

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting
held in the Parish Room on Thursday 4th June 2015 at 7.30pm.

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Councillors Present: J Stephens, J Mattinson, R James, K McMillan, S Langcake & K Armstrong.

Also Present: Cllr Grainger (Allerdale Borough Councillor) Cllr Bowness (Cumbria County Councillor), & E Clark (Clerk).

- 1) **Apologies** - Apologies for absence were received & accepted from Cllrs Richardson & Reb & PCSO Megan Jones.
- 2) **Minutes Resolved** – that the Chair sign as a correct record minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th May 2015.
- 3) **Public Participation** - There were no comments or representations from members of the public.
- 4) **Requests for Dispensations** - There were no requests for dispensations.
- 5) **Declaration of Interests** - No interests were declared.
- 6) **Annual Parish Meeting** – the following issues from the annual parish meeting were re-addressed;
 - a) **Defibrillator** – information received from BT stated that the telephone box on The Green would be consulted on with the Lake District National Park for the removal of the telephone to allow Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) to adopt the housings for a defibrillator. It was noted that there had been 64 paid calls, 12 free calls and no emergency calls made from the box in 12 months to January 2015. The last chargeable call was on the 12th of May 2015. There were no mobile signal test results available for this kiosk. Once the kiosks have been adopted CHT could install the defibrillator within 4 weeks as the installs are being done by a company in Penrith, this is subject to CHT raising funding for the installation and ongoing maintenance of the defibrillator. However, in parallel with this adoption process, CHT are working with the North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) and the parish councils to raise funds. Contact with the Parish Council will be done by the NWAS. Councillors agreed that this was a good idea but consultation with the community would be required. It was also agreed that the suggestion of familiarisation/first aid training, offered by a doctor in the parish would be beneficial.
Resolved; notice asking for the communities views to go on the noticeboard, website & Binsey Link. Clerk to request further information with regards to costs (electricity etc), timescale & whether a door is required on the kiosk as it is currently missing.
 - b) **Broadband** – no further action necessary.
 - c) **Highway Issues** – the Narrows has now been repaired but it was discussed that this was just a temporary repair, how long would it last and when would a full re-surface be due? Thanks to be given to highways department for the work carried out and questions to be asked.

d) **Finances** – it was stated that the £10,000 from the sale of the donated land had previously been invested at an 18% interest rate and therefore over the years more than the amount invested had been given back to the parish. The capital and interest have been used over many years to donate to worthwhile causes of both direct and indirect benefit to parishioners and to ensure that unexpected expenses could be met with no impact on the precept. It was discussed that there was guidance on the level of funds allowed to be kept by a parish council and anything above that amount should be assigned to specific items, the money from sold assets could only be used for capital purchases, not running costs. *Resolved; advice to be gained from CALC on money management and on creating a contingency fund for footway lighting, Parish Room & major tree maintenance.*

7) **LDNP Community Grant** – following information received, councillors agreed that no further action was required.

8) **Cumbria Constabulary** - PCSO 5298 Jones apologised for being unable to attend the meeting but forwarded the following report; there has been 6 incident reported to the Police for the area of Bassenthwaite since the last meeting, an overview of some of the incidents reported are; On the 8th of May the police received a report of lambs on the road in the Bassenthwaite area. A patrol attended and the lambs were returned to their field. On the 11th of May an I-Phone was reported as being stolen from a hotel in the area. Police investigations were conducted. On the 14th of May the police received a report of a vehicle driving erratically in the area. A patrol attended the area, but there were no further sightings of the vehicle.

9) **Chairman's Announcements**

a) An email from the Bassenthwaite Parish Room committee thanked the Parish Council for their cheque of £ 250.63 in respect of the non- domestic rates and water rates bills. Thanks were given for the parish council's continued support.

b) It was agreed that a re-arranged date for the walking of the UU pipeline route was now not necessary.

c) The summer Allerdale three tier meeting is to be held at Bothel village hall on Thursday the 25th June 2015 beginning at 7.00pm. A representative from Tidal Lagoon West Cumbria will give a presentation. The Ambulance service have been asked to give a presentation and an officer at the County Council on emergency planning in its widest form, including the work that is being presently undertaken to extend the Sellafield exclusion zone. There will be an update on footway lighting. The agenda will be circulated in the week before the meeting.

d) The AGM of the Derwent 7 is scheduled to take place on Monday 29th June 2015 at 19:15 (venue will be in Keswick but still to be confirmed). As this meeting of the Derwent 7 is the AGM, there will be nominations for the positions of Chairman and Treasurer.

e) Report from the Allerdale Parishes Members of the LDNPA – circulated by email. It was noted in the report that Geoff Davies's name had been forwarded to the Defra

Secretary of State for formal appointment as the (new) North Distinctive Area Parishes member of the LDNPA, but until this is confirmed Geoff is still the Allerdale Parishes Member.

- f) The LDNP North Distinctive Area Meeting is to be held on Tuesday the 9th of June at 16.30 at the Lakes Distillery, Bassenthwaite, closing date for reserving places was the 3rd of June.
- g) On the 27th of May, County Councillor Bowness was officially thanked by Councillor Stephens for the donation he gave towards the new parish swings. A photograph of the event is to be in the Keswick Reminder.

10) Councillor Vacancy – vacancy to be re-advertised in the next Binsey Link (July) and on the Parish website.

11) Payment of Accounts - the Council approved the following payments:

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| (a) Bassenthwaite PCC - Grasscutting | £500.00 |
| (b) Clerk's Salary 01/04/15 – 30/06/15 | |
| (Postage £26.50, Printer Ink £27.08, Envelopes £1.30) | £ 54.88 |
| (c) HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE | £106.00 |

12) Financial Report - The balance as at 4th June 2015 is £14,575.06 on all three PC accounts – *Approved*.

13) Planning

Ref No: 7/2015/2081 – Erection of barn for horses and adjoining menage – field to the North of Mireside, Bassenthwaite

The Parish Council object to this application due to the field having a major drainage issue, the road flooding following heavy rain (highways investigating), changes to nearby water course and the alternative location near the existing building and away from the road would be preferred.

Ref No: 7/2015/2064 – Proposed conversion of former hostel building to 3 no. local needs dwellings, sub-division of existing 7 bedroom house to form 2 no. self-catering units and change of use of recreation field to 30 pitch tent camping site (using existing toilet block) – Kestrel Lodge, Bassenthwaite.

The Parish Council support this application but made the following comments;

Have all the road/bridge owners been consulted about this as this will double the amount of traffic on this rough, very narrow road? 4 party shared approach road and untested weak bridge unsuitable for expected extra traffic. Who is responsible for maintaining the approach road and the bridge as extra traffic will be involved?

The three apartments should have strict local occupancy restrictions (or preferably work associated restrictions for cottages/campsite) Campsite will be visible from Skiddaw so no Tipis, Yurts or Shepherd's Hut as there are at Deepdale which has a significant development.

Is the shower/toilet block with the existing septic tank adequate for the number of tents proposed? Also, its location attached to a holiday cottage.

A single bathroom for a three bedroom holiday cottage seems inadequate and could affect bookings and hence the viability of the business.

Ref No: 7/2015/2095 – Use of building as either live/work unit or local occupancy dwelling house – The Rake, Bassenthwaite.

The Parish Council had no objections to the above application but one councillor stated he would like it to be reverted to a live/work unit.

The following Notices of Grant of Planning Permission were received;

Ref No: 7/2015/2028 – Bassenfell Manor, Bassenthwaite to Junction with A591 at Kilnhill, Bassenthwaite, CA12 4RL – to install a (5.48m diameter, approx area 24m²) PVC yurt to use as an ancillary outdoor classroom.

Ref No: 7/2015/2049 - Roofing over sheep pens & feeding area - Burthwaite Farm.

- 14) **Reports** – no reports received.
- 15) **Highways** – no date yet set for the re-surfacing of School Road, pot holes had been reported at Park Wood and The Rake. Bass Chapel is still going on, there was a camera on there but it couldn't see all the parked cars. Clerk to write to police to ask to monitor the situation, cars parked too close to the junction, householders need advising, there is a danger to cars turning into School Road on Chapel Junction. North Row drain had been reported – Cllr James to chase up.
- 16) **Community Asset** – it was noted that the application form had been completed and left with the occupants of the Sun Inn to complete the ownership and current resident details.
- 17) **Parish Room Refurbishment** – following the submission of the Lottery grant stage 2 application, a few queries had been returned, which have to be replied to by the 16th of June. A critical issue is drainage, there is a septic tank in Mr. P. Trafford's field that will almost certainly need to be replaced. Mr P. Trafford has said that he is unwilling to donate or sell any land to the Parish Council to add to the Parish Room footprint and is currently establishing the legal position as to the septic tank. Mr. Nichol Mattinson has been asked by the Parish Room Refurbishment Committee if he is willing to allow the proposed new Parish Room to be built to the land boundary line and if he would further consider donating or selling a small amount of land to allow a slightly larger build without loss of parking. Replies have not yet been received. An option of a sewage disposal tank in the building curtilage was discussed which would have to be emptied every 10-14 days. This option would be investigated but it was thought that it may not be acceptable for a public building. Unless the drainage problem is solved and the building is able to be built up to the boundary the new build would not be able to go ahead. Old minute books state that a conveyance of land from Mr. A. Trafford to the Parish Council was drawn up and that a copy went to the parish council and to Mr A Trafford. It was agreed that the archives, bank and solicitors be checked for further information.
- 18) **Parish Website** – it was agreed that the information published on the website should be councillors names, telephone numbers and email addresses. Clerk to ask CALC what other information is mandatory to be published.
- 19) **Items for next Agenda** - New items to be with the clerk by Monday the 22nd of June.
- 20) **Date of Next Meeting** - it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Thursday the 2nd of July 2015.
The chair closed the meeting at 9.33pm.