

Borrowdale Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the Borrowdale Parish Council held in the Rosthwaite Institute on Wednesday 27th November at 19:30

Present: Andrew Webb (in the Chair), John Bennett (Vice-Chair), David Hindmarch, Trevor Dowson, Nigel Dixon, Gill Brocklesby,

In Attendance: Becx Carter (Clerk), Billy Bland (Borrowdale Resident), C/Cllr Andrew Lysser, Pete Barron (LDNPA)

Apologies: Gary Metcalfe, Sam Hicks, Andrew Thompson (National Trust), Jeff Hall

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the above-mentioned people

2. Request for Declarations

None received

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd October 2013

All members had received a copy of the minutes to read.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd October were confirmed as a true & accurate record, and as such were signed by the Chairman.

5. Action Reports/Updates from Councillors & Clerks

Unless mentioned below all actions from previous minutes are deemed to have been completed.

5.i- Badminton Club-ongoing

Action: TD/DH to continue work on this matter

5.ii- Toilets- Andrew Thompson had provided a written update on the National Trust toilet situation. Currently all toilets are closed apart from Watendlath (Including Lodore, though these are not National Trust toilets). The toilets in Rosthwaite are shut due to an ongoing drainage issue. A discussion was held regarding how the parish council should proceed with relation to toilets and the following conclusions were made:

- Toilets are a key issue in the Borrowdale Valley and pressure needs to continue to be applied to the relevant bodies to ensure that the current provision is not lost/reduced
- That the issue of the blockages at the Rosthwaite toilets may not just be effecting the public toilets, it was the opinion of a number of parish councillors that there used to be flooding at Kiln Orchard cottages.
- The drainage issue maybe being caused/exaggerated by damage to the drains where they cross the entrance to the show field (there is some slumping).
- That it is important for the Parish Council to establish if this is a wider issue, or one local to the toilets.

Action: BC to contact GM and ask if flooding is still an issue at Kiln Orchard Cottages

Action: BC to contact Andrew Thompson and ask how the National Trust are proceeding with this matter

Action: BC to contact United Utilities (subject to above action) and ask for a drainage map showing where the drains run, and raising the issue of possible damage to the drains and asking for investigation works to be done.

5.iii Sheep Feeders- Ongoing

Action: BC to contact Andrew Thompson to chase this matter up as it is the understanding of a parishioner that it is a condition of the farmers lease that they are not allowed sheep feeders

because of the damage they cause. Outwith this matter the issue of locations of the sheep feeders on paths is still a problem.

5.iv- SSSI Lodore Woods- The clerk reported that the next stage in this matter was to have a land registry search is to be done at a cost of £7. It was resolved that this expense was authorized.

Action: BC to organize the search and re-agenda for the next meeting

5.v- Seat @ Grange Bridge- TD confirmed that Joe Weir had informed him it had been fixed.

Action: AW to check this repair and confirm it to BC

Action: BC to write to Joe & thank him for his work

5.vi-Phytopthera Ramourm- The Clerk attended a meeting about the impact of this on the surrounding area. A summary of the meeting has been circulated to all Parish Council members

5.vii- Response to issues raised with Andrew Thompson @ October meeting

A full written response has been provided by Andrew Thompson to the issues raised, toilets are covered above.

- Housing- The letting policy has been circulated to all PC members.
- Benefactors wishes- There is no single database for these, however individual properties are checked to ensure donors wishes are adhered to
- New Bridge, Rosthwaite- Weight Limit & Damage- Still to be actions
- Livestock Feeders- See above

A discussion was then held by the parish councilors about the feedback received from Andrew Thompson and the following matters were raised:

- How many social houses are there in Borrowdale (6 in Rosthwaite, and 2 at Chapel House?) and how many houses to the National Trust control? (23 National Trust Houses)? The Parish Council would like to know the answers to these questions to enable them to consider if the National Trust is a 'significant land owner' as according to their own policy if they are they can consider letting at a more reasonable rate. Also Andrew Thompson mentioned at the October meeting that they don't currently have a specialized housing policy for the north lakes, but that one could be created. This is something the Parish Council would like to encourage.
- Details on how many farms the National Trust let in the parish area (and the costs for the farms), it was discussed that the farm at Stonethwaie was recently let for £9k a year, which includes a B & B and a campsite, yet houses are being let for far in excess of this.
- Parish Council requested that the Clerk approach ABC and the relevant social housing landlords to establish the number of social houses, second homes, holiday lets etc within the parish.

Action: BC to pass the above feedback to Andrew Thompson

Action: BC to look into the housing break downs for Borrowdale

6. Public Participation

C/Cllr Lysser provided the following updates:

Highway Stewards are being re-instated, and he is hopeful that developing a working relationship with the appointed personal (not announced yet) will help deal with some of the smaller issues on the ground.

Action: JB to liase with new highway steward once details are announced

Village Lighting and the removal of lights from ENW poles, whilst this doesn't affect Borrowdale, it is going to have a significant impact on many other local parishes. A meeting is being held on the 12th December (evening) at Bothel Village Hall to discuss this

A66 Roadworks-For information resurfacing roadworks are about to commence on the A66 from Crosthwaite Roundabout in Keswick up to the dual carriage way at Wythop Woods. C/llr Lysser also mentioned the fact that whilst the majority of the flood defense works in Keswick are nearly complete, fundraising is still ongoing for one of the surface pumps to be sited at Penrith Road to deal with surface water flooding.

Fitz Park- C/Cllr Lysser in his capacity as a Keswick Town Council asked Borrowdale Parish Council if they would consider making a grant towards the ongoing running and maintenance of Fitz Park, which benefits residents from all the surrounding parishes, and due to changes with the concurrent grant is now costing KTC an extra £20k a year.

Police Participation- There was no police officer in attendance, however a written report had been received stating there have been no incidents. The Parish Council were also notified that our PCSO contact has now changed to PCSO Megan Jones.

7. Borrowdale Road & Public Transport

There is an ongoing issue at Ashness Road End due to subsidence. The National Trust have now removed the trees to allow the work to commence, but it can't start until the lake level falls.

Pete Barron raised the issue that whilst some surface dressing was undertaken on the road earlier in the year, the section between Big Wood exit to Ashness Road End is still in an appalling and dangerous state for both cyclists & drivers. He requested that a further letter be sent to Highways to ask if this section of road is on the list for resurfacing & drainage repairs, or if not when will it be added to the list? Borrowdale Parish Council are concerned that the reason our issue haven't yet been solved is because CCC/Highways are worried that it would be difficult to close the road.

Action: BC to contact highways re the above

8. Broadband update

Neil Dowie is continuing to work with a small group of local people to look into the practicalities of being able to utilize the CLEO network outside of school hours. The group have been informed that the CLEO line to Borrowdale School is old line. They are waiting to hear about the next stage/s

Action: ND to provide a report to the January Parish Council Meeting

Derwent 7- The clerk informed the meeting that the Derwent 7 are also looking at the issue of broadband, and the options available to parishes who will not get significant coverage as part of the Connecting Cumbria Project, (in particular the practicalities of a community build project).

Pete Barron informed the meeting that investigations are about to take place on possible locations for the siting of mobile phone masts in the area, which would hopefully provide Borrowdale with some coverage.

9. New Model Standing Orders

The clerk informed the Council that New Model Standing Orders have been received from NALC (Main changes are around the introduction of the 2011 Localism Act)

Action: Clerk to review the New Model Standing Orders and present them back to the Parish Councilors in due course.

10. Community Voluntary Projects

Community Payback Team- The Clerk contacted them following the October meeting and they have confirmed that the clearance of vegetation/leaf matter etc from paths is something they could do and it would cost around £25 per day. They would require a contact to show them where the work needed to be done etc.

Action: JB to liase with & organize the attendance of the Community Payback Team for a day's work within the valley on footpaths (in particular Billy Bland's → Seatoller, and Rosthwaite → the Road Markers)

PB raised the issue of the footpath to Glaramara, which needs to be reinstated, and could this be something that the highways stewards and the community payback team could work together to achieve?

Action: JB to discuss this with the relevant parties.

Borrowdale Institute- JB informed the councilors that he was looking to step down/receive more support in his role as the Borrowdale Institute co-ordinator. Parish Councilors are Trustees of the Borrowdale Institute as it is

owned by the Parish Council. JB would like a committee to be formed to do something with it/encourage usage of it/apply for grants etc.

Action: AW agreed to create a Borrowdale Institute page on the Borrowdale Website including contact details etc

Action: BC to send a letter about this to the Keswick Reminder/Benefice News asking for volunteers/interested parties to get in touch or attend a meeting on 11th December @ the Borrowdale Institute

Action: DH, TD, GB confirmed they would be willing to join the committee and that they would approach other possible interested parties (Marie? David Jackson?)

11. Correspondence received

West Cumbria Rape Crisis- Request for a donation. GB proposed that we offer a donation of £25, DH seconded this proposal and all were in favour

Action: BC to process this donation, and include a covering letter stating that the Borrowdale Parish Council feel that it is a worth cause

Keswick & District First Responders- Request for a donation. The feeling of the parish council was that we are not a charity and that the giving of donations is not our purpose, therefore no donation was offered.

Dog Fouling Stencils- The Parish Council resolved that they WOULD NOT like any of these in our parish, as in general the parish council feel that the number of signs should be restricted.

Stephen Harper- Interested in becoming a parish councilor- No vacancies currently but BC to keep him informed/updated

Derwent 7 Transport Sub Group- Request for list of transport related issues. BC to feedback the issue with the road condition, and the frequency/volume of buses during the summer

Action: All to let BC know via email of any other transport related matters by the 31st December 2013

12. Finance/Precept

Fitz Park- Further to C/Cllr Lysser's request above, ND proposed that we support the park with a grant of £200, this was seconded by DH with everyone present in support.

Draft Precept- This was circulated to all councilors prior to the meeting. All councilors present felt that it was an appropriate draft precept and asked that the donation of £200 towards ongoing maintenance at Fitz Park be added to the final Precept to be agreed at the January meeting.

Action: BC to revise precept and re-agenda for the January meeting.

The following items were authorized for payment and all cheques were signed by two signatories:

| Chq Ref | Supplier | Total |
|---------|---|----------------|
| 20 | Andrew Webb Reimbursement for Website Hosting | £30.10 |
| | Becx Carter Salary | £482.86 |
| 21 | BC PAYE | £120.60 |
| 19 | BC Expenses | £37.08 |
| 18 | Cumbria Payroll Services | £14.00 |
| 22 | Keswick Computer Services | £26.85 |
| | West Cumbria Rape Crisis (donation) | £25.00 |
| | Total | £736.49 |

13. Planning Matters & Consultations to Respond to:

7/2013/2288 *Borrowdale Hotel (Erection of a building to house a biomass boiler)*- This was considered by the parish council and it was resolved that they had no objections

Action: BC to contact the LDNPA with this information

7/2013/2242 *Replacement of timber board walks at Manesty-* This is going to a Development Control Committee as the application has been submitted by an LDNPA employee.

7/2010/2110 *Retrospective application for a timber building for staff housing @ Yew Tree Café- Withdrawn.* The clerk informed the meeting that she had been in touch with the LDNPA who had confirmed that despite many requests for additional information non and been forthcoming they had therefore marked this application as withdrawn, and confirmed that an enforcement notice for the removal of the building is in place, and they will be pursuing this.

Consultations

Unless detailed below Borrowdale Parish Council had no comment:

-Managing Radioactive Waste Safely (MRWS)- A response has been prepared and circulated to all councilors. TD proposed acceptance of this response, AW seconded it and all supported.

Action Point: BC to file this response.

-CCC Budget Consultation – It was resolved that the clerk will prepare a summary of this document, with particular emphasis on areas that may affect Borrowdale Parish area. Once this has been circulated councilors to reply via email with their responses.

Action: BC to prepare above mentioned summary and circulate to all by mid December**Action: ALL to response to BC with responses by 31st December 2013.****14. Reports back from linked groups**

Grange Lampposts- The search for funding goes on, JH & BC to complete an application for a small amount of funding from the Local Committee, and to consider the Crime Commissioners fund

Action Point: BC & JH to action

Derwent 7- Covered above re Broadband & Transport issues

Borrowdale Whole Valley Planning- No update received, the group is currently halted, PB is hopeful they may continue work next year.

15. Councilor Matters

None

Action: BC to provide a copy of the statement of accounts to AW for the website/back up.**17.Date & Time of next meeting**

Wednesday 29th January 2013

Dates for 2014 were agreed as:

Wednesday 26th March

Wednesday 14th May (AGM)

Wednesday 30th July

Wednesday 24th September

Wednesday 26th November

Wednesday 28th January 2015

The meeting closed at 21:28