

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 2015
in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge.

82.11.15: In Attendance: Cllrs. Wood (Chair), Ayling, McMullen, Topping, Denholm-Smith, Johns and Outhwaite.

Also in attendance: Muir Lachlan, Rev. Ian Parker and Dave Smith (Clerk).

83.11.15: Apologies: Cllr. Shail, Rachel Oakley (Wild Ennerdale) and Cllr. Dirom (CBC).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

84.11.15: Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. Topping declared an interest as a Director of RNEC.

85.11.15: Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr. Ayling

Seconded: Cllr. McMullen

The Chair duly signed them.

86.11.15: The Wild Ennerdale Project:

Rachel Oakley, from the Wild Ennerdale Project, had given her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. A briefing note was provided that covered Forest Harvesting, Wild Ennerdale sings, Squirrel monitoring, Ben Gill and the Wild Ennerdale volunteers.

Councillors expressed their disappointment that Rachel was not able to attend the meeting and it was agreed that she should be invited to the January meeting of the Council.

ACTION: Clerk to invite Rachel Oakley to attend the January meeting of the Council.

87.11.15: Public Participation:

Muir Lachlan raised concerns regarding:

- Padlocked gates on public footpaths
- Dangerous pot holes on un-adopted roads
- Un-grazed and uncut land owned by United Utilities

ML stated that he had intended to ask Rachel Oakley to liaise with both United Utilities and Forest Enterprise with regard to the above issues. He also stated that, according to an article in the local press, UU were in the process of developing a Land Management Plan for the Ennerdale area, in which they are now a major land-owner. Councillors stated that the Council had not yet been consulted on the Plan and that they were not in favour of leaving large areas of farm land to lie fallow. Further concerns were expressed regarding boarded up farm buildings.

It was agreed that a special community meeting should be arranged to allow UU to explain to the community what their plans were for the land and buildings that they had purchased in the area in recent years. It was agreed that Wild Ennerdale and the Mayor of Copeland should also be invited to the meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to write to UU to request their attendance at a community meeting in January 2016.

The Reverend Parker drew the attention of councillors to the view from the lectern on the off-road footpath. On the information board it states that there is a view of the lake and, due to overgrown vegetation, this view is partially obscured. A little further up the road from the lectern there is a beech tree that looks as though it is dead and might cause a problem for road users.

ACTION: Clerk to ask Cumbria Highways to look at the tree and remove if necessary.

Cllr. Topping highlighted the National Stakeholder Consultation on Trial UK Lynx Reintroduction. It was agreed that the Lynx Trust be contacted and reminded of the views of the Parish Council on this issue.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the Lynx Trust with the views of the Council.

88.11.15: Progress Reports:

A: Clerk's Report:

The following actions from the previous meeting had been undertaken:

- 73.09.15: Clerk to place 'Update from Borough Councillor' on next agenda: Done
- 74.09.15: Clerk to invite Rachel Oakley to attend the November meeting: Done
- 74.09.15: Cllr Ayling to inform local residents of the LDNPA views: Done
- 74.09.15: Clerk to contact UU re: pipes on footbridge: Done (see below)
- 74.09.15: Clerk to contact Env. Agency re: Ben Ghyll: Not Done
- 74.09.15: Cllr Ayling to make further enquiries re: application for funding: Done (see below)
- 74.09.15: Cllr Wood to circulate 217 passenger numbers: Not done (see below)
- 74.09.15: Clerk to contact LDNPA and sign up for GIS scheme: Cllr. Outhwaite took on this action (see below)
- 77.09.15: Clerk to chase up progress report from Kevin Cosgrove: Done but no report received.
- 78.09.15: Clerk to send out all payments: Done

A list of correspondence was given:

Correspondence	For information	For action
Letter from Lamplugh with Ennerdale PCC: funding request	X	X
Letter from Frizington Fire-fighters	X	X
CALC Newsletter: October	X	
CALC Annual Report	X	
Emails from M. Lachlan re: pot holes on road to Bleach Green	X	X see below
CBC: Defibrillators in Phone Boxes project	X	X see below

Bleach Green area: A request to UU to place the large pipes on the footbridge by the weir in a more discrete location was made. UU replied that the pipes would be required in the coming days for pumping additional water.

Defibrillators in Phone Boxes: A letter was received from CBC asking for the views of the council on the idea of placing publically accessible defibrillators in public phone boxes that had been used fewer than 250 times in twelve months. 2 of the 37 phone boxes in the LDNPA were in Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council area, one at Croasdale and one by the school. Councillors agreed that they were happy for this project to proceed at Croasdale but not at the box by the school as this might be required due to the poor mobile signal in the area. Both CBC and BT were informed of the views of the council.

Pot holes on road between Grike Cottage and Bleach Green: various emails sent and received from Forestry Commission, United Utilities, Muir Lachlan and Cumbria Highways regarding the responsibility to fix pot holes.

Request for funding from Lamplugh & Ennerdale PCC: councillors agreed to provide a grant of £300 to assist with the maintenance of the burial grounds.

Proposed: Cllr. Ayling

Seconded: Cllr. Outhwaite

Letter from the Frizington Fire-fighters: it was agreed to inform Cumbria County Council of the opposition of the Parish Council to the proposed closure of Frizington Fire Station.

Flood Plan for the Ennerdale area: Councillors asked the Clerk to find out from the Environment Agency if the new Flood Plan for the area was now complete.

ACTION: Clerk to issue cheque to PCC, inform CCC of the views of the Council and request a copy of the Flood Plan from the EA.

B: RNEC:

Cllr. Topping informed the meeting that the Copeland community Fund would no longer provide funding for the Parish Lengthsman Scheme and that if the scheme is to continue the Parish Councils would need to fill the funding gap. It is expected that a letter will be received by the Council requesting further funding.

C: ECRAG:

Cllr. Ayling informed the meeting that the bid for funding to the Copeland Community Fund had been successful and that the bid to WREN would be known shortly. The LDNPA have informed the group that the original planning permission for the project would not be sufficient and that a second application specifically for the MUGA would be required. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council would act as the applicant and fund the £192.50p planning fee required.

Proposed: Cllr. Ayling

Seconded: Cllr. Johns

ACTION: Clerk to issue a cheque for £192.50p

Cllr. Ayling informed councillors that the original lease agreement on Bridge Park between the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council had run out in 2013 and needed to be reviewed.

ACTION: This issue to be on the agenda of the January Parish Council meeting.

D: Bus Service 217:

Cllr. Wood stated that the new contractor operating the service was Pickthalls of Rowrah. The cost of service provision is £7,000 per year. At present, the Parish Councils provide funding of £5,800 to support the service and there is £2,350 in reserve meaning that the bus service should run for the next two years at least.

ACTION: Cllr Wood to circulate passenger usage figures when they become available.

E: Connecting Cumbria:

There is no update to report though Cllr. Topping informed councillors that the government had recently stated that superfast broadband should be viewed as an essential utility, like electricity, and should by 2020 be available to all households in the country.

F: Community Led Planning Group:

Copies of the questionnaire were handed round and councillors were asked to contact the CLP team if there were any additions that people would like to see. It is hoped that the questionnaire will be delivered with the Winter Newsletter.

G: The Off-Road Footpath:

Cllr. Outhwaite reported that the PC was now signed up to the LDNPA GIS mapping scheme and he had access to the service. An associated invoice from the LDNPA will be received shortly. Work was ongoing on the planning of an off-road footpath from Lillyhall to the Lake.

H: The Parish Council website:

Cllr. Topping asked that all councillors respond to the mini-quiz which, once the responses have been received, will be placed on the website.

89.11.15: Planning Matters:

There were two new planning applications to consider:

Ref: 7/2015/4102
Location: Hazel Holme Farm, Cleator CA23 3AF
Proposal: Conversion of existing disused barn into family dwelling with associated conservatory and garages and landscaping.
Reply by: 18th November 2015

A response of 'No Objections' was agreed.

Ref: 7/2015/4109
Location: Croasdale Farm, Ennerdale, Cleator CA23 3AT
Proposal: Installation of bio-boiler and external flue
Reply by: 30th November 2015

A response of 'No Objections' was agreed.

One planning application has been dealt with between meetings and below is the full response submitted:

Ref: 7/2015/4093
Location: Forestry Commission Building, Ennerdale Bridge CA23 3AR
Proposal: Variation of conditions nos. 2,3 and 11 relating to amended design, layout and drainage discharge
Reply by: 29th October 2015

Councillors decided that they had '**No Objections**' to the above application subject to the following concerns being addressed:

1. Waste water management: it is essential that any discharges into the River Ehen are agreed by Natural England and the Environment Agency and do not compromise the SSSI status of the river. Equally, it is of real concern to local residents that surface water is dealt with appropriately and that the houses and the adjacent highway, down the hill from the development, are not subject to flooding as a result of the development.
2. Local access: concerns have been raised with the Council by near neighbours of the development that access to the rear of their houses, where many of them park their cars, has been compromised. Clearly there needs to be better liaison between the various contractors and local residents. Access to the rear of Forest Houses should be unobstructed at all times.

3. The detail of the building: some of the original elements of the design seem to have been changed without appropriate planning permission being sought. An example of this is the fact that the single-storey building now has a pitched roof rather than a hipped roof as in the original application. Councillors cannot recall one of the previous variation applications highlighting this change.

This last point highlights a concern that Councillors were keen should be drawn to the attention of the Development Control Committee. This application has now had a number of variation applications, to such an extent that it is becoming difficult for councillors to remember/understand what changes have been agreed and what have not been agreed. We understand that developments such as The Ennerdale Hub can be complex builds and that as progress is made elements of the project may need to change or be adapted to the on-site conditions. However, to expect the lay person to comment in a meaningful way, as the variations mount up, is unrealistic. In future we would suggest that a complete list of variations agreed to date is supplied along with any further application. There is also the question of when does a brand new application become more appropriate than the seemingly constant flow of variations.

Given the above comments, councillors feel it would be appropriate for the LDNPA Planning Officer overseeing this development to address these concerns directly and I look forward to receiving his/her response. The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th November and it would be helpful to have a letter from the planning officer to read out at that meeting.

Confirmation of Compliance:

Ref: 7/2015/4068: Laverick View, 4 Kirkland Road: confirmation of compliance with condition 3, re: timber cladding.

ACTION: Clerk to inform the LDNPA of the views of the Council.

90.11.15: Report from the Police and Neighbourhood Watch:

Cllr. Wood reported that two Neighbourhood Watch messages had been sent out in September and one in October.

Police reports were as follows:

September 15:	Suspicious Incidents: 1	RTC: 1
October 15:	Suspicious Incidents: 2	

91.11.15: Highways Matters:

The Clerk reported that despite numerous attempts he had not heard back from Kevin Cosgrove of Cumbria Highways with regard to the installation of the mounting posts for the SID and a number of 40mph roundals still missing on the Cold Fell Road.

ACTION: Clerk to continue to try and get an update from Cumbria Highways.

92.11.15: The Draft Budget 16/17:

The Clerk took councillors through the various budget headings in the proposed draft budget for the coming financial year. Most of the expected costs associated with each of the budget headings are predicted to be similar to the current year with three exceptions. These were the cost of insurance which

is now to include cover for the ECRAG sports field, the cost of grounds maintenance which is predicted to increase to cover the cost of maintenance on the ECRAG sports field and a rise in the Clerks salary from scale point 18 to scale point 20. The overall expenditure is predicted to be £5,063.00p.

There followed a discussion on the amount of precept required. It was agreed to increase the precept for 2016/17 by £100 to £3,490.

Acceptance of the draft budget and an increase in the precept was:

Proposed: Cllr. Wood

Seconded: Cllr. Topping

All those present agreed.

ACTION: Clerk to inform CBC of the increase in the precept.

93.11.15: Council Finance:

The Clerk reported that the balance of the main account was £10,389.05p as per the latest available bank statement dated 20th October 2015.

The following payments were agreed:

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| • Notice-It Ltd (notice-board): | £865.00p |
| • D. Wood expenses: | £34.50p |
| • Lamplugh & Ennerdale PCC: | £300.00p |
| • LDNPA - Planning Fee: | £192.50p |

Once the above payments, had been taken into account, the reconciled balance of the account as of November 11th 2015 is £8,997.05p

ACTION: Clerk to send out payments.

94.11.15: Feedback from meetings:

The Clerk reported back from the most recent meeting of the Cold Fell Communities group. The latest traffic monitoring results had shown an unexpected increase in the volume of traffic using the fell road. However, the speed of the vast majority of road users fell within the 40mph limit.

Cllr. Wood reported back from a United Utilities Pipeline proposal meeting at which water quality was discussed.

Cllr. Wood reported back from the latest LDNPA Parishes meeting at which the proposed National Grid route for the new power lines was discussed. There was general unhappiness that the route will use pylons, even in the National park, rather than be underground. An update on the Miles without Stiles project was also given.

Cllr. Wood had attended the recent Nugen consultation at which temporary housing for workers was discussed. One of the possible sites is by the Park Hotel at Wath Brow.

95.11.15: Items for the next meeting:

- Wild Ennerdale update

- Bridge Park lease
- The United Utilities meeting

96.11.15: Date of next meeting:

7.00pm on Wednesday 13th January 2016 in St. Mary's Community Centre, Ennerdale Bridge

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chair

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