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Minutes of a meeting held in the Lower Market House, Hawkshead on Tuesday 15 April 2008 commencing at 7.30 pm.

present

Councillors

Mrs B M Brown (Chairman), Mrs S D Dewhurst, Mr D W Vaughan, Mr W Barr and Mr P J Stones. Clerk – Mr J I Poole

Members of the public

Gary Jones-Wright, Douglas Bell, Colin Davies and PCSO K Largue.

Apologies

158 Mrs J P Muir (previous engagement) and Mr R M Woodhouse (lambing).

Minutes

159 The Chairman was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 March 2008.

Guest Speaker

160 Gary Jones-Wright, representing The Environment Agency, gave an informative presentation about the state of a culvert beneath the village from Flag Street in the east to its emergence on The Croft in the west. Illustrating his talk with still photography and video footage, water cleanliness was not an issue but some structural concerns were obvious. Repair is the responsibility of riparian landowners who are presumed to own land up to the centre of the watercourse. He was unsure who had responsibility for keeping gratings clear to prevent debris dams but would report back in due course. The Chairman thanked Mr Jones-Wright for his illuminating talk.

Declarations

161 Cllr Barr declared a personal and prejudicial interest in plans for Hawkshead Hall Farm and Cllr Vaughan declared an interest in plans for The Old Bank Buildings.

Police liaison

- 162 PCSO Largue spoke about two incidents of theft but in general reports of crime and anti-social behaviour were reducing. Time had been spent investigating complaints of speeding, particularly at Gallowbarrow. However, it had been established that actual speeds were less than perceived.

Action results

- 163 Despite reminders by telephone and e-mail, a reply was awaited from Capita Highways.
- 164 Cllr Barr was formally **nominated** to stand as a candidate for the election of a Parish Member to LDNPA. Forms were signed and handed to Mr Barr for completion and return. **Action** – Cllr Barr.
- 165 The Clerk has yet to speak to Mr Riggs about a show stand credit note. **Action** – Clerk.
- 166 Cllr Vaughan gave an account of a CALC meeting he and the Chairman attended on 29 March 2008. It was thought that greater co-operation between local councils was required to achieve joint objectives such as pothole repairs and police cover.
- 167 Mrs Brown was pursuing a quest to obtain £2,000.00 from the County Councillor's budget for highways. **Action** – Chairman.

Old police station car park rules

- 168 It was generally agreed that, for the time being, the requirement to produce utility bills to prove residency would apply.
- 169 It was also considered inappropriate that Post Office staff check the paper work so the procedure this year would be for applicants to take their forms, fees and identity documents to the Lower Market Hall for checking by Councillors at the following times:- 10 am to 12 noon on Saturday 3 May 2008 OR 6 pm to 9 pm on Thursday 8 May 2008. OR 2 pm to 5 pm on Thursday 15 May 2008.
- 170 With immediate effect, completed forms and money must not be returned to the Post Office.
- 171 The rules would be revisited when the current lease expires in December 2008.
- 172 **Action** - Clerk to make and place notices around the village.

Correspondence

- 173 SLDC – Election Candidate Guides.
- 174 Draft North West Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) – consultation.
- 175 Audit Commission – appointment of external auditor.
- 176 Highways Agency – Helping you with your journeys.
- 177 SLDC – Travelling and Subsistence for Councillors.
- 178 Town and Parish Standard – March 2008.
- 179 Ferry Timetables.
- 180 CCC – Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework.
- 181 SLDC – Parish Charter.
- 182 The National Trust – invitation to the opening of Tarn Hows visitor facilities on Wednesday 21 May 2008. To be attended by Mrs Brown, Mr Vaughan and the Clerk. **Action** – Clerk to reply.
- 183 Friends of the Lake District – Open Green Spaces.
- 184 SLDC – Hawkshead Parking.
- 185 LDNPA – Parish Council Tours. Following a discussion, it was decided to opt for the Keswick tour on 16 May 2008. To be attended by Cllr Vaughan and the Clerk. **Action** – Clerk to reply.
- 186 Lake District World Heritage Site Project. (e-mailed to Cllrs 30/3/08)
- 187 SLDC – Concerning fraud, corruption or malpractice.

- 188 Julie Tait & Micheala Markland re use of recreation ground and Lake Alive 08.
- 189 SLDC – Standards Committee Minutes and Agenda.
- 190 CALC – 2nd Parish Rep. For CCC South Lakeland Committee.
- 191 VAC – Cumbria Calor Village of the Year Competition 2008.
- 192 CCC – Closure of B5286 bet. Esthwaite & Brathay on Sun 18/5/08 9am to 1 pm.
- 193 LDNPA – World Heritage Project Workshop 16/4/08 in the Market Hall. **Action** – To be attended by Cllr Vaughan.
- 194 CCC – The 7.10 and 17.20 Service 505 – withdrawn from 1 June 2008.
- 195 Resource Cumbria – A guide to strategic waste partnership.
- 196 Cumbria Community Foundation – Spring 2008 Newsletter.
- 197 High Furness Neighbourhood Forum – minutes of 20/2/08.
- 198 Zurich Insurance – enhanced cover.
- 199 Community Consultation Limited – Small PC Insurance Scheme.
- 200 SLDC – Election 2008 – Statement of Persons Nominated.
- 201 CCC – Highway Steward.
- 202 Michaela Markland re Hawkshead Recreation Ground.
- 203 Re litter picking arrangements. **Action** - Clerk to reply to jennifersalder@yahoo.co.uk
- 204 Satterthwaite PC agenda for 22/4/08 and minutes of 11/3/08. Comments about the old police station car park were noted. However, concerns were raised about Claife PC response to Hawkshead's article. **Action** – Cllr Vaughan to speak to the Editor of The Link.

The Parish Plan

- 205 There were no new developments reported.

Public participation

- 206 Colin Davies offered advice about pursuing outstanding correspondence from the County Council but all avenues were being explored on this occasion.

Lengthsman duties

- 207 It was recognised Chris Slater's contract was now at an end but it was hoped to retain him on a casual basis. **Action** – Cllr Barr.

Finance

- 208 The Clerk had made a claim for the refund of £228.98 p VAT.
- 209 Letters had been sent to the Inland Revenue detailing wages paid to YE 31 March 2008.
- 210 An internal audit of the fourth quarter (1 Jan to 31 Mar 2008) was conducted satisfactorily.
- 211 The following accounts were approved for payment: - Chris Slater £231.00 p; Cllr Vaughan £65.90 p and Clerk's reimbursements £24.64 p.

Planning

- 212 Result: Plans to extend to Attwood, Outgate have been granted.
- 213 Application 7/2008/5154 – proposed change to roof and insertion of double doors at Peacock Cottage, Outgate was approved. **Action** – Clerk to reply.
- 214 Applications 7/2008/5161 and 5162 – proposed conversion of loft to living space and insertion of roof lights at The Old Bank Buildings were approved. **Action** – Clerk to reply.
- 215 Application 7/2008/5188 – proposed alteration to doors and windows at Peacock Cottage, Outgate was not approved because it would spoil the aesthetical quality of the building. **Action** – Clerk to reply.

- 216 Application 7/2008/5199 – proposed re-siting of 5 static caravans and associated engineering works at Hawkshead Hall Farm was approved. **Action** – Clerk to reply.

Reports from Councillors

- 217 The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Stones for his work during his term of office, particularly acknowledging his tremendous input to The Parish Plan.
- 218 It was acknowledged that Cllr Mrs Muir had served for twelve years before deciding to step down. Unfortunately she was not present to receive her accolade. **Action** – Clerk to write.
- 219 End of term celebrations will take place at the Outgate Inn on Wednesday 23 April 2008 with dinner served 7 pm for 7.30 pm.

Items for inclusion in next agenda

- 220 Guest Speaker – Moyra Herring from The National Trust will give a Tarn Hows update.
- 221 Liaison with neighbouring parish councils.

Date of next meeting

- 222 Tuesday 20 May 2008 immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.09 pm.