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Minutes of a meeting held in the Upper Market House, Hawkshead on Tuesday 15 December 2009, commencing at 7.30 pm.

present

Councillors

Mr R M Woodhouse (Chairman), Mr W Barr and Mrs C Wood. Clerk – Mr J I Poole.

Members of the public

Judith Derbyshire, David Vaughan, John Moffat, PCSO Kayleigh Largue, District Councillor Colin Davies and County Cllr Claire Salisbury.

**Apologies**

475 Mrs F Stride (training course), Mr D J Spedding (work commitment), Mr A Brown (work commitment and Mr I Moulton (family commitment).

**Minutes**

476 The Chairman was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 October 2009 and a special meeting held on 27 October 2009.

**Declarations**

477 **Resolved** that it be noted that no declarations of members' personal or prejudicial interests were made in respect of items on this agenda.

**Police liaison**

478 PCSO Largue reported that although crime in general had decreased throughout the year, there had been a particular increase in burglaries committed during recent flooding in Hawkshead, Grasmere, Coniston and Torver.

**Guest speaker**

479 The Chairman introduced Judith Derbyshire from Cumbria Rural Housing Trust who gave an update on the recent local housing survey. There had been a 39% return but a 50% response from permanent residents. This was excellent and thanks were expressed to all concerned. Evidence was gleaned that there was support for more local housing with eleven families in need now or in the next 3 to 5 years. Questions were raised about shared ownership/equity and whether, in the current financial climate, a 25% share of a home was worth having. This opened discussion on prices being tied to wage inflation rather than the housing market but creation of an artificial market had little appeal. The survey revealed some criticism of The National Trust as landlords but John Moffat refuted this by explaining that they own 14 properties in Hawkshead, which during the past five years have benefited from £300,000 worth of repairs/investment. The Trust was obliged to demand current market value rents because as a charity they were legally required to do so. A number of other issues were discussed after which the Chairman gave a vote of thanks.

**Action results**

- 480 The Clerk read a reply from LDNP regarding much needed improvements in the village centre. It was clear that the Parish Council must take the lead but LDNP offered their help and support through the good counsel of Chris Greenwood. **Action** – Cllr Barr will meet Mr Greenwood on 16/12/09 to obtain his availability for an early meeting with members.
- 481 Unfortunately, due to flooding and other commitments, an initial meeting of High Furness Local Area Partnership was not attended.
- 482 Dick Base from SLDC Parking Warden Service was already maximising his recourses with staff visiting Hawkshead and Coniston to enforce regulations.
- 483 A response to LDNP re the Local Development Framework had been made as per pages 78-79 of the Minute Book commencing 15-01-2008.
- 484 The Clerk reported the existence of a wide power to give financial support to groups, clubs etc. However, CALC advised against making a regular commitment because in the long term problems may arise. No action was taken.
- 485 The cost of a drawing pin friendly sundealer-board for the notice board under the Kings Arms tunnel would be £96.00 p. This was considered to be too costly but the problem was solved by a member of the public who suggested using double sided tape, blu-tack, or similar to preserve users fingers and nails.
- 486 Rather than proposed annual budgets accompanying the agenda for the relevant meeting, it was agreed that the Clerk circulates details one month beforehand.

### Recent floods

- 487 It was established that a total of 15 homes had been affected in Kings Yard, Red Lion Yard, Flag Street, Fountain Street and Hawkshead Field. Four businesses had been damaged but equally important, staff could not access the village because of flooding on the Sawrey/Hawkshead road, Hawkshead to Ambleside road and the Hannakin to Newby Bridge Road. This had caused many potholes but of more significance was the lifting of stone flags in the village squares that Council were keen to see regenerated. **Action** – Clerk to e-mail County Cllr C Salisbury.
- 488 It was **resolved** that causes of flooding were threefold, namely:
- 1 Inadequate culvert beneath the village.
  - 2 Silt collection under Pool Bridge and
  - 3 Raised level of the water table due to a fish screen effectively forming a dam at the southern end of Esthwaite Water.
- 489 Cllr Mrs Wood was already in contact with The Environment Agency in arranging a meeting to explore these concerns. **Action** – Cllr Wood to inform the Clerk of time/date/place of meeting so that other members could be invited, together with John Moffat of The National Trust and a representative of Claife Parish Council.

### Correspondence

- 490 The Cumbria Rider.
- 491 Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2009.
- 492 CALC – Annual Report 2009.
- 493 Cumbria CVS – News.
- 494 North West Air Ambulance – request for financial support. Denied.
- 495 Changes in User and Carer Involvement.
- 496 Local Development Framework – Call for Sites. Already dealt with.
- 497 LDNP- Road closures due to car rallies.
- 498 SLDC – Supporting Tourism in Hawkshead. Some pitfalls were noted.
- 499 Glasdon Product List.
- 500 Running event on Saturday 24 April 2010.
- 501 SLDC – Local Development Framework.
- 502 SLDC – Register of Electors for 2010.
- 503 SLDC – Agenda for 10/12/09.
- 504 LDNP – Public exhibition in Market Hall on 15/12/09 and 17/12/09. **Action** – For reply by the Clerk.
- 505 SLDC – Code of Conduct Training at Market Hall 7 pm to 9 pm Wednesday 17/2/09. **Action** – Clerk.
- 506 CALC – course dates – for reminder at next meeting. **Action** – Clerk.
- 507 CCC – Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework.

### Public participation

- 508 Cllr Wood asked the market price of the pre-school. District Cllr Davies said that if the question were recorded in the minutes he would attempt to answer. **Action** - Cllr Davies.
- 509 Mr Vaughan informed the meeting that it was intended to close the recreation ground access opposite school on grounds of health and safety.
- 510 It was announced that childcare in Coniston would be discontinued next summer. Council were committed to give whatever support was necessary.
- 511 If a request was made, it was agreed that members of the public could be sent agendas and minutes via email. **Action** – The Clerk.

#### Highway steward duties

- 512 The meeting was informed that all gullies along the Ambleside-Hawkshead-Sawrey road had been cleared.
- 513 Some of the flags in the Square will be re-set during the next visit.
- 514 Drains from Roger Ground to above School Wood are not taking water. **Action** – Cllr Barr.

#### Finance

- 515 The following accounts were approved for payment:- Hawkshead PCC - £50; Temple Heelis - £225.50; Clerk's reimbursements - £56.29 and The National Trust - £115.00 p.

#### Planning

- 516 Result: The retention of camera equipment on Vicarage Lane had been approved.
- 517 Result: Building replacement on Land at Hawkshead Hill had been approved.
- 518 Result: Application to build three local needs houses at the rear of Barnfield had been refused.
- 519 Result: Application to erect a 10m wooden pole at Foldgate had been refused.
- 520 Application 7/2009/5659 to replace a wooden porch with one made of local slate at Flag Cottage was approved. **Action** – Clerk to reply.
- 521 Application 7/2009/5669 for change of use and conversion of existing former school building to a dwelling and construction of four new dwellings was supported but the plans, in their present form, did not suit the locality. Whilst there was a need for local housing, this scheme was lacking in character. **Action** – Clerk to reply.
- 522 Application 7/2009/5670 for a building to house boiler and wood store at Yewfield was approved. **Action** – Clerk to reply.

#### Reports from Councillors

- 523 No new reports.

#### Items for inclusion in next agenda

- 524 Chairman to introduce John Moffat and Kevin Fairclough of The National Trust who will give presentations about restructuring of the local organisation and a proposed new bridleway to link Iron Keld via Torver intake to meet the Arnside Mountain Road.

#### Date of next meeting

- 525 Tuesday 19 January 2010.

The meeting ended at 10.17 pm