the report.

### **Pica Community Group – Feedback.**

It was reported that at this time of the year there was very little work being done because of the weather. There are concerns with regards to the condition of some of the back lanes in Pica, and that various items were left in the lanes blocking free access for others.

The condition of the mower which the group used was raised as a concern and it was to be discussed as to how a new one could be obtained in time for the grass growing season.

### **Pica Play Area.**

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Parish Council's solicitors informing members that the solicitor dealing with the matter had been away from work for a while and that another member of the company was taking over his workload.

### **CCTV.**

It was reported that the clerk had been informed that PCSO's were not allowed to view or download information from the CCTV cameras. This was a problem for the Parish Council as it was agreed when the cameras were first installed that only the police would be allowed to view the images and that if the new instruction was to be observed it would make the cameras of no use in acquiring information on crime in the village.

It was agreed that clarification on this new instruction should be requested before any further cameras are installed.

### **Community Centre Proposals.**

Following on from the report that the Community Centre Management board were proposing to add an extension to the Community Centre and it being pointed out to them that permission of the owners of the building, Distington Parish Council, would have to be given before any work could be done, a member of the Management Board was present at the meeting and it was agreed basic plans of the proposals would be sufficient help with a decision on the matter being given.

### **Public Participation.**

There were no members of the public present who expressed a wish to address the meeting, but one resident of Main Street preferred to have a discussion about a problem they were having with one of the members of the council. A discussion took place after the main meeting ended.

### **Councillors Questions.**

Concerns were raised with regards to the condition of some of the bus shelters within the parish and it was agreed that an inspection would be carried out and a report back to a later meeting if any works are required.

A request for a 20 mph limit being implemented through Main Street was put forward as a way to reduce the excessive speeding. It was pointed out that, although the CCTV cameras could not be used to enforce speed limits they could be used to identify possible speeders and times when it would be worth while setting up speed checks.

There were concerns about the amount of rubbish dumped on the road towards the Crematorium.

### **Correspondence.**

Tower Mint Ltd, wrote to the Parish Council with a special offer for the purchase of Queen Elizabeth II 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Commemorative Medal's, and it was agreed that discussions should take place with the school to see what may be done jointly.

Mr Briggs & Mr Grant wrote in reply to the Parish Council's letter regarding land on Main Street. In their letter they point out that they do not own or know who owns the green hut area and that they had replied to the council's previous correspondence on this matter informing members of that fact. As for the plot of land that they do own they are not ready to apply for and permissions as yet but that they had fenced of the plot which is theirs.

The Pensions Regulator had provided the Council with a guide to new regulations on pension for staff.

### **Planning applications.**

Single Storey Rear Extension, 43 Barfs Road, Distington, application number 4/16/2025/0F1.

After consideration, it was agreed that the Parish Council should have no objections to this proposal.

### **Financial Matters.**

The Following accounts were passed for payment:-

Coombes – Sharpe (wood) £680.00. Tyson Burr ridge (fuel) £10.08. JS Holliday (salary, paper) £186.00. E.ON (clock tower) £16.16. Open Spaces (subs) £45.00. Post Offices (tax) £125.00. Coombes – Sharpe (wood) £76.00. CALC (IT training) £79.00.

### Bank Mandate.

The Clerk stated that the Parish Council needed to renew their Bank Mandate as there had been a lot of changes to the membership and that there were insufficient names to sign cheques, he explained that any member who put their name forward for the mandate if they were a member of HSBC they would simply be required to add their detail to the form and sign, anyone who is not a member of the HSBC are required to present documents to the bank for identification. A mandate form was completed with a suitable number of names.

