

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting
held in the Methodist Chapel on Thursday 2nd February 2017 at 7.30pm.

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Councillors Present: J Stephens, R James, N Harrop, E Trafford, H Reb, S Langcake,
K McMillan & J Mattinson.

- 1) **Apologies** - Apologies for absence were received from PCSO Smith.
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st December 2016.
- 3) **Public Participation** – no members of the public present.
- 4) **Requests for Dispensations** - There were no requests for dispensations.
- 5) **Declaration of Interests** – There were no declaration of interests.
- 6) **Cumbria Constabulary** - PCSO 5356 Smith apologised for being unable to attend the meeting and advised that there were no major incidents to report. It was noted that the police crime website was still not up to date (only up to November) so could not yet be utilised.
- 7) **Chairman’s Announcements**
 - a) A £60 million fund was announced in the budget to support community-led housing developments in areas where the impact of second homes is particularly acute. For 2016/17 financial year Allerdale have been allocated £775,554. This may be of interest to parish councils as they could potentially be part of a partnership to deliver a project in their area.
 - b) The Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) site allocations preferred options consultation will take place between 29/01/17 and 24/03/17. (Info emailed to councillors).
 - c) A letter from Val James on behalf of the British Legion Poppy Appeal thanks the parish council for their kind donation of £25.00.
 - d) Residents of Green Cottage emailed to thank all those involved in putting up and maintaining the Christmas tree. It gave them and their family great pleasure & enjoyment and if any help is required with the tree in future years they would be willing to help.
- 8) **Payment of Accounts** – the following donation was considered & approved for payment;
Great North Air Ambulance £25.00
- 9) **Financial Report** - The balance as at the 2nd of February 2017 is £13686.91 on all three PC accounts – *Approved*. The budget review for 2016//17 – *Approved*.
- 10) **Grass Cutting Tender** – it was considered and agreed that the grass cutting tender for 2017 be advertised in the Binsey Link, Parish Magazine & Parish Website. Cllr James advised that the Lime trees on The Green required cutting back and councillors volunteered to carry this work out.
- 11) **Planning**
 - a) **App Ref No: 7/2016/2282** – Variation of condition no.2 of planning approval 7/2016/2253 to include lean-to extension to the rear, garage to be incorporated to main house and use of aluminium clad, timber inside – North Row Farm, Bassenthwaite – **Approved by the LDNPA.**

- b) **App Ref No: 7/2016/2027** – Development of a water supply connection from Thirlmere to West Cumbria – Bridge End Water Treatment Works – **Approved with Conditions by the LDNPA.**
- c) **App Ref No: 7/2016/2288** - Change of use of farmland to station 3 holiday caravan sites with access road, associated hardstanding and pipe work to diversify to help sustain the farming business – High Moss, Bassenthwaite – **Withdrawn.**

The following applications were a devolved decision by the clerk following consultation with the Chairman and Councillors as the responses were required before the February meeting;

- d) **App Ref No: 7/2016/2315** – Shed (retrospective) and covering of quarry floor – resubmission of 2/2016/2186 – Bank Wood, North Row, Bassenthwaite – the parish council had **No Objection** to this application.
- e) **App Ref No: 7/2016/2317** – Proposed repairs refurb works – the Dower House, Scarness – the parish council **Refuse** this application as there is a need for local needs housing for sale or long term rent not for holiday homes. There are already too many holiday homes in the parish. A local occupancy clause should be applied.
- f) **App Ref No: 7/2016/2290** – 3. no new build local needs dwelling – Green Farm, Bassenthwaite – the parish council have **No Objection** to this application but would like the following points considered; Establish that there is a local need for two four-bedroomed houses and one three-bedroomed house in Bassenthwaite. Apply a local occupancy clause that reflects local need. Ensure that the issue of the spring in the middle of the steeply sloping site is addressed. The road at the entrance to the site is narrow so no on-road parking is possible at this point. Neighbouring properties should not suffer from being overlooked or from changed water flow run-off which could have flooding issues.

An email from Kevin Richards of the Lake District National Park Planning Department, advised that application no. 7/2016/2317 (The Dower House) had been granted listed building consent for the proposed repairs and refurbishment works and the matters raised by the parish council were not relevant to the application for listed building consent (email circulated to councillors).

- 12) **Reports** – Cllr Stephens reported that he had attended the Derwent 7 meeting on Monday night and there had been only three councillors present, sufficient to make a quorum. There had been a presentation from Rural Cumbria Connects who have received a grant to undertake the feasibility study into a network of Micro Anaerobic Digesters across the Derwent 7 area. These Micro AD's would be looking to run on food waste and produce methane which can then be converted into heat used to generate electricity. It was stated that within limits the Environment Agency encourage dredging of streams by landowners.
Discussions were held with regards to the continuation of the Derwent 7 with the view that if there was no desire to carry the group on then it should fold. Cllr Stephens advised that the parish council had been asked for their views on the position of the Chair of the Derwent 7 and if it should rotate among the seven parishes on a biennial timescale (alphabetical order of councils' names). Cllr Stephens proposed, Cllr Harrop seconded & all other councillors were in favour of objecting to the biennial rotation.
- 13) **Highways** – Cllr James reported that the Castle Inn direction sign and 2 x potholes at Ouse Bridge had all been resolved. The 'Give Way' sign at High Side Farm junction still wasn't repaired. It was discussed that the School Road had lost about 2-3ft as it was not cut back when the road was dressed. Resolved; Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Highways engineer and councillors.
There is a step at the Bassenthwaite side of Ouse Bridge and the road surface is poor on the Embleton side.
- 14) **Parish Room Refurbishment** – the refurbishment work is now underway with a completion date of 28 weeks from the 23rd of January 2017.
- 15) **Derwent 7** – at the chairman's discretion this was considered at item 12.

- 16) **Hearse House** – A reply from the Rev Streatfield stated that the church were in agreement with the parish council’s strategy for selling the building as one and not two but they would need to seek approval from the Diocese of Carlisle before they could put the church rooms on the market. He also stated that he believed the parish council were planning to use the Hearse House to store some things whilst the parish rooms were being rebuilt so perhaps the parish council would not be in a great hurry to dispose of the building just yet. It was confirmed that the building would not be used for storage and therefore the sale could be progressed forthwith. Cllr Stephens to advise Rev Streatfield.
- 17) **Christmas Tree/Senior Citizens Lunch** - Cllr James reported that the Christmas tree had been on the Green for about 46 years and this year it had survived the storms but had had to be switched off for two nights for safety. Both locals and visitors have commented on how nice the tree was this year. Thanks were given to John Jackson, John Sowerby, Roy Beaty, Mark Barker & Bob James for erecting the tree and to Val James for the refreshments (bacon butties). Thanks were also given to Sue Mendus, Barbara Cooper-Holmes and their helpers for the Senior Citizens’ Lunch. It was once again a very good event, enjoyed by all and the last one to be held in the ‘old’ Parish Room.
- 18) **Items for next Agenda** - new items to be with the clerk by Tuesday the 21st of February 2017.
- 19) **Date of Next Meeting** - it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Thursday the 2nd of March 2017.

The chair closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.