

CUMMERSDALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11 SEPTEMBER 2006.

PRESENT

Mr T Allison
Mr B Child
Mr D Harrison
Mrs H Atkinson
Mrs P Nicholson
Mr W Kerr
Mr K Nesworthy

Mr J Faulder member of public.

APOLOGIES

Mr K McIntosh

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Trevor Allison voting in election for new Parish Councillor.
Mr Allison re the two week refuse collections.

MATTERS ARISING

Mrs Nicholson, Mr Harrison, Mr Child and Mr Allison will attend an informal site meeting on Wednesday for the proposed amendments to the cycleway.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerks and Councils Direct, noted.

First copy of the Local Transport Plan, Mr Child to read.

“Carlisle is Cleaner Than Ever” posters etc for campaign noted.

CALC circular. Attention was drawn to the article on setting speed limits. It was agreed to ask for a Police presence in Garden Village on Wigton Road at about 7am for a few days.
Also write to Steads about speeding traffic in village. Ask the school to write as well.
Trevor will go and see owner of vans which are parked on the corner of the road as these are causing a hazard. The Carlisle sign on the right as you turn out of Cummersdale Road towards the City Centre obscures the view of traffic coming up the road, the Clerk will report this to the City Council.

Details of CALC courses noted. The City Council had offered a training session on the Parish Councils Code of Conduct, it was agreed to request this.

Kompan brochure and invitation to play seminar on 21 September will be passed on to the playground group.

Consultation on new charter between Parish and City Council. The Clerk will read this in depth and report back to the next meeting.

Draft Rights of Way improvement Plan. Mr Child and Mrs Nicholson will look at this as there are several rights of way in the Parish that need attention.

CUMMERSDALE CONSERVATION TRUST

Mr Allison wrote to Battersby and asked him to have the water tower looked at with the owners permission. This is now a safety issue and will be dealt with by the Clerk.

Mrs Nicholson has 10,000 daffodil bulbs that need planted in the next few weeks. These need planted Sunday 30 September. Mrs Nicholson will ask the school to plant some. Some will be planted in Garden Village on the grass bank in front of the hedge as the village is approached from the country.

The Clerk will ask Eden WC for an estimate of the cost of cutting the grass bank at the end of the houses in Cummersdale Road. It will be enough to trim it 4 times a year.

Trust propose to refurbish a fountain on Caldew Bank. They will need some money from the PC. A stonemason is looking at the project and he will give a quote shortly.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Mr Allison declared an interest in the election as one of the candidates was his son in law. He and Mr Faulder left the room.

The candidates were:-

David Lowe,
Andy Clode
Jim Faulder,

Mr Lowe was nominated by a majority of the PC using secret ballot. Clerk will write to Mr Lowe and invite him to the next meeting.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Mr Allison declared an interest in this matter as he sits on the City Council committee that is looking into the matter.

The proposed fortnightly collections will stop collecting any bags put out in addition to the wheelie bin. There is nothing that the Parish Council can do about this. It was agreed that garden refuse that was too much for the green bins did pose a problem and driving up and down to the tip was not particularly environmentally friendly but there was nowhere that this type of waste could be collected in the village. A discussion was held about the lack of recycling facilities in the area and it was suggested that recycling bins could be sited on the cobbles beside the Embassy ballroom. It was thought that cardboard recycling and plastic bottle recycling would be the best choice as these are not currently collected in the village. The Clerk will write a piece for the next newsletter and, then contact Mike Gardner to see if this can be done..

BELLS ON BIKES

Cyclists with no bells. This is a problem that cannot be addressed by the Parish Council, however, there were, by coincidence several articles in today's newspapers suggesting that the government are considering legislation that all push bikes must have a fully operating bell.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Agreed that we will pay Gateway Software to run and manage the website. The Clerk will prepare and advert for the next newsletter advertising space on the website from £25pa, in the hope of attracting some of the smaller businesses in the Parish. Mr Auld has already spoken to Pirellis, but the Clerk will check with him and write to Pirelli, Story and Steads asking for advertising/ donations as necessary.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Retrospective application. For the 50m anemometer that has been erected on site, noted.

CHEQUES

The following cheques were written

93	P L Gauntlett Accounts Ltd (reimbursed staples bill)	86.40
94	K McIntosh (reimbursed expenses for tip to meeting)	84.20

95	Eden Woodland Consultants	453.12
96	Eden Woodland Consultants	205.63
97	P L Gauntlett (wages)	140.22
98	P L Gauntlett (expenses)	78.40

ANY OTHER BUSINESS for next meeting

There is an open drainage ditch at the side of Glaramara Drive right on the edge of the PC boundary. The ditch is blocked with builders rubble etc and should have been dealt when the houses were built. The water is running into the children's play area. Mr Allison will go with Mr Kerr to look at the site and take it up with the house builders, or report back to the Clerk as necessary.

There is water running along Peter Lane in front of the new house. It looks as if, either the ditch has been damaged or the drain is broken under the road. Mr Kerr will have a look at this with Mr Allison and report back to the Clerk.

The roadside verges in Garden Village are in a terrible state caused by people parking on them. There is resistance to having them tarmaced at this will increase the parking on them and this is dangerous as it obscures the view of residents leaving their drives onto a very busy road. There is a small verge about 18" wide that is just mud with a 6" deep rut through it. The Clerk has tried in the past to get this tarmaced in, she will make more enquiries.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

16 October 2006.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

T Allison.