

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting

held in the Methodist Chapel on Thursday 3rd August 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

Also Present: A Bowness (Cumbria County Councillor), Amber Sykes (Cumbria County Council Highways) & E Clark (Clerk).

- 1) **Apologies** - Apologies for absence were received & accepted from Cllr Mattinson & Cllr Grainger (Allerdale Borough Councillor).
- 2) **Minutes** - Resolved – that the Chair sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th July 2017.
- 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 declarations of interest.

6) Highways – Amber Sykes, Highways Network Manager for Cumbria County Council joined the meeting to consider all the parish highway issues.

She advised that over this financial year there was to be a significant investment taking place in Bassenthwaite Parish (in the region of £1 million). The funding has become available from Government flood recovery money, with £45 million to be spent in Cumbria in addition to the usual budget.

The following work is planned;

U2121 Highside from A591 junction to Stockdale Crossroads – Carriageway Patching to be carried out, March 2018 at a cost of £267,000.

C2004 Bassenthwaite, past the Robin Hood Saw Mill – Carriageway overlay and ironwork renewal to be carried out, 30th January 2018 at a cost of £312,000.

U2114 Bewaldeth to Binsey - Carriageway patching and drainage, date to be confirmed at a cost of £33,000.

U2121 Highside – Drainage, to be carried out 13th -26th February 2018 (in advance of surfacing work as above) at a cost of £31,100.

U2116 Parkwood Road – Carriageway patching and drainage solutions i.e. offlets and drainage grips, date to be confirmed, at a cost of £27,000.

U2116 Parkwood Road over the bridge - Carriageway edge reconstruction, date to be confirmed at a cost of £15,800.

U2116 North Road, Bassenthwaite - Carriageway edge reconstruction and patching to be carried out 14th – 15th December at a cost of £7,100. 2 No new gully pots with 1800cm² water way area (600mm x 600mm Gully grate & frame).

Walkmill Bridge – repairs complete, signed off and ready to be opened.

Routine gully cleaning in the parish is next due in February & March. Bassenthwaite to the junction with the A591 at Kilnhill

At The Rake & Park Wood, although the drains are clear the pipes between them are blocked and a drainage investigation is required.

Upcoming temporary traffic regulations planned are;

Bassenthwaite Triathlon planned to take place 19th August (a road closure will be put in place to facilitate the event)

ongoing works for the UU Pipeline project around the A595 and Scarness Road which involves a speed restriction on the A591 and a one-way order on Scarness Road from 15th August for up to 7 months.

Pre-application discussions with LDNPA regarding placing some more static caravans at the Lakeside Lodges, it has been suggested that lined junction improvements at the mirrored crossroads of the A591 and formalising some passing places between the site and the scarness/A591 junction be looked into.

The VAS signs are beyond economical repair and therefore not viable to replace like-with-like so they will be replaced with standard warning signs.

The cast iron signpost (at the mirrored crossroads of the A591) would cost approximately 5-6 thousand pounds to repair so it was agreed that it be replaced with a standard type sign, also the mirror at these crossroads to be cleaned.

The parking of vehicles on this junction was discussed and it was advised that yellow lines would require a traffic regulation order which is expensive and takes approximately nine months to complete. The residents on School Road near the Chapel crossroad will be reminded that it is illegal to park within 15 metres of a junction.

Councillors advised that the recent surface dressing on School Road was a poor job - highways engineer to look at.

Amber advised that due to the extent of the work being carried out there would most likely be a bit of inconvenience due to road closures and diversions but disruption would be as minimal as possible with residents being kept informed.

The Chairman thanked Amber for attending and she left the meeting at 8.30pm.

Cllr James advised that an inoperative light at Cooper Dub had now been resolved by replacing it with a new 15w LED bulb.

It was advised that the uneven flag stones from the road to the old telephone box (defib box) had been assessed and replacement flags were to be sourced.

7) **Cumbria Constabulary** - PCSO 5356 Smith was not present at the meeting. The clerk advised that the police crime website was still not up to date (only up to May) so could not yet be utilised.

8) **Chairman's Announcements**

a) Some programmes for BBC Radio Cumbria are being planned along the A66, the date for this has now been fixed for the week starting the 4th of September. Any stories and interesting people to talk to in villages & towns along the route, local issues that need highlighted, anyone with an usual job, community projects doing/planning? It would be great to fly the flag for any parts of the parish. Further information available from Belinda Artingstoll on 01228 592444.

b) The next Allerdale Three-tier meeting is to be held in September- time and venue to be confirmed.

9) **Payment of Accounts** – the following payments were considered & approved for payment;

a) ISS – Grounds Maintenance (April – Sept) £ 177.36

10) **Receipts Received** - the following receipts were noted;

a) Cumbria Community Foundation (Grant for Beck Side Repairs) £1284.00

b) Birch Tree Wayleaves £ 10.00

11) **Financial Report** - The balance as at the 3rd of August 2017 is £15,986.69 on all three PC accounts – *Approved*. The clerk advised that the letter authorising the closure of the HSBC accounts & transfer the funds to the Cumberland Building Society had been forwarded to the bank.

12) **Planning**

a) **App Ref No: 7/2017/2103** – The proposal is to build a dwelling house with garden area at the farm steading – Bassenthwaite Hall Farm, Bassenthwaite – **Outline Planning Permission Granted by LDNPA 14 June 2017.**

b) **App Ref No: 7/2017/2098** – planning application for the addition of a first floor onto an existing flood damaged boathouse used & operated by the Calvert Trust. The works include repairs to the building and the provision of an external ramp. The proposal also includes the re-provision of a borehole for the water supply that was vandalised previously and for which an application will be made to the Environment Agency – Mirehouse, Underskiddaw – **Granted by LDNPA 13 June 2017.**

c) **App Ref No: 7/2017/2086** – Extension & alterations to replace existing out-house – North Row Farm House, Bassenthwaite, CA12 4RG – **Granted by LDNPA 24 May 2017.**

The following Notice of Intention was for information only and not a consultation;

d) App Ref No: 7/2017/2177 – Cover over existing midden – Chapel Farm, Bassenthwaite

- 13) **Reports** – Cllr Stephens reported on his attendance at the Common Land, Village Greens & Rights of Way Course held at Stoneybeck Inn. The course was taken by Wellers Hedleys Solicitors and was very well attended. The procedure on de-registering common land was queried and it was advised that it was a difficult procedure but not impossible.
- 14) **Community Housing** – Paul Taylor, Community Led Affordable Housing Officer for Allerdale Borough Council, emailed the key Allerdale parish councils, which consist of a significant proportion of properties which are classed as second homes. According to their records Bassenthwaite Parish falls into this category. The purpose of the email was to make the parish council aware of the potential availability of a new Community Led Housing Fund. A proportion of this fund may be paid through grant applications to communities within these parishes in order to support them to develop new housing initiatives which may be appropriate in their area. He advised that he intend to work with existing and newly formed groups of residents in these parishes on the issue of community led housing projects. Initially this may involve identifying, or discussing possible solutions and supporting communities to draw up plans to develop housing schemes in the future. **Resolved** – the parish council would not be progressing this.
- 15) **Holly Bank** – an email from Geoff Davis, LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Member gave the following update on Holly Bank; I still have no progress to report on this matter but in the quarterly report presented to Rights of Way Committee on Wednesday, Nick Thorne had written the following in relation to this case: “In discussion with land owner. Deregulation Act may provide a solution through Modification Consent Order”. Unfortunately, the Deregulation Act has suffered considerable delay in passing through Parliament; it may come into force some time next spring.
- 16) **Hearse House** – Cllr Stephens reported that Smeatons Estate Agents had now measured-up the Hearse House & Church Rooms and would be actively marketing them very soon.
- 17) **Parish Room Refurbishment** – Postlethwaite builders will be handing over the new Parish Room building to the committee on the 22nd of August so the insurance cover needs to be in place for that date. It was noted that the building will have improved security and a key pad entry system with pin access. The new hub-coordinator is Holly Stephenson.
- 18) **Items for next Agenda** - new items to be with the clerk by Wednesday the 30th of August 2017.
- 19) **Date of Next Meeting** – it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Thursday the 7th of September 2017.

The chair closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.