

# Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the Bassenthwaite Parish Council Meeting  
held in the Parish Room on Thursday 6th August 2015 at 7.30pm.

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**Councillors Present:** J Stephens, K McMillan, S Langcake, H Reb, K Armstrong,  
P Richardson & J Mattinson

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

- 1) **Apologies** - Apologies for absence were received & accepted from Cllr James & PCSO Megan Jones.
- 2) **Minutes Resolved** – that the Chair sign as a correct record minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd July 2015, with an amendment to the last sentence of item 18, *Himalayan Balsam* not *Japanese Knotweed* as stated.
- 3) **Public Participation** - There were 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 5298 Jones apologised for being unable to attend the meeting but forwarded the following report; there has been 9 incidents reported to the Police for the area of Bassenthwaite since the last meeting, an overview of these are;

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 the Police received a report of a dog acting aggressively towards a female on a campsite. The dog was secure. Police attended the area and gave advice to the dog owner.

On 7<sup>th</sup> of July the Police attended an incident with the Ambulance Service where a male had received a large electric shock. This occurred at a Hotel. The male was conveyed to hospital in a stable condition.

On 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015 the Police received a report of a deer being hit on the A591. Highways were contacted and the area was made safe.

On 16<sup>th</sup> July an attempted theft from an unattended motor vehicle occurred at Bassenthwaite. Police would like to remind members of the public not to leave any valuables in their vehicles for any amount of time. This includes items such as sunglasses and walking clothing or outdoor activities equipment.

On 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015 a road traffic collision occurred on the A591 where a vehicle hit a tree. The female driver walked away from the scene with no injuries.

On 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015 the Police received a report of a cow in the road. A patrol attended the area, but the cow had already returned to its field.

PCSO Jones also advised that, if required, she was available to meet with councillors at some other time when she was on duty.

**7) Chairman's Announcements**

- a) Rebecca Arkley has recently joined the Flood Resilience team at Cumbria Environment Agency and will be looking after our area in place of Jonathan Coates who has now changed departments. Rebecca's contact details are 01768 215772 or rebecca.arkley@environment-agency.gov.uk.
- b) The next Derwent 7 meeting is to be held on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2015, venue to be confirmed.
- c) Suzy & Dave Smith have emailed on behalf of Deepdale Leisure Ltd to thank the parish council for their support in their planning application for Kestral Lodge. The family at Deepdale appreciated this very much and are looking forward to moving into the community.
- d) The LDNPA wish to apply to the secretary of state for a further permission of fencing of two areas of Uldale Common (and a bit of Bassenthwaite Common) for woodland regeneration. A site visit will take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August for all who can attend.
- e) Samantha Bagshaw has now taken over as Chief Officer at CALC, following the retirement of David Claxton.
- f) There is a casual vacancy on the CALC executive committee due to one of the members elected in 2013 standing down from his parish council vacancy. The person elected will serve for the remainder of the normal term of office (2016 AGM). Membership of the Executive Committee is an opportunity for members to help shape the way CALC works and supports member councils. Nominations to be received in the CALC office on or before Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.
- g) CALC's Annual General Meeting is to take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2015 at 10.30am at the Samuel Lindow theatre, Westlakes Campus, Whitehaven.
- h) NWAS were due to attend the last Allerdale 3 tier meeting but were unable to make it, so they are planning to come to the Above Derwent Parish Council meeting on Weds 19<sup>th</sup> August at Braithwaite Institute at 7.15pm. The presentation including questions will take about 30 minutes and will explain how their new 999 prioritisation system works. All councillors welcome to attend.
- i) The land registry documents, apart from the parish room documents, have now been deposited in the Carlisle Archives.

**8) Councillor Vacancy** – following advertising the current councillor vacancy, Norman Harrop attended the meeting with a view to filling the position. Norman was proposed by Cllr Mattinson & seconded by Cllr Reb. It was unanimously agreed that Norman be co-opted onto the council, the pecuniary & other registrable interests form and the declaration of acceptance of office were completed.

**9) Payment of Accounts** - the Council approved the following payment:

- (a) ISS - Grasscutting                      £168.00

It was unanimously agreed that ISS were doing a great job, letter of thanks to be forwarded with cheque.

10) **Financial Report** - The balance as at 6th August 2015 is £ 15299.65 on all three PC accounts – *Approved.*

11) **Planning**

a) **App Ref No. 7/2015/2149** – Change of use of traditional agricultural building at The Dower House to a single dwelling house – Dower House, Scarness, Bassenthwaite - *The PC support this application.*

b) **App Ref No. 7/2015/2028** – Appeal to condition 3 – The Yurt hereby permitted shall not be used outside the hours 8am-8pm – Bassenfell Manor, Bassentwaite – *The PC support this appeal.*

c) **App Ref No. 7/2015/E0234** – Inspection of site by the Development Control Committee - Long distance pipeline – Thirlmere to Bridekirk. – *councillors were unable to attend the site inspection.*

d) **App Ref No. 7/2015/2095** – Use of building as either live/work unit – The Rake, Bassenthwaite – **Approved with conditions.**

e) **App 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) – Kestral Lodge, Bassenthwaite – **Approved with conditions.**

12) **Reports** – no reports received.

13) **Highways** – a written report from Cllr James stated the following; the highway stewards were in the parish from the 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of July, potholes on School Road, Highside to Park Wood, Park Wood to Bass Village, Robin Hood Road have all been reported. Ouse Bridge ditches need cleaned out and also the ditches at the allotments, North Row. The Mirror at Bass Chapel has been cleaned. Six weeks work is to be carried out at Walkmill Bridge, taking bridge walls down and re-building them and drainage holes. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to John Sowerby for continuing to cut the grass. The clerk reported that ‘Signpost Restoration’ from Brampton were to quote for the repair of the finger sign post at Bass Chapel but they needed to carry out a full survey of the post before quoting. Highways were also looking at the sign, but as the current technician was leaving, this was to be forwarded on to their replacement. It was noted that the missing finger was due to damage but no responsible party was found.

14) **Parish Room Refurbishment** – meetings had been held with one of the two assessors, he had looked at the Parish Room and run over the funding and the application. The revised fund was now a £645,000 budget. The lottery fund panel meet next week so a yes/no result for being approved for stage 2 should be received a week after that. Some money will then be released for stage 3. There was authority to access the septic tank for maintenance or replacement. The budget had increased due to the lottery requesting an upstairs with lift access is included in the build. Landowner’s have allowed the build to be upto the boundary with standard footings. Highways will be happy with the parking arrangements as the building is not going to be massively increased. The septic tank may well be adequate in size as it is coping now, this would be looked at in phase 3. There

were alternatives available to the septic tank such as a processing plant, but this requires constant electricity.

**15) Broadband** – Cllr Harrop stated that he was receiving 1.7 – 2.5mbps before, he has been guaranteed 10mbps and is currently receiving 11-13mbps, following him changing to the upgraded BT package. Cllr McMillan reported that Connecting Cumbria's literature show coverage of an inner circle that stops along North Road and it is not in the village of 20mbps and above of superfast and the second circle includes all of the village but not much further which will be an enhanced service. The chair summarised by saying area of Castle Inn is up and running and parishioners will receive superfast and the village will receive an enhanced service. It was noted the new potential speed is not automatic; it has to be applied for with an upgrade required.

**16) Hearse House** – quotes received for the painting of the door were as follows;  
SB Property Developments £350.00 (price included stripping down, putting on a primer, undercoat, top coat and paint). Steve Sowerby £150.00.  
Cllr Mattinson proposed and Cllr Richardson seconded that Steve Sowerby's quote be accepted but the quote would need to be in writing and detail what work was included in the price.  
The vicar was unable to make a decision with regards to continuing to use Hearse House and referred the parish council to the church warden.

**17) Maintenance of Amenities** - it was agreed that the goal posts and the village green cast iron bench required painting and possibly the North Road end bench. A request for a volunteer to carry this work out, to be advertised on the parish website, parish council to supply the paint. Parish Council to carry out the work should a volunteer not come forward. The Parish Council will also survey all metal benches in the parish to see if there are many maintenance requirements.

**18) Items for next Agenda** - New items to be with the clerk by Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of August.

**19) Date of Next Meeting** - it was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2015.

*The chair closed the meeting at 8.36 pm.*