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Minutes of a meeting held in the Lower Market House, on Tuesday 20 July 2010,
commencing at 7.30 pm.

present

Councillors

Mr R M Woodhouse (Chairman), Mr W Barr, Mr D J Spedding, Mr I Moulton and Mr A
Brown. Clerk – Mr J I Poole

Members of the public

Mrs B M Brown, Mr J Carter, Mrs P Carter, Mr R Treeby, Mr D W Vaughan, Mr L
Stewardson,
Mr I Carr, PSCO K Largue and District Councillor C E Davies.

Apologies

233 Mrs C Wood and Mrs F Stride (business commitments).

Minutes

234 The Chairman was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the
last meeting held on 18 May 2010.

Declarations

235 Cllr Mr Spedding declared an interest in planning application 7/2010/5288
submitted by his father.

Police liaison

236 Miss Largue was pleased to report only one case of suspected theft during the
last month.

237 A 'Suggestion Box' had been placed in the Post Office inviting comments about
stronger, safer communities.

238 A diesel spillage had occurred today on Main Street and had been reported to
Highways.

Action results

239 The old playgroup building was transferred from Cumbria County Council to
South Lakeland District Council at a cost of £95,000.00p.

- 240 The Clerk circulated copies of 2010/11 accounts for the old police station car park including a comparison with 2009/10 and proposed budget for 2011/12. It was agreed that when the Parish Council had approved this in September, it would be made available to the public.
- 241 Several complaints about the state of the public toilets had been passed to Dave Coxon and Ian Blake of LDNP.
- 242 A reply from LDNP concerning advertisements at 'Oh-La-La' was read. The shop owner, who was in the public gallery, defended his actions stating that his signage was 33 cm tall when the law allowed 30 cm. Whilst arrangements were in hand to rectify matters, it was asked if 'Poppy Red', 'Hawkshead Shop', 'Kings Arms' and others would also be brought into line? No reply was offered but he was asked as to the whereabouts of a bench that, until recently, had been sited outside his shop? His response was that Highways and Cemeteries had taken it away for repair. **Action** – Clerk to arrange reinstatement.

Correspondence

- 243 Councillor Trustee details forwarded to Recreation Ground Trust.
- 244 Grammar School Trust representative details forwarded.
- 245 Market House Trust representative details forwarded.
- 246 Hawkshead PC Newsletter sent to Rev. J Dixon.
- 247 LDNP – Partnership Plan 2010-2015 – In circulation 25/5/10.
- 248 SLDC – Standards Committee – Annual Report.
- 249 Bradford Festival Lights.
- 250 Clerk's email re membership of the Recreation Ground Trust.
- 251 Letter of complaint re toilets. See also Minute 221.
- 252 SLDC – Consultation on new leadership arrangements.
- 253 LDNP – Listed Building Survey.
- 254 LDNP Update – Emailed to Cllrs 28/5/10.
- 255 LDNP – Local Development Framework – In circulation 1/6/10. (FR X 12/7/10)
- 256 Mrs M Parkinson – Highways issue.
- 257 LDNP – Management Plan Short Guide. (Emailed to Cllrs 7/6/10)
- 258 United Utilities – access to recreation ground.
- 259 High Furness LAP meeting – 7 pm 21/7/10 at John Ruskin School. **Action** - To be attended by Cllr Mr Barr and the Clerk.
- 260 Mrs B M Brown re contract parking.
- 261 Clerks and Councils Direct – July 2010.
- 262 Cumbria CVS News – Summer 2010.
- 263 SLDC Agenda for 29/6/10.
- 264 SLDC – Register of Interests. **Action** – Clerk to return signed declarations.
- 265 SLDC – Standards Committee Minutes.
- 266 Claire Salisbury – contact numbers.
- 267 PCSO Lague re dog fouling bins.
- 268 Hawkshead Market Hall – Fire Safety Instructions.
- 269 SLDC – Parish Remuneration Panel.
- 270 Refused parking permits.
- 271 Application from 'outside' resident for parking permit. This was considered but refused because it would set a precedent for a demand that could not be met. **Action** – Clerk to reply.
- 272 Town and Parish Councils – Budget information.
- 273 Link Newsletter for September 2010.

- 274 Grizedale Stages Rally 2010. The new format was read to which there were no objections. **Action** – Clerk to reply.
- 275 Tim Farron MP – Advice Surgeries. On Notice Board.
- 276 CALC – Defra booklet – Being a good Employer. Also request for Council update. **Action** – Clerk to reply with Councillor details.
- 277 CCC – Cumbria Landscape – Consultation.
- 278 Glasdon Product List.
- 279 LDNP – Footpath diversion consultation. There were no objections raised to moving a footpath slightly south by the entrance of the water treatment works. **Action** – Clerk to reply.
- 280 LDNP – Parish Tours – September 2010.

Contract car parking

- 281 A heated discussion ensued as to the allocation of car park spaces. One member of the public drew attention to six criteria drawn up at Council meetings held on 21/3/06 (Minute 262) and 16/5/06 (Minute 391) but inspection of the documents was refused. In view of this, the Chairman **deferred** this item until all members had been given copies. **Action** – Clerk to send relevant minutes to Councillors.

Public participation

- 282 Mr Treeby asked if it was correct that if he did not reside in the village, he was not entitled to a contract car parking space. It appeared that this was the case but hopefully the issue would be settled at the next meeting.
- 283 Mr Vaughan said that an arbitrary decision had been made not to include a charge on Claife and Satterthwaite for their many years previous free use of the old police station car park. The Chairman informed him that anything he wished to say on the matter should be reserved for the September budget meeting.
- 284 A hedge on North Lonsdale Road, which is on land now owned by LDNP, requires trimming. **Action** – Clerk to arrange.
- 285 Ivy House, a listed building, was looking rather run down. It was considered that this would be picked up in a forthcoming survey. (See 253)
- 286 An overgrown hedge outside the Doctor's surgery required trimming. **Action** – Clerk to write to landowner – Mr R Shelton.
- 287 Cyclists were using Flag Street as a racetrack and upsetting residents. **Action** – Clerk to email PCSO K Lague.
- 288 The whole village requires sweeping. **Action** – Clerk to arrange.
- 289 It was asked where complaints should be directed about businesses being conducted on public pavements? The questioner was advised to contact Highways.
- 290 A general complaint was received about the overgrown state of roadside hedges and self-seeded saplings. The removal of waste caused problems for our Highway Steward. **Action** – Clerk to ascertain responsibilities in keeping roadsides clear of overgrown vegetation.

Highway steward duties

- 291 A gully near the Youth Hostel was blocked. **Action** – Highway representative.
- 292 Dale Park Road gullies were blocked. **Action** – Highway representative.
- 293 Gullies on Hawkshead Hill were blocked. **Action** – Highway representative.

Finance

- 294 The external audit process for 2009/10 was now complete. No matters came to light that required the issuing of a separate report. This was **approved** and **accepted** by Council.
- 295 Accounts for the First Quarter – 1 April to 30 June 2010 had previously been circulated. The Clerk drew attention to an apparent bank overpayment of £100 on paying-in slip no 100456. This had been reported to the bank on 5 July 2010 who would be responding in due course. An internal audit was conducted satisfactorily.
- 296 Payment this year for grass cutting and hedge clipping – National Trust car park (£282) and Parish (£718) was **ratified**. Payment due 21/9/10.
- 297 The purchase of a computer for parish use was considered but £650 was too high a cost. **Action** – Clerk to supply Cllr Barr with specification for price guide.
- 298 The following accounts were approved for payment:- BDO LLP - £158.63; Clerk's reimbursements - £54.78 p.

Planning

- 299 Result: Plans for the erection of a gazebo in school grounds was granted.
- 300 Result: Plans for extension and alterations at Tall Trees, Roger Ground was granted.
- 301 Result: Plans for a timber framed storage building at Violet Bank was granted.
- 302 Result: Plans for extending an existing wastewater treatment works was granted.
- 303 Result: Plans for a new porch at Flag Cottage was granted.
- 304 Result: Change of use of existing agricultural barn adjacent to The Old Schoolhouse, to light industrial use was granted.
- 305 Application 7/2010/5288 by Spedding Brothers to add 2 caravan pitches to the existing caravan site. After due consideration, no objections were raised. **Action** – Clerk to write.

Reports from Councillors

- 306 County Councillor Claire Salisbury had sent her apologies for absence.
- 307 District Councillor Colin Davies gave an outline of hydro and solar power initiatives being explored by Satterthwaite and Colton Parish Councils. There is an entry on Colton PC website about hydropower and a meeting is scheduled for October in John Ruskin School to discuss solar power and heat pumps.

Items for inclusion in next agenda

- 308 No new items disclosed at this stage.

Date of next meeting

- 309 Tuesday 17 August 2010.

The meeting ended at 9.41 pm.