

## **BLAWITH & SUBBERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 June 2021  
Village Hall, Water Yeat

**Present** Cllr B Fox, Cllr D Rutherford (Chairman), Cllr G Wardle and Cllr S Wood.  
Cllr M Giles was in attendance for item 1 Co-option of New Cllrs.

### **014/21 Co-Option of new Cllrs**

- a) Simon J J Wood and Mary Giles were nominated and seconded to be Co-opted on to the Parish Council.
- b) Cllr Wood and Cllr Giles signed their Acceptance of Office Forms.

### **015/21 Apologies**

**Resolved** that there are no apologies for absence.

### **016/21 Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensation

### **017/21 Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Fox declared an interest in the Village Hall

Cllr Wardle declared an interest in item 9 iv) Caravan Park site License.

### **018/21 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 May 2021 to be signed by the chair as a true record.

### **019/21 Chairs Announcements**

Cllr Rutherford advised that there is a working group of 8 people on Wednesdays which are helping out at the Farmers Arms. Cllr Rutherford has booked on a couple of these.

Cllr Rutherford also advised that very sadly the Vicars wife has passed away and she will send a card from the Parish Council.

Cllr Rutherford also advised that the Lengths man is not available for the foreseeable future due to health reasons.

### **020/21 Public Participation**

a) **County Cllrs Report** - The County Cllr was not in attendance but had sent the following email:

**B4RN for High Furness:** The roll-out of Broadband 4 the Rural North in High Furness continues apace, with work in Duddon, Kirkby Ireleth, Hawkshead, Claife and Skelwith Parishes well advanced. We really just need people to sign up with a no-commitment expression of interest from each parish at this stage, via the B4RN.org.uk website. Coniston and Torver are getting organised too, while Lowick is shadowing what is happening in Kirkby Ireleth I suggest Blawith & Subberthwaite speaks to the clerks/chairs of both Coniston and Torver as it may make sense to work alongside the other councils. We now have a dedicated member of B4RN staff for our area, called Dan Robinson, who is very good at answering questions and helping communities to organise at the local and hyper-local levels. B4RN will produce printed leaflets for businesses

and residents if required; again I would suggest a Crake Valley approach with Coniston and Torver as being the best approach.

The **Friends of X112 group** are pleased to announce new services including a new route from Coniston to Broughton, and onwards to Kirkby, Askam, Dalton and Barrow via the extended X7 route, beginning Weds 23 and running Weds and Fridays to begin with. As always the group is doing sterling work but needs volunteers and fundraising, as the County continues to persist with its policy of not allowing funds to directly subsidise the running of bus routes, even though the Friends of group is now a charity and they believe they are contracting community transport. Hopefully the new routes and days will be will supported and the council can be persuaded to divert at least some funding to maintain and establish all our rural routes, including the X112. On the **highways** side there has been resurfacing and relining work in the past two or three weeks; dissatisfaction has been registered once again about the poor signage and ambiguous time-frames advertised necessitating short-notice diversions of the X112 and local commuters. I have spoken to Peter Hoskings about the thorny issue of maintaining unsealed roads in the area, which is a work in progress he admits, and they are looking to clarify some legal and liability issues before coming up with a strategy to manage this type of road in future, that will not meet with some form of legal action from one campaign group or another. Likewise I have followed up with Karen Dockery about managing verges, trees and the very minor roads in the area; she hasn't committed to anything yet but the verge maintenance schedules for the year ahead have just been published so I will go back to her.

There is a new **South Lakes environment fund** that can be used on verges, roads, footpaths, biodiversity corridors, wildflower areas etc, so if you have any suggestions as to what and where these projects might be appropriate in your parish I am happy to champion these. The **local members' highways funding** pots have been replenished for financial year 2021/22 so if you have any specific requests for new or upgraded signs, lines, traffic calming measures anywhere in the parish do please let me know and I will see if some of this funding can be allocated.

## b) **District Cllrs Report**

### **1: Covid 19 Update**

As of 9<sup>th</sup> May, the number of Covid 19 cases in South Lakeland is 10 cases per 100,000 as opposed to 22 per 100,000 in England and 29/100,000 regionally, which has been skewed by the arrival of the Indian variant in the Bolton area. The infection rate is greatest in the 12 to 18 age group, followed by the 30 to 39 age group. So, there is cautious optimism and the need for controlled return to the "new normal".

### **2. SLDC Update**

SLDC will be meeting up for its AGM next week, so apart from Covid management, there has been little happening.

The focus is currently on opening up the Economy and grants have been allocated for this purpose. This involves Marketing campaigns to promote trade and tourism, Covid marshalling, provision of seating and signage in outdoor spaces and the generally opening up of the high streets.

Businesses are still available for grants and change regularly as restrictions alter. The SLDC web page is

<https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/business-and-trade/business-support-grants-coronavirus-covid-19/>

### **3. Visitor Management**

The National Park, in partnership with various agencies, like the Police, SLDC, CCC and National Trust have formed a Tactical Visitor Management Group and developed specific area visitor management plans. There is one specific to around Coniston and another around Hodge Close/Tilberthwaite. They have been reviewed by the local Parish Councils

These plans include regular Ranger and Police patrols, clearer signage, controlling the movement of Camper Vans on narrow roads and the provision of litter bins. To prevent parking congestion,

the Park is encouraging Pop up Car Parks and likewise for temporary Camp sites to limit the amount of fly camping. The park has also recruited Welcome Hosts, for hotspots like Brown Howe and Monk Coniston to help visitors and promote the Countryside Code, linked in with a National campaign. The patrols will be dealing with infringements through education and enforcement. I have been out on a couple of these patrols over May Bank holiday and, although quieter than expected people were responsive. In short, the plans are working.

We are still seeing problems with littering and barbecues and this is a part of the message the park and SLDC are trying to get across to locals and visitors. Another problem we are seeing throughout the area is off-roading. This is illegal and a Police issue. The advice is not to confront, but to note registrations if possible, with time and place and direction.

We are asking people to inform the police on 101 or [101emails@cumbria.police.uk](mailto:101emails@cumbria.police.uk) if they see any of these issues occurring.

### **3. Farmers Arms, Lowick**

The Farmers Arms has now been bought through Grizedale Arts and funded by a mixture of local buy in and grants. Refurbishment has started and there various events and work days planned.

Over 200 people turned up at the rummage sale last weekend and volunteers turned up for gardening. It is nice to see activity there again. It will be even better, when the first pints are poured.

### **4. New District Councillor**

The Bye election for District Councillor in Broughton and Coniston ward on May 6<sup>th</sup> caused by the retirement of Anne Hall, was won by Heather Troughton, the Liberal Democrat Candidate. 2538 votes were cast and Heather gained 1317 votes, or 52% of the total, with a majority of 340. Heather is born and bred in Coniston and is a teacher at Windermere as well as a Parish Councillor for Coniston.

Now the team is up to full strength, we will be discussing how we manage the District and communicate with the Parishes as effectively as possible.

Contact me on 077784 30926, or [ian.wharton@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:ian.wharton@southlakeland.gov.uk) if you have any queries/concerns.

c) **Residents** – There was 1 resident in attendance and raised the following concerns:

- i) Bins in the car park opposite Crake Valley are overflowing, they are emptied on a Friday but by Monday they are full again. SLDC have been contacted and they will put an extra bin in place and put signage up. Extra bins have been requested for over the summer holidays especially. We don't want fly tipping like we did last year.
- ii) Camping at Blea Brows is like a festival and has been reported to the District Cllr. Unfortunately, when the District Cllr went the campers were drunk and could not be moved on.  
Cllr Rutherford will give the Ranger's email address to the resident who can then contact the Ranger when campers are there.
- iii) Raised concern about Peel Island, trees have been cut down and the place is absolutely trashed. Cllr Rutherford will contact the water Association.
- iv) Raised concern about parking issues, extremely dangerous and concerned the police are not doing anything about it. Cllr Rutherford advised that parking is covered in great detail in the LDNPA Local Plan and encouraged everyone to have a look and make their comments.
- v) Cycle Race – Caught a competitor dropping litter and refused to pick it up. Reported him to the organizers who immediately donated £200 to the local school. The competitor was disqualified.

**021/21 To Delegate Authority to Cllrs for various duties including corresponding with the relevant authority where necessary,**

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| a) Newsletter;                           | Cllr M Giles  |
| b) Paths and fells;                      | Cllr S Wood   |
| c) Boon Day;                             | Cllr D Rutherford and Cllr S Wood                   |
| d) Litter Picking and use of Lake Shore; | Cllr G Wardle                                       |
| e) Website;                              | Cllr M Giles  |
| f) Crake Valley Newsletter;              | Cllr M Giles, Cllr Wood will help with the graphics |
| g) Highway Matters                       | Cllr B Fox  |
| h) River Fly;                            | Cllr D Rutherford                                   |
| i) Parish Plan issues;                   | All Parish Cllrs collectively.                      |
| j) Meetings with other authorities       | Cllrs to go to other meetings if they want to.      |

**022/21 Planning Applications/ Development Matters (and to ratify observations already submitted)**

- a) **Applications**  
T/2021/0078 (TPO Application) Already agreed with no objections.
- b) **Notifications**  
7/2021/5210 - Kiln Bank Farm. Approved with conditions
- Information Only**
- c) Burney End, Subberthwaite LA12 8EP  
Portal framed cattle grid and general-purpose building.
- d) **Ongoing Planning & Development issues**
- Enforcement notice: Moss Wood E/2018/0265 – No further updates.
  - Burney – No further updates
  - BT Phone Box – Correspondence was received from SDLC regarding the removal of the phone box. Just a matter of wait and see what happens with it.
  - Caravan Park Site License – Cllr Rutherford read out a draft letter ready to send to SLDC regarding the license following concerns that had been raised. **Resolved** that the Parish Council agree with the letter being sent to SLDC.

**023/21 To receive Reports/updates on:**

- Local verges and potholes – nothing to report
- Litter Pick/Litter bins- Cllr Wardle requested the clerk to send a big thank you to SLDC.
- Broadband- Correspondence was read out suggesting that many homes in the parish now have or can connect to the premises with download speeds of up to 900Mbps. There is no connection charge for this so its likely to be cheaper than the Barn Scheme.
- There are a few concerns regarding not being able to access the new Website. Cllr Rutherford will look into this.
- X112 Bus service – Summary of the newsletter as follows:  
In August 2019 the friends of the X112 obtained charity status. The new bus services will be run jointly by the 'Friends of the X112' (The Community) and Blueworks Taxis Ltd. The community part will run on Thursdays and Fridays under the terms of a community transport scheme and will be funded by the community although busses will still be operated by Blueworks. Buses on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be run solely by Blueworks.  
The Thursday service will see the re-introduction of a direct service from Barrow to Coniston via the Coast Road, Ulverston, Greenodd and the Crake Valley. There will be three of these journeys made on that day with three return journeys as well, the first bus leaving Barrow at 07.55 and the last leaving Coniston at 15.45.  
The timetable has been designed to provide passengers with as much choice as possible. eg. Spend a whole day in the Coniston area, with links to central lakes.

The Friday Community transport timetable will see a revamped X7 service from Coniston -Torver- Broughton- Kirkby in Furness – Askam- BARROW. It will return 2 hours later. The Blueworks Timetable on other days will be very similar to the pre pandemic one with some modifications to improve the service but will also include a new Weds. Service between Ulverston and Barrow.

If you have a NoW card it is accepted on all these services, as is the A2B NoW card for young people. Except before 9.30 when you will have to pay. This will apply, for example, to the No.11 bus that leaves Barrow at 07.55. (more details later).

All busses that will be operating will be 16-seater low floor buses accessible to all.

Busses will be disinfected every day, hand sanitisers will be available and the drivers will be tested twice a week. If you want to talk about all this please feel free to ring Roger on 01229 835712.

**024/21 Pedestrians Crossing on the Main Road**

Concern has been raised by several families with young children who have approached the Parish Council about this matter to look for ways to make it safer.

**Resolved** that Cllr Rutherford and Cllr Giles will set up a working group with the families to work on this, it was noted that the help of the County Cllr will be needed, but we need to get the conversation started.

**025/21 Greening Campaign/Climate Change**

Consideration was given to the criteria for joining the Greening Campaign, but it was noted that the parish is too small. **Resolved** that the clerk will contact Coniston to see if joining in with them is an option.

**026/21 Correspondence**

- a) This months - correspondence includes 52 items of correspondence, far too many to go through them all and many are for information only.
- b) Future Correspondence – **Resolved** that the clerk will forward all correspondence on to all Cllrs. If any Cllr wants any of the correspondence on the agenda, they should notify the clerk. When it comes to that agenda item on meeting night the Cllr requesting it to go takes ownership of that item and talks about it.

**027/21 To consider Financial and Governance Matters**

**Resolved** that the following payments are authorized:

Cllr D Rutherford	£46.99 - Re-imbursments
Village Hall	£15.00
Calc	£20.00
D M Payroll Services Ltd	£20.00
Clerk Salary	£154.96
Clerk Reimbursement	£458.99 (Computer)

**028/21 Annual Governance Statement**

**Resolved** to Approve the Annual Governance statement for 2020/21

**029/21 Accounting Statements**

**Resolved** to approve the Accounting Statements for the year 2020/21

**030/21 Certificate of Exemption**

**Resolved** to approve the Certificate of Exemption 2020/21.

**031/21**

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on 12 July 2021 7.00pm in the Village Hall at Water Yeat.