

BLAWITH & SUBBERTHWAITE PARISH

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Minutes of the Meeting of Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council held **REMOTELY via zoom meetings** Monday, 12th April, 2021 at 7.00pm. **MINUTES REMAIN DRAFT UNTIL NET MEETING**

Present:

Cllrs: I Jones (Chairman); R Sanderson (Vice Chairman); D Rutherford, B Fox, G Wardle, County Cllr Matt Brereton and District Cllr Ian Wharton.

Due to the current vacancy for clerk Cllr Jones agreed to prepare the minutes

At the start of meeting a minute silence was held in memory of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, whose death was announced on Friday 9th April. Councillors resolved to place a message of condolences on behalf of the Parish to the Royal Family via the Royal Household website. Council had been instructed not to open a public book of condolences due to Covid restrictions.

1. To receive Apologies for Absence – District Councillor Coward who is chairing Coniston Parish Council tonight
2. To receive Representations from Members of the Public
 - 2.a Cllr Brereton
 - Noted that County Council did not expect reopening this year to be as chaotic as last as preparations have been made based on previous experience and public expected to be more aware of responsibilities as Countryside Code will be advertised more widely
 - Highway's policy aims at taking a more holistic approach – especially to local hotspots such as East of Lake road. Parishes are advised to report to Highways issues that may affect access by emergency vehicles. Members of the public should report urgent issues by dialling 101 and reporting to Cumbria Police. Longer term access issues should continue to be reported to Highways. More funding has been made available to fix pot holes and resurfacing work. Planning also considered for work on green lanes
 - Many responsible and local visitors stayed away last year with a high proportion of visitors being new to the Lakes. This led to additional parking and litter issues that are not expected to recur
 - BARN4 (broadband scheme) has been in hiatus until 8 April when new financial year began. Grants available for up to £3,500 per property and £7,000 per local business via a voucher scheme. Please sign up and see information via Kirkby Ireleth Parish website. Target to achieve solution in next 18 months
 - 2.b Cllr Wharton updated on:
 - SLDC no meetings due to elections.
 - to date tourism quieter than expected. 200 volunteers in place in "Save the Lakes" group to advise visitors and authorities on issues such as car parking, litter, appropriateness of gear for hill walking (Only three call outs for mountain rescue over Easter – average 13). Visitor management plan now in place following consultation with local bodies. Issues with Crake Valley holiday park bins being used by tourist was raised. Cllr Wharton promised clearer labelling and signage of public bins.
 - Unitary authority – Parish Council invited to submit views four options submitted to Government for Cumbria, agreed to support bay option with North/South split as second option.
 - Grants available for new lockdown – All who received earlier grants should receive automatically. Others are encouraged to re-apply for discretionary grants. There are 11 types available.
 - Farmers Arms at Lowick. Looking for volunteers for working parties to sort out indoors for opening later in summer. First working party 26 April
3. To approve the signing by the Chairman of the Minutes of the last meetings (8th March 2021)
 - o Resolved: To approve as a correct record.
4. To receive Declarations of Interest - None
5. To consider Requests for Dispensations - None
6. To consider Planning/Development Matters (and to ratify observations already submitted)
 - 6.a. Applications –
 - 7/2021/5210 – Kiln Bank Farm, Blawith – roofing over existing midden and sheep pens

Councillors agreed to make comment of no objection. It was explained that permission was

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required for this nominally agricultural development, but the permitted development requirements were not the same as those for obtaining a certificate of lawful development such as that required for Acorn Lodge and another recent unconnected application. Recent developments at the Crake Valley holiday Park were discussed and it was resolved to inform the Lake District National Park, (LDNP) of the development of Yurts on the common land adjacent to the site.

The work on the track at Burney End was discussed. Council is awaiting a response from Dan Chambers (Cumbria CC) including a possible visit to the site with councillors

6.b. Notifications:

7/2021/5058 – Crake Valley Holiday Park – Approval of details reserved by conditions 1, 2 and 3 of 7/75/5249 - **Refused**

7/2020/5837 – Crake Valley Holiday Park – Retention of stone retaining wall (retrospective). **Withdrawn**

7/2021/5128 – White Howe Blawith – provision of domestic sewage treatment plant in grounds - **Approved with conditions.**

7. To consider Financial & Governance Matters

7a to authorise the following payments:

Ian Jones - £40 – Office of Information Commissioner annual sub

Diana Rutherford - £9.75 – printing and postage expenses

7b A current financial statement was noted and approved.

8. To receive and consider Correspondence (post and emails distributed, included in Agenda and/or dealt with before meeting).

CALC	New reorganisation ideas	9 Mar 2021
CALC	Forthcoming CAFS events on carbon footprint	9 Mar 2021
CALC	Calc parish member election to CDNPA	18 Mar 2021
LCCA	Cumbria CC environment fund and green recovery	22 Mar 2021
CALC	CALC Members survey	24 Mar 2021
Andy Brockbank	Crake valley mailing list	29 Mar 2021
SLDC	56-day camping announcement	29 Mar 2021
AcT	Community resilience Group on reopening of village Hall	29 Mar 2021
CALC	Government call for evidence on remote meetings	30 Mar 2021
CALC	Confirm no physical meetings before 17 May	30 Mar 2021
AcT	ACT update	31 Mar 2021
CALC	Auditor guidance for AGAR	31 Mar 2021
CCC	Highway feedback survey	1 Apr 2021
CALC	Cumbria Arts and Cultural Network newsletter	1 Apr 2021
CALC	Press release re vaccination in Cumbria	1 Apr 2021
CALC	Local resilience forum update	1 Apr 2021
CCC	Highway closures A5084	7 Apr 2021
SLDC	Update on floral tributes	10 Apr 2021

9. To receive Reports/Updates on:

9.a Coniston Water Association – River fly checking started last week; streams appear healthy. Next meeting to be held in two weeks.

9.b Green Lanes & Illegal off-roading – Speaker offered to be invited to June council meeting. It was noted that LDNP still does not have formal policy on green lanes but is expected to do so to meet UNESCO guidelines by December. UNESCO own subcommittee report recommended restrictions on 4 x 4 use of green lanes. Parish will push for UNESCO policy to be adopted.

9.c Superfast Broadband – Mike Hooper of Kirby has set up a Facebook page for local people to sign up listing their broadband requirements as businesses/residents. All residents are urged to sign up to demonstrate demand. See B4RN Kirkby Ireleth.

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10. To consider appointment of clerk.

No progress to report. Written job description to be circulated. Formal process to be activated if no further interest. Council reviewed CALC guidelines and government advice on public meetings and agreed that next meeting will be face to face in the village hall.

11. To receive updates on/discuss and agree any actions on:

Local Verges and potholes road to Cockenshell – Some potholes now repaired but still work to do.

Metal fencing by Blawith sign – Lengthsman to be asked to paint fencing now that wall has been repaired - subject to health and safety review.

12. Date of Next Meeting confirmed as 17 May, 2021 in the village hall.

closed at 8.45 pm.