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Minutes of a meeting held in the Lower Market House, Hawkshead on Tuesday 20 October 2009, commencing at 7.30 pm.

present

Councillors

Mr R M Woodhouse (Chairman), Mrs F Stride, Mr D J Spedding, Mrs C Wood and Mr A Brown.
Clerk – Mr J I Poole

Members of the public

Mr A Merrick, Mr D Vaughan, PCSO K Lague and District Councillor Colin Davies.

Apologies

419 Cllr W Barr (vacation) and Cllr I Moulton (vacation).

Minutes

420 The Chairman was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 September 2009.

421 Cllr Stride was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of a special meeting held on 22 September 2009.

Declarations

422 Every member declared an interest in planning matters 7/2009/5535 and 7/2009/5476 because the applicant was Cllr C Wood.

423 Cllr M Woodhouse declared an interest in planning no 7/2009/5607 because the proposed pumping station opposite Hawkshead YHA encroached on his farmland.

Police liaison

424 PCSO Lague reported that crime was falling in Hawkshead although a burglary had been reported at the fish farm. Further, there had been numerous complaints about off-road motorcyclists in Grizedale. Members of the public were encouraged to report any suspicious sightings of people and vehicles.

425 To clarify a previous question about response times, the Officer explained that emergencies only had a target response time of 20 minutes.

426 District Cllr Davies asked that if a non permit holder parked in the square and subsequently a permit holder was forced to park on double yellow lines because no spaces were available, who was liable? The unpopular answer was that both motorists committed an offence.

Action results

- 427 The Clerk read a draft letter to LDNP regarding Hawkshead Conservation Village. This followed from a meeting held in Minstrell's Gallery on 22 September 2009. Further suggestions were noted. **Action** – Clerk to write to LDNP.
- 428 An initial meeting of High Furness Local Area Partnership is to be held on Monday 23 November 2009, Victoria Hall, Broughton, commencing at 7 pm. **Action** – Cllr C Wood and Cllr W Barr to attend. (See 439)
- 429 Our external auditors have signed off the Council's Annual Return. The document was **approved** and accepted by Council. Information placed on the notice board.
- 430 The Chairman reported an agreeable tour of the Tyson Fold houses.
- 431 SLDC have declared that they will not be renewing the maintenance lease of the toilet block on the main car park. From 1 April 2010 responsibility will revert to LDNP.

Parking

- 432 It was generally agreed that illegal parking in Hawkshead was a problem yet businesses could not survive without delivery vehicles that were only part of the problem. It was considered that increased parking warden activity was required and that economical advantages might be gained if Hawkshead and Coniston joined forces. **Action** – Clerk to Liaise with Clerk of Coniston PC and Warden Manager.

Correspondence

- 433 LDNP – Local Development Framework pre-submission. (In circulation) **Action** – To decide response – special meeting arranged – 7.30 pm Howe Farm 27 October 2009.
- 434 CCC – Minerals & Waste Consultation.
- 435 Grizedale Stages Rally – Saturday 5 December 2009.
- 436 Cumbria CVS News. Sept-October 2009.
- 437 SLDC re introduction of BACS payments.
- 438 Highways Agency – Helping you with journeys in North of England.
- 439 Important LAP Meeting – 7 pm Monday 23 November 2009 at Victoria Hall, Broughton. **Action** – Cllr C Wood and W Barr to attend. (See 428)
- 440 Local Development Framework – pre-submission consultation. (On notice board) Council's response will be decided per 433 above.
- 441 SLDC – Code of Conduct Training. Clerk replied 5/10/09.
- 442 SLDC – Agenda for 22/9/09.
- 443 Kendal Festival of Food 24 – 31 October 2009. (On notice board)
- 444 CAB – South Lakeland. Application for funding. No action taken.
- 445 SLDC – Parish Remuneration Panel. No reply necessary.
- 446 LDNP – Conservation area appraisal and management plan for Hawkshead. **Action** – Clerk to reply.
- 447 CALC – AGM Booking Form.
- 448 BT – Invitation to adopt the red telephone kiosk at Outgate. **Resolved** – Adoption declined.
- 449 SLDC – Standards Committee Minutes.
- 450 SLDC – Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2008/09.
- 451 CCC – Cumbria highways – Working Together.
- 452 Vickers Barrow Motor Club Rally – 17th/18th October has been cancelled.
- 453 Cumbria CVS News – October/November 2009.
- 454 The National Trust – request to talk to Council about a proposed footpath from Tarn Hows to The Mountain Road. **Action** – Clerk to invite representative to January 2010 meeting.

Public participation

- 455 Mr Vaughan asked whether Council would consider making annual contributions to the Market Hall and recover costs by raising the precept? He explained that this year's receipts were down £2,000 so if the trend continued the building may eventually fall derelict or be taken over by developers. Decision deferred. **Action** – Clerk to establish legal powers of local councils to provide or help to provide land and buildings for voluntary activities.
- 456 District Cllr Davies commented that repairs and reinstatement of the Mountain Road had been completed on Wednesday 30 September 2009 and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Highways. **Action** – The Clerk.
- 457 Mr Merrick, quoting from a local press article, was concerned that the main car park was going to be redesigned. This was untrue and an explanation was given about future plans for the village and surrounds.

Community notice board

- 458 Cllr F Stride had recently spent two hours updating the notice board under the Kings Arms Tunnel but found the exercise difficult due to the hard backing material into which pins had to be inserted. It was thought that if a softer substance such as cork were used, people would be encouraged to remove their obsolete posters. **Action** – Clerk to seek a quotation from John Dewhurst.

Highway steward duties

- 459 Dangerous broken flag on the corner of Summitrecks and the bookshop. **Action** – Clerk to contact Highway Steward.
- 460 Two potholes near the bus stop. **Action** – Clerk to contact Highway Steward.
- 461 Numerous potholes where Vicarage Lane enters the Co-op Square. **Action** – Clerk to contact Highway Steward.

Finance

- 462 The Clerk had previously circulated copies of the balanced R & P account together with management control and budget estimates for 2010/11.
- 463 An internal audit for the second quarter (01/07/09 to 30/09/09) was conducted satisfactorily.
- 464 The old police station car park budget was **approved**. Hawkshead residents will be charged £10, Satterthwaite and Claife residents will be charged £20 for the year 1 June 2010 to 31 May 2011. **Action** – Clerk to post full details in the car park.
- 465 Council's budget for 2010/11 was discussed in detail reflecting a 1.49% increase in precept application. It was noted that regrettably the recreation ground grant had been reduced by £172. Decision **deferred**.
- 466 The following accounts were approved for payment: - Clerk's half year salary (1 April to 30 September 2009) £1,718; ICO renewal of registration £35; RBL Poppy Appeal (s137) £20; H Anderson £34 and BDO Stoy Hayward £184.00 p.

Planning

- 467 Application 7/2009/5476 by Mr and Mrs S Wood for modifications for camping purposes and associated engineering works at Hawkshead Hall Farm. A quorum could not be formed. **Action** – Clerk to write.
- 468 Application 7/2009/5535 by Mr and Mrs S Wood for removal of conditions 7 and 8 from planning permission 7/2008/5605 at Hawkshead Hall Farm. A quorum could not be formed. **Action** – Clerk to write.
- 469 Application 7/2009/5607 by United Utilities for a pumping station opposite Hawkshead YHA was seen as a necessary intrusive development but proposed landscaping would screen the site. **Action** – Clerk to write.

Reports from Councillors

- 470 County Cllr C Salisbury had sent her apologies.
- 471 District Cllr C Davies informed the meeting that some progress was being made about the future of the old infant school. On 2 October 2009, he had met with a representative from Two Castles (taken over from Home Housing) and SLDC Housing Officer. The association have been tasked with producing new plans to allay a number of anxieties.

Budget revisited

- 472 The proposed budget for 2010/2011, circulated by the Clerk, was **approved**. An application form to SLDC for a precept requirement of £10,500.00 p was duly completed. **Action** – For onward transmission by the Clerk.

Items for inclusion in next agenda

- 473 Chairman to introduce Judith Derbyshire from Cumbria Rural Housing Trust together with a representative from SLDC and LDNP who will give an update on the current situation.

Date of next meeting

- 474 Tuesday 15 December 2009.

The meeting ended at 10.20 pm.