

# Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting  
held in the Parish Room on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm.

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**Councillors Present:** J Stephens, H Reb, K Armstrong, R James, N Harrop & K McMillan  
**Also Present:** Cllr Bowness (Cumbria County Councillor), & E Clark (Clerk).

- 1) **Apologies** - Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Langcake, Mattinson & Grainger (Allerdale Borough Councillor).
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.
- 3) **Public Participation** – no members of the public present
- 4) **Requests for Dispensations** - There were no requests for dispensations.
- 5) **Declaration of Interests** - No interests were declared.
- 6) **Cumbria Constabulary** - PCSO 5356 Smith forwarded the following report; there have been 3 incidents reported to the Police for the area of Bassenthwaite since the last meeting. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2016, police received a report of possible poaching due to a suspicious vehicle that was parked behind the Castle Inn with dogs inside. Police attended however there was no sign of the vehicle or any poaching. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, a caravan Park in the area reported the theft of 8 bottles of Calor gas worth £24 each from outside the caravan shop. On 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 there was a report of a male walking along the A66 in dark clothing. Police attended and could not locate the male on the A66.
- 7) **Chairman's Announcements**
  - a) The next Derwent 7 Meeting has been moved to the earlier date of Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April at 7pm to enable the relevant persons to attend and give a presentation on the possible Derwentwater Cycleway & Associated possible Jetty improvements.
  - b) The next meeting of the LDNPA Parish Forum will be held on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April at the National Park HQ, Kendal at 7pm. Dan Hunt from the National Park will be present to discuss the National Grid's North West Coast Connections and its forthcoming consultation and there will be an update from the National Park on their flood recovery work and a review of their Local Plan.
  - c) Bassenthwaite Lake Triathlon 2016 will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August at the Bassenthwaite Lake Sailing Club from 1pm to 4.30pm. The event includes a minor road closure which is the B5121 between Ouse Bridge & the Embleton Road.
  - d) Allerdale Borough Council has recently launched a new scheme to help fuel poor households install central heating in their homes. The scheme is open to owner occupiers and private tenants who either do not currently have a central heating system or who have a solid fuel boiler with a partial central heating system. They also have to receive certain benefits or have a low household income.

e) The LDNPA is reviewing its planning policy document – the Local Plan, the event is to take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April at Crosthwaite Parish Rooms, Keswick, 7pm – 8.30pm. A Parish Council representative is requested to attend if possible. *Clerk to circulate questionnaire for councillors comments.*

8) **Payment of Accounts** – the following payments were approved for payment:

a) PC World – Laptop & Printer	£449.98
b) E.on – Seasonal Illuminations	£ 0.65
c) United Utilities – Water Trough	£122.00

9) **Receipts Received** - the following receipts received were noted;

Deepdale Leisure Ltd - Website Advert	£ 10.00
R Beaty – Allotments Rent	£ 24.00
CALC – Transparency Grant	£374.99

10) **Financial Report** - The balance as at the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2017 is £19,234.13 on all three PC accounts – *Approved*. It was noted that the figure did not include some deposit account interest as the bank statements were not available.

11) **Planning**

a) **App Ref No. 7/2016/2070** – Provision of agricultural shelter - Land to the North of Mireside, Bassenthwaite – **No Objection** but the following comment to be made to the LDNPA; the original watercourse was across the field, this has now been blocked causing the water to be diverted onto the highway. The watercourse should be re-instated back across the field.

b) **App Ref No. 7/2016/2063** – Single dwelling house – Kiln Hill Cottage, Bassenthwaite, CA12 4RG – **No Objection**.

12) **Reports** –the parish room committee have decided not to proceed with a 100 club as there was insufficient support, they may re-address the idea at a later date. To celebrate the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday the committee are looking to hold a parish party with hog roast, suggested date to be 25<sup>th</sup> of June. The committee would appreciate any interest, feedback, ideas and support. Cllr Reb advised that the Caldbeck Rambler had been running all this week due to the half term holidays but it didn't seem to have been used much. It was agreed that the service be advertised on the parish noticeboard, website and in the Binsey Link.

13) **Parish Grass Cutting Contract** – a letter from ISS Facility advised that the grounds maintenance contract was due for renewal and it would be increased by 2.5%, thereby raising the contract value from £840 to £861 plus vat per annum. Cllr Stephens proposed & Cllr James seconded to continue with the ISS maintenance contract for 2016.

14) **Flooding** – an email from the Derwent 7 asked to capture the local feeling/knowledge/concerns/ideas with regards to how flooding/flood mitigation are handled and that the vast wealth of local knowledge regarding specific causes and possible mitigation measures around the ongoing increasing frequency and severity of flooding was not being captured. As agreed at the March meeting, Cllr Stephens compiled a letter to be forwarded to the Environment Agency and it was agreed that this letter should also be sent to the Derwent 7. The said letter was read and approved by councillors.

15) **Highways** – Cllr Bowness advised that the gully cleaning was now back in house so it would be controlled from Lillyhall. Future pot hole repairs should be improved as a new machine is currently being looked at which grinds the pot hole, heats it up, adds to it and

then melts it back in. Highways are looking to buy about three wagons; demonstrations carried out at Lillyhall proved it was a quicker, longer lasting method. The Bass chapel sign post was discussed and it was noted that the missing finger had now been found. Phillip Groom, Traffic Management Officer advised that repair and refurbishment of the sign would amount to perhaps £4000 – a sum of money the Highways department did not have available. He stated that if the parish were able to raise perhaps half, they may be able to meet the other outstanding half. Cllr Bowness offered to discuss the matter with the relevant highways team at their next meeting. There was no update on the new hedge at the end of North Row. Cllr James stated he had logged numerous pot holes in the parish to Better Highways and that the mirror at Bass Chapel required cleaning and new reflector tape round it to make it stand out again. It was discussed that the solar power slow down signs were still hanging in bits and would be better taken down if not repaired. The footpath which starts in the lonnin off the A591 to the North of the caravan site and runs alongside Hall's beck and ends at the lake, is blocked by a fallen tree and has had its bank washed away where it nears the lake – clerk to report. An email outlining proposals to install brown tourist signs for the Lakes Distillery from the junction off the A66 to Dubmill, from Castle Inn, the interconnecting roads in between and on approaching the roundabout at Crossthwaite from the Penrith direction was discussed with no objections.

- 16) **Parish Councillor Vacancy** – it was noted that Cllr Richardson had resigned from his position as parish councillor. Public notice of the vacancy to be advertised on the parish noticeboards with a copy being sent to the Elections Officer at Allerdale Borough Council.
- 17) **Holly Bank Footpath** – an email update report from Nick Thorne, Countryside Access Advisor stated that negotiations with the owner's agent were amicable and useful but ultimately the landowner did not consider that the path was used or still fully existed. Nick advised that he had drafted a submission to the Secretary of State and was currently trying to get an ancient map from the Cumbria County Council which he thought might just show what the parish council drew as the footpath back in 1958 when they claimed it. He was also hoping to come and chat to some of those who have used the path to find out precisely where it went, what was there and so on. Following that, he advised he would send the matter to the Planning Inspectorate who would determine the matter.
- 18) **Recycling Bins** – a letter from Allerdale's Waste Prevention Officer advised that it was their intention, during April, to reduce the number and size of the recycling bins at the Parish Rooms. The number of containers will be reduced to 1 x 360 bin for glass (all colours mixed) and 1 x 360 bin for metal cans. This will allow for recycling generated during functions held at the hall to be accommodated. If the reduced bins prove to be insufficient, Allerdale will re-assess the situation
- 19) **Parish Room Refurbishment** – no further update other than a number of queries from the capital advisor were currently being answered.
- 20) **Items for next Agenda** - new items to be with the clerk by Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016.
- 21) **Date of Next Meeting** - it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2016.

*The chair closed the meeting at 9pm*

Signed: ..... Chair 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016