

# BLAWITH & SUBBERTHWAITE PARISH

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Minutes of the Meeting of Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council held **REMOTELY via zoom meetings** Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 at 7.00pm

Present:

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

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

- 1) Toreceive Apologies for Absence  
No apologies given but Councillor Rutherford to speak for Ross Baxter in section 2a
- 2) Toreceive Representations from Members of the Public
  - 2.a. Cllr Rutherford on behalf of Ross Baxter reported that work had been carried out to improve drainage on a trail at Burney End by the Trailriders fellowship after approval from Cumbria CC. The work had not been carried out effectively with water now causing access issues to the local farmer and at passing points on the Woodland Road. It also appeared that stones used for part of the work had been removed from Neolithic monuments. RESOLVED councillors to inspect the site and contact Natural England, who appear not to have been consulted despite the site being within a Special Conservation Area (SCA).
  - 2.b. Cllr Wharton updated on:
    - Latest Management of Covid restrictions in area. Police continue to monitor car parks and turn away overnight camper vans. Fishing an issue as although not banned people are coming long distances.
    - Grizedale Arts have now raised funds to buy The Farmers Arms and will commence conversion into community hub and pub.
    - Trail riders continue to be a problem on illegal routes. Monitoring to be put in place.
    - Initiative to form round the lake "green group" of volunteers to be developed
    - Grants available for new lockdown – see SLDC website
  - 2.c. Cllr Brereton updated on:
    - Highways work to be done
    - Staff shortages causing issues with bin emptying and refilling of grit bins
    - Cllr Rutherford requested further consideration to pot holes and gullies on Cockenscale Road and offered to provide copy of the gully mapping done for the parish as part of a County wide initiative two years ago, which does not appear to be utilised at present.
- 3) Toapprove the signing by the Chairman of the Minutes of the last meetings (9<sup>th</sup>November 2020)  
Resolved: To approve as a correct record.
- 4) Toreceive Declarations of Interest None
- 5) Toconsider Requests for Dispensations None
- 6) Toconsider Planning/Development Matters (and to ratify observations already submitted)
  - 6.a. Applications – ratified comments already submitted
    - 7/2020/5837 – Crake Valley Holiday Park – Retention of stone retaining wall (retrospective) - OPPOSED
    - 7/2020/5769 – Nibthwaite Mills – Partial removal of former weir to facilitate free flow of river - SUPPORTED
    - 7/2020/5830 and 5831 Newbiggin, Blawith – amendment to listed building consent -CONDITIONS NOTED
    - 7/2020/0171). Brown Howe - remove 4 Oak Trees NO COMMENT
    - 7/2020/0173 Lake Bank – remove branches from Scots Pine, Larch & Oak SUPPORTED

6.b. Notifications:

None

Planning & Development issues:

The current state of planning issues at the Crake Valley Holiday Park was reviewed. RESOLVED to request an update from LDNP on the current state progress of outstanding issues.

The decision to send a copy of the 1977 High Court decision re access to the caravan park to the LDNP was ratified.

The council were informed that a complaint has been made to SLDC in respect of the conduct of Councillor Wardle

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by a resident of the Crake Valley Holiday Park. The particulars of the complaint set out in a letter to Cllr Wardle were discussed. RESOLVED to offer full support to Cllr Wardle in rebuttal of the complaint.

7) To consider Financial & Governance Matters

- 7.a. The following payments were noted and approved:
- 7.a.i. Subscription to zoom pro version £143.88
- 7.a.ii. Cllr Rutherford expenses re planning matters £2.69
- 7.b. A current financial statement was noted and approved.
- 7.c. 2021/22 Budget – Precept request of £3700 to be submitted to SLDC

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

CRAKE VALLEY CHURCHES	ADVERTS IN CRAKE VALLEY NEWS	28 NOV
SLDC	ELECTIONS 2021	17 NOV
BT	BT COMMUNITY WEB KIT	9 DEC

9) To receive Reports/Updates on:

- 9.a. Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership/SCRT – 12 months funding available will be used for community engagement with South Cumbria so less local focus. SCRT to work with United Utilities on policy for dealing with water contamination.
- 9.b. Green Lanes & Illegal off-roading – increase of 30% in 4x4 and motor bike off-roading at Parkamoor. National Trust have put in rocks on edge of car park and access road to reduce illegal parking
- 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.

10) To consider appointment of clerk. Cllr Jones to approach potential interested party. Written job description to be circulated. (*Newly appointed clerk resigned in December for personal reasons*). Formal process to be activated if no further interest.

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

- 11.a. Local Verges and potholes road to Cockenscale – see above 2c
- 11.b. Public telephone at Blawith – to continue to operate and be maintained
- 11.c. LDNP Local Plan amendments – Cllr Rutherford has reviewed
- 11.d. Future of SCRT – see above 9a

12) Date of Next Meeting confirmed as 8 February, 2021

closed at 8.55 pm.