

## Muncaster Parish Council

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010 7.30pm Ravenglass Parish Hall.

### Present

Mrs Iona Frost-Pennington Vice-Chairman  
Mr D. N. Robson  
Mr Leo Saldanha  
Mr Neil Anderson  
Mrs Kath Tebb  
Mrs E Thornton  
Mrs E Gissing  
Miss Andrea Takacs Clerk

In Attendance Mr S Robb Ravenglass Village Forum, Chairman  
Ms J Pharaoh  
Mrs A MacIntosh  
Mr P VanZeller

### **Main Business**

#### **1. Apologies for absence and reasons for non-attendance.**

Chairman Turner - holiday

#### **2. Minutes of the council meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

Cllr Robson proposes and Cllr Saldanha seconds for the Chairman to sign minutes of the February meeting.

#### **3. Chairman's announcements**

Resignation of Cllr MacIntosh, the Council accepts the resignation and thanks Mr MacIntosh.

#### **4. Declarations of interest by members in respect of items in the agenda.**

Cllr Frost-Pennington, on points regarding Muncaster Castle.

Cllr Robson, on points regarding the Highway Steward.

#### **5. Adjournment of the meeting to allow members of the public to raise any issues.**

Mr Van Zeller enquires about the Village Hall Lease, Cllr Frost-Pennington states that the Muncaster Estate Office is dealing with the renewal.

Mr Van Zeller asks about the proposed traffic light system under the main railway bridge, the Village Forum has been approached with plans from CAPITA for a extra wide pedestrian crossing under the main railway bridge, which includes a set of pedestrian traffic lights.

Clerk to contact Rob Terwey from Cumbria County Council, as the Parish Council has not yet received any proposal.

#### **6. Matters arising from previous minutes**

New advertising from the Butchers Shop has been removed from the Information Board.

#### **7. To authorise any payments and deal with other financial matters.**

##### **a. Transactions – Insurance for Keith Bridges £112.90**

Cllr Saldanha proposes, Cllr Robson seconds, carried unanimously.

##### **b. Authorisation of expenses and payments**

Printing of Newsletter £24 – Cllr Anderson proposes, Cllr Tebb seconds, carried unanimously.

**c. Bank reconciliation**

No matters arising.

**d. Annual Financial Statement** – To be considered next meeting, follow up on Council Tax raise, as there are still no figures from Copeland, Cllr Robson to enquire

**8. Planning Matters**

a) New Applications – Lower Saltcoats Farm, 7/2010/4005 Proposal: Change of use of land to accommodate siting of holiday lodges – Comment to LDNPA Ravenglass is a rural community and saturated in Tourist accommodation, Cllr Anderson proposes, Cllr Robson seconds, Cllr Saldanha disagrees, carried. In addition it is not real diversification of a farm business, Cllr Robson proposes, Cllr Anderson seconds. Carried. – Clerk to contact LDNPA.

b) Application under consideration – Non under consideration

c) Planning applications completed – Non

d) Other planning matters

**9. Councillors reports**

a. Cllr Saldanha on the playground proposal, no more real progress, both applications are pending. PC thanks Mr Stuart Robb for all his help in obtaining the funding.

b. Cllr Robson: Five Rivers joint meeting with LDNPA, Copeland and County Council on planning matters including how to write and improve Parish Plans, as well as archive goals set by Parish Plans.

**10. Ravenglass Village Forum**

Answer form Environment Agency and Natural England, no permanent structure within 8 meters of sea defence. Forum will come back with a new altered plan.

**11. Correspondence received**

a. Copeland Corporate Plan

b. Report of Highways Agency Liaison Officer – The Highways Steward has pointed out that garden plants, hedges and trees should not be allowed to overgrow the footway (pavement) because it causes problems for less able-bodied pedestrians, wheelchairs, prams etc and promotes the growth of moss. An item would be included in the next Parish Council Newsletter to remind Parishioners to cut back plants etc.

c. LDNPA – Charter for Parish Councils and schedule of planning seminars and Parish Tours

**12. Grass Cutting and Hedge Cutting**

a. Two tenders have been received, but are higher than budgeted, clerk to contact Copeland Council for a tender.

**13. Road Safety**

a. Junction A595 – The work has not been completed as agreed. The trees and bushes on the inside of the A595 bend were to be cut back to improve visibility and road-signs were to be changed. Now that the changes have been in place for some time it is clear that additional work is required. The edge of the road should be marked more clearly and better separation of traffic at the point where vehicles turn right would help.

Cllr Saldanha was approached by several parishioners, that there is no warning signs for the changes in road layout yet, general feeling is that the junction has been wrongly set and is very

hard to manoeuvre especially night times as you can't see layout. There have been three accidents already and some points mentioned in the plan have not been addressed yet. Clerk to sent letter to County Council for site meeting and invitation for the Annual Council Meeting.

b. Car Park survey – David Coxon of LDNPA, will sent an update on the plans, last update was that the charges will be introduced in this financial year.

Volunteers for surveying car park to check on weekends.

#### **14. Presentation of Jackie Pharoa and Angela MacIntosh**

Both lived in village for many years and very happy to actively support the Parish Council.

#### **15. Newsletter format and expenses**

Content to be included: Hedge cutting in the village, e-newsletter instead of paper.

#### **16. Annual Parish Meeting format**

APM to start at 7pm, main discussion points highways issues and car park charges, guest speakers to be confirmed.

#### **21. New matters arising – an opportunity for members to raise any issues to be raised for discussion at the next meeting**

Bath House drainage

War Memorial crass cutting grant

#### **22. To agree the date of the next meeting - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.30pm**