

Muncaster Parish Council

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday 11th May 2010 7.30pm Ravenglass Parish Hall.

Present

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

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

Main Business

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

Cllr Gissing – Family illness

2. Minutes of the council meeting held on Tuesday 13th April 2010

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

3. Chairman's announcements

Thank you to former Chairman, Cllr Turner for her many years of work for the community. The PC wishes her all the best for the future.

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

Chair Frost-Pennington, on LDNPA allocation of land issues.

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

a. Why are Cllr vacancies not elected but co-opted?

Cllr Robson: Next year is an election year, if before the proper election is held a Cllr vacancy opens, it has to be published, if there is more than one applicant then if there is a vote for co-option. Also an election has to be called if more than ten parishioners ask for an election. Elections are very expensive for the Council and have to be budgeted for.

b. Mr Akroyd has made a complaint to the council that some parishioners have been harassing him.

Clerk to contact Mr Akroyd to obtain permission to contact Francesca Hoggarth from the police.

c. Is there a Ravenglass Parish Council?

No it is Muncaster Parish, Ravenglass Village Forum and Muncaster Parish Council work closely together.

6. Matters arising from previous minutes

Precept: Copeland Borough Council has finally got in touch about the unexpected rise in Council Tax, the reason for this is that the Parish has lost six properties to Eskdale Parish of which five

properties are Band E, also there are two more properties within the Parish that are now exempt from Council tax. Please refer to the attached calculation for more information.

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

a. Transactions –

b. Authorisation of expenses and payments

Cypher Digital – two years fee for muncasterparishcouncil domain name host - £29.38

Aon Insurance – Public Liability Insurance - £620.20

Barneys Printshop – Printing of Newsletter - £ 24.-

Muncaster Village Hall – Fee for Parish Council Meetings - £ 159.90

Cllr Robson proposes, Cllr Anderson seconds, carried unanimously.

c. Bank reconciliation

Bank information reviewed and correct.

d. Annual Financial Statement – To be considered next meeting,

8. Planning Matters

a) New Applications – No new applications

b) Application under consideration – Non under consideration

c) Planning applications completed – Non

d) Other planning matters – LDNPA Land Allocation:

In the recent consultation of the LDNPA Land Allocation Plan several sites have been identified as open spaces or for housing needs.

The nomination does not mean that planning permission has been given or houses can be built on straight away, it is only the identification of possible sites and potential developers would still have to go through normal planning procedure.

It is possible to comment on the plans individually and as PC via the National Park Website or in writing until the 1st June, a link is available through Muncaster PC Website.

Cllr Robson proposes and Cllr Saldanha seconds to reply as follows: Case X140 there is no particular way of access given; Case X139 access would be gained over the Village Green and the flood plain; in both cases the PC objects to the proposal.

Cases X136 and X138, the PC has no objections.

Forestry Commission – Cropple How forestry plan: The plan is to take out the fir tree plantation and rubbish and replant it as ancient woods.

Cllr Saldanha to respond for the PC in order to thank them for the proposal.

9. Councillors reports

a. Cllr Saldanha on the playground proposal, no more real progress, both applications are pending.

There has been an accident on the play-park, council to inform insurance and contact CALC for help with the response. The play-park has been checked monthly for its health and safety, by Cllr Saldanha.

10. Ravenglass Village Forum

No comments on last minutes

11. Correspondence received

a. Cumbria County Council – Mineral and Waste Development Framework – Mrs Turner to liaise with PC.

b. Natural England – Lakes to Dales invitation to briefing meeting – PC is not attending as to far away.

c. LDNPA – Local Development Framework – Consultation – Cllr MacIntosh to investigate.

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For Authorisation

- d. Cumbria Playing Field Association – affiliation – nor response needed.
- e. Copeland Borough Council – Annual Report of standards committee – no response needed.
- f. Digital UK – Exchange of equipment – no response needed.
- g. Cumbria County Council – Neighbourhood Forum Notification – no response needed.
- h. Cumbria Police Authority Community Liaison Forum Meeting – no response needed.

12. Grass Cutting

If any problems arise Cllr Anderson has e-mail address of John Davis, Head of Copeland Grass Cutting team.

13. Road Safety

- a. Junction A595 – see minutes for APM
- b. Car Park – see minutes for APM

14. Discussion and cooption of Jackie Pharoah and Angela MacIntosh

Both lived in village for many years and very happy to actively support the Parish Council. Cllr Saldanha proposes, Cllr Anderson seconds, carried unanimously.

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

16. To agree the date of the next meeting - Tuesday 8th June 2010 at 7.30pm