Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th April 2011 at 7.15 p.m.
in the Victory Memorial Hall, Braithwaite.

PRESENT
Councillor J. Bennett– Chairman

Councillors
Mrs. A Thoburn  Mrs. H.L.Davies  Mr G. L. Davies  Mr. R. Kealey  Mrs. P.
Soulsby  Mr G Davidson  K.D. Hodgson(a)  Mrs. J.M Shaw(a)  J.R Downie(a)  (a) Absent

Also in attendance: Allerdale Borough Cllr Tim Heslop (TH) and Mrs V Wood
(outgoing Clerk)

185/11 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
RESOLVED that apologies for absence submitted from K.D. Hodgson, Mrs. J.M Shaw, J.R
Downie be received and noted.

186/11 - DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST
No declarations received

187/11 – MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 2nd March 2011
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Above Derwent Parish Council held in
Portinscale Village Hall on 2nd March 2011 (pages 51-59) be confirmed as a correct record
and signed by the Chairman.

188/11 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Doug Lowther and David Williamson from Portinscale in attendance, interested in Item 9 on
the Agenda.

189/11 – POLICE ATTENDANCE
No officer in attendance.
RESOLVED that the following information be received and noted:
That there have been no incidents reported in the Braithwaite Parish since the last meeting;
that the Neighbourhood Policing Team continues to hold surgeries on Tuesday or
Wednesday mornings at Booths or the Drop in Centre in Keswick and that the next SSC
meeting will be 6pm, Monday 9th May at Booths.
A general warning was issued about an increase in incidents of theft of heating oil across the
North Allerdale Area.

Cllr Tim Heslop also warned of the recording of some incidents of theft of car fuel, through
the drilling a hole in the fuel tank of the target vehicle.

190/11 – NATIONAL PARK REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
No representative in attendance although ongoing concern was noted about ditch clearance
on the common below Melbecks and the outflow pipe adjacent to the Chapel.
191/11 NATIONAL TRUST REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
No representative in attendance although it was noted that the ongoing issue of grass cutting on Braithwaite Common, which is National Trust land, may need to be addressed directly with the Trust. On the general issue of grass cutting, Tim Heslop noted that the person to speak to at Allerdale is Ian Payne, Manager of Places and Spaces. Pauline Soulsby will contact him to try to establish definitively the position on the percentage rebate.

192/11– WARD REPRESENTATIVE – BOROUGH COUNCILLOR TIM HESLOP
RESOLVED that the following report from Borough Councillor Tim Heslop be received and noted:

- There is due to be a change in perspective in the way things are approached with an increased interest in getting things resolved at a local level. Because of current financial constraints many issues will be looked at using the following questions: Is there a statutory duty to make this spend? If not, is the spend necessary? If so, can it be done cheaper?
- At a recent Energy Coast meeting, there had been a presentation from a company called Virgo about Hydropower. They are interested in generating power from rivers – the best sites being those with lakes or reservoirs nearby. It may be that certain sites in Allerdale are of interest and could benefit local people and organisations.
- Both Virgin and BT have expressed an interest in improving Broadband speed in the area. Geoff Davies asked what speeds are being proposed but it is too early to say. Community interest is the key to this – the more members of the public voice their support, and where possible, work with the provider, the more likely it is that the providers will commit to improvements in this locality.
- Referring to Allerdale BC taking action about the empty house in Braithwaite, as raised on previous occasions, TH indicated that on completion of a project in Workington resources might now become available to pursue this.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to BT to request information about their proposals to improve the connection, particularly in Thornthwaite, where many residents have problems with the very slow connection speed.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

193/11 – BANK BALANCES
RESOLVED that the following balances at the bank at 31st March 2011 be noted:-

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<td>Business Money Manager Account</td>
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<td>Community Account</td>
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<td><strong>£8299.24</strong></td>
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194/11 - SCHEDULE OF CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT
RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved for payment:- for year ended 31 March 2011

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<td>Printer Cartridges</td>
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<td>Veronica Wood</td>
<td>P045</td>
<td>100899</td>
<td>1Jan-31Mar: Reimbursement of use of Home as office £65.00, plus claim for hours worked £713.52, plus reimbursement of travel expenses since last meeting £6.50</td>
<td>785.02</td>
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<td>Jean Airey</td>
<td>P044</td>
<td>100898</td>
<td>Reimbursement of expenses for Sept 2010</td>
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TOTAL | £855.12
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for year ended 31 March 2012 detailed below:

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<td>Hall hire 02 March 2011</td>
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<td>Thornthwaite cum Braithwaite</td>
<td>P003</td>
<td>100903</td>
<td>Hall hire 15 March 2011 - Interviews for New Clerk</td>
<td>10.00</td>
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<td>Cumbria Association of Local Councils</td>
<td>P004</td>
<td>100904</td>
<td>Payment for Clerk training</td>
<td>106.00</td>
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**TOTAL** | **£199.00**

195/11 – ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/11

RESOLVED that the copies of the Council’s accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011, as circulated by the Clerk, be received, noted and formally approved for signature by the Chairman. Thanks minuted to Jean Airey for her assistance with the year end procedure. Clerk to write formally to thank her.

196/11 – TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

RESOLVED that the report from our internal auditor Arnott Routledge be received. Thanks to Mr Routledge minuted. Clerk to write formally to thank him for his time.

197/11 – STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE AND ANNUAL RETURN TO EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2011

RESOLVED that it be formally recorded, that in the opinion of the Council it has met all its statutory obligations to comply with the Account and Audit Regulations 2006 and accordingly authorises the Chairman to sign the Annual Governance Statement, prior to submission to the External Auditor.

VILLAGE MATTERS

198/11 General

(i) Whinlatter parking. Meeting arranged at our instigation for 26th April at 1.30. A number of Councillors wish to attend. Clerk to liaise with them in drafting Agenda, with Joe Bennett to Chair the meeting. Concern was raised as to whether the requirements under the s106 Planning Agreement were being met (including illuminated speed restriction sign) and also whether a planning application had been made for the substantial works being undertaken as part of the new Kids Wild Play area. These issues to be included on the Agenda and Clerk to write to LDNPA to request information.

(ii) Request for support for LDNPA re Crosthwaite Meadow. Underskiddaw Parish had requested that Above Derwent may support their stance re the unlawful development on Crosthwaite Meadow. This is an ongoing planning issue and Councillors were keen that representations had been made to LDNPA objecting to the development which also affects the approach to Above Derwent Parish.

(iii) Grass cutting. Joe Bennett and Richard Kealey have met with the contractor to discuss a revised schedule in line with budget constraints. RESOLVED that
the revised schedule priced at £4000 be accepted, and that the sum will be paid in 5 instalments of £800 across the season.

199/11 - Braithwaite

(i) Trees outside Braithwaite School. This issue has been passed to Cumbria County Council’s “tree man”. Clerk to continue to chase.

(ii) Plaque on the new bridge at Little Braithwaite. We have now received formal confirmation that the new bridge is not listed. A plaque reading “Little Braithwaite Bridge opened Nov 2010 after 2009 floods” would cost less than £200. Clerk to contact Highways (as the owners of the structure) to confirm no objections and ask them to deal with the actual fixing of the plaque.

**RESOLVED**, if we can go ahead, spend should be no more than £200.

200/11 – Portinscale

(i) Council to note that the Grit Bin at Dorothy Well has been allocated reference 502979 as the number to quote when ordering grit from Cumbria Highways. Geoff Davidson will arrange for number to be written on the bin itself.

(ii) Ditch Clearance at the Old Mill site. Cost of the ditch clearance identified as £180. This may be funded by the Above Derwent Flood Action Group. We are expecting an application for funding from ADFAG and it has previously been agreed that the Parish Council would offer them some financial support if requested.

(iii) 20 mph Speed Limit through Portinscale. David Williamson spoke to this item. He pointed out that there are increasing numbers of pedestrians through the village. Whilst he welcomed the fact that more people were travelling on foot it was becoming more and more dangerous as the road is very narrow in places. He seeks Parish Council support in an approach to the Highways to impose a 20mph speed limit. He believes there will be a lot of local support. Richard Kealey mentioned that it is important that any reduction in the speed limit is coupled with suitable traffic calming measures. **RESOLVED**: The Parish Council supports the suggestion. It is important for Mr Williamson to garner local support (by way of petition, letters, photographs etc). When that has been obtained, the Clerk will contact the police to seek their support for a formal application to be made. It was noted that the process may take some considerable time, but that it was a worthwhile issue.

(iv) Parking opposite the Farmers Arms and High Portinscale. Councillor Davidson pointed out that this was becoming an issue as pub customers and people using the village hall have nowhere else to park. The police seem to turn a blind eye to parking on the pavement perhaps as the alternative would be a narrowing of the road due to parked cars which may impede access for emergency vehicles. It was noted that there is no easy answer – the pub is returning to being a vibrant village amenity and the Hall is well used. Cllr Davidson and Doug Lowther would consider whether there is any suitable land nearby which could be used or adapted for parking, and if so, the way forward would be to hold a community meeting to seek the views of residents.

**RESOLVED**: The Parish Council wished to formally thank Mr Doug Lowther for all his work for Portinscale Village which has been much appreciated.

201/11 - CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS

**RESOLVED** that the following correspondence, notes and publications be received and noted:

1. Derwent 7 – Minutes of the Transport Sub Group Meeting held on 25th March 2011
2. Derwent 7 – Minutes of the Cluster Group Meeting held on 10th March 2011
3. Derwent 7 – Invitation to Emergency Planning meeting (Monday 11th April)
4. Police – request for our meeting dates for 2011/12
5. LDNPA – confirmation from D. Jackman that the new Little Braithwaite Bridge is not listed
6. Allerdale BC – request for breakdown of how concurrent grant was spent in 2009/10
7. LDNPA. Local Development Framework – request to confirm whether the Victory Memorial Grounds are available for allocation
8. HSBC – telephoned to request that a new mandate form is signed
9. LDNPA – Quarterly update – note next meeting of all Lake District Parishes (convened in partnership with Calc) is scheduled for Monday 18 April 2011 7pm at the Skiddaw Hotel.
10. CALC – Invitation to apply to participate in Friends of the Lake District Green Spaces 3 year project (Our Green Heritage). Financial and practical help would be included. Expressions of interest must be made by 9/5/11.
11. CALC - Notification of Allerdale parishes General meeting on the 7th April 2011
12. CALC – Invitation to Northern Flood Conference on Saturday 7th May (Carlisle)
13. CALC – forwarded invitation from North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust
15. CALC – circular April 2011.
16. SLCC – Notice of Cumbria Branch Conference in Kendal 18/5/11.
17. Stagecoach – confirmation of reinstatement of X4 and new timetable
18. WCMRWSP - e-bulletin from the West Cumbria Managing Radioactive Waste Safely Partnership
19. Journal of Local Planning – information re significant changes to planning introduced by budget 2011
20. Allerdale BC – confirmation of payment of first half of Precept £5838 dated 1/4/11

AND THAT the following action is taken
- Item 6: Clerk to provide details requested.
- Item 7: The land is owned by the Village Hall Trust, letter passed to Richard Kealey on their behalf. Parish Council would support the continuing allocation of the land as recreational.
- Item 8: will be dealt with at May meeting with new councillors
- Item 9: Cllrs Davies, Bennett and Kealey would like copies of the Agenda and will see if they can attend.
- Item 10: This should be pursued. Cllr Soulsby took the paperwork and will submit an expression of interest identifying two possible projects; wildflower meadow and war memorial.
- Item 12: Cllr Davidson took the paperwork and is interested to attend if he can.
- Item 17: Stagecoach have not put timetables on the bus stops. Cllr Davies will pursue the issue with Becx Carter to see what we are expecting by way of timetables. If they are expecting our assistance in ensuring timetables are placed at bus stops they will need to provide the means to do this. The ongoing problem of the 10am bus being too full at Braithwaite will be pursued by Cllr Davies at the Derwent 7 Transport sub-group. RESOLVED: The Parish Council would like to formally thank Frances Panton for her work in gathering public support and making representations to even out the bus services on each side of the lake, following Stagecoaches climb down re the X4. Clerk to write to her
- Item 18: it was noted that the May meeting of the WCMRWSP is to take place in Braithwaite Village Hall on 24th May. It is an all day event. Cllr Heslop will be attending if he can and will report back.

202/11: APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT
It was agreed that the following decisions received since the last meeting and confirmed to the Lake District National be ratified:-
203/11: PAYE NEW ARRANGEMENTS
RESOLVED that the following report be received from the Clerk:
It seems that there will be no NI to be paid by the Parish Council in respect of the Clerk’s appointment as an employee as the pay falls below the Lower Weekly earnings Limit.
Above Derwent Parish Council has been registered as an employer and the Clerk is waiting to hear from IR re the next step. She is due to attend a course for new employers run by the revenue on 20/4/11 in Carlisle.

204/11: NEW CLERK
RESOLVED: to formally thank Veronica Wood for her tireless work on behalf of the parish during her time in office.
The new clerk, Jackie Knights was welcomed.

205/11: PARISH ELECTIONS
RESOLVED: that the four councillors not standing for re-election: Anne Thoburn; Jim Downie; Ken Hodgson and Joyce Shaw be thanked for their hard work and contribution during their time serving as Councillors.
The 2011 election is uncontested, with the following councillors elected:
Portinscale
• Geoff Davidson
Braithwaite
• Joe Bennett
• Geoff Davies
• Pauline Soulsby
Thornthwaite
• Helen Davies
• Richard Kealey
• Don Thoburn
• Margaret Throp
Newlands
• Keith Harryman

This leaves two places and the Parish Council will need to consider at the next meeting, co-opting to fill these places.

206/11: APPOINTMENT OF PARISH MEMBER TO LDNPA
RESOLVED: that although there was interest among Councillors to stand as Parish Members of the LDNPA, as only one member could be elected to represent Allerdale, no one wished to stand against John Hayton. Clerk to write to LDNPA to express the view that there should be more parish members as part of the authority due to their valuable local knowledge and expertise.

207/11: DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR ELECTORS** is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 11th May 2011 at 7.15p.m. in the Victory Memorial Hall, Braithwaite. **RESOLVED** a speaker from the Flood Action Group would be invited to give a presentation and the meeting would be advertised in The Reminder and refreshments would be provided.

**208/11: DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**— the **ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING** is scheduled for Wednesday 18th May 2011 at 7.00PM for the viewing of any planning applications, with the formal meeting commencing at 7.15p.m. in the, **VICTORY MEMORIAL, BRAITHWAITE**

Meeting closed 21.50

Chairman

Date:

**COUNCILLOR MATTERS**

**Thornthwaite**

There are a number of low branches, overhanging the highway impeding street lights and vehicles and therefore causing a safety issue. This can be placed on the next Agenda, but in the meantime the Clerk to write to the landowners concerned to request that they are cut back.