

CASTLE CARROCK & GELTSDALE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING, 14TH SEPT 2011
7.30pm

Present: George Devereux (Chairman), David Low (Vice Chairman), Derek Knight, David Rawsthorn, Richard Johnstone, Keith Brown, Guy Widdowson

In attendance: Tricia Meynell (Clerk), Cllr.Doreen Parsons,

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Nick Marriner, Brian Edmundson (Internal Auditor)

2. **Declaration of Interests** - None

3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on July 13th 2011 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Agenda Items**

a: How / if to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012

It was agreed that plans should be a joint venture between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. Cllr. Low and Cllr. Knight agreed to be the Parish Council's representatives to help co-ordinate plans and liaise between the two parties.

Various ideas of how to celebrate were put forth such as:

- The lighting of a beacon on a hill somewhere conspicuous and high up
- A floral display at the far end of Rectory Rd – it was suggested that the Green Spaces department of the City Council might be able to provide the flowers- the clerk will investigate
- Patriotic bunting for the village and a Union Flag on village hall
- Street party on Marr / Village Hall
- A Fell race, starting and finishing in the village

It was agreed that a request for suggestions be published in the Parish News magazine.

b: Drainage outside Village Hall – Cllr. Devereux noted that a site meeting with a local contractor had been arranged and that work would begin imminently.

c. Annual Audit – It was noted that the annual audit has been approved and accepted and that any matters arising would be addressed by the Council, namely Section 4-G relating to PAYE requirements.

d: Back Lonning (Rectory Rd towards Greenwell)

Cllr. Devereux had been to the Archives and examined the 1929 maps and the earlier Enclosure Awards. In the latter, the Lonning is documented as a highway, though when the 1929 maps were drawn up, this was omitted (probably in error) hence the Lonning has never been classified as a highway since that date. At the next revision of maps in the 1970's, the lonning was awarded the status of footpath. Copies of the 1929 OS map will be procured and presented to the County Council as documentary evidence that this was an oversight and that the lonning should rightfully be a highway (not for any vehicle). There are no records to suggest that anyone had deliberately sought to change the status from highway to footpath. Cllr. Widdowson voiced concerns that should it be re-instated as a highway, extra and unsightly signage would be deemed necessary.

5. **Correspondence.** Various items of correspondence were available for viewing. It was noted that a letter had been received Geltsdale Arts thanking the Parish Council for its support for the Music on the Marr event held in June.

6. **Financial Matters: Cheques were made out to the following:**

Parish Clerk for office expenses (cheque no. 302) £5

BDO LLP for Annual Audit (cheque no.301) - £162

It was noted that the annual Parish Grant from Carlisle City Council had been received - £642

It was noted that the annual rent from The Duke of Cumberland had been received - £100

7. **Planning Matters: Ref. 11/0683 – The Weary**

– **Change of use from Inn/Restaurant to holiday accommodation – 5 units**

It was generally agreed that this would be a reasonable use for this property since it was never likely to become either a pub or a restaurant again, and that it would be beneficial for The Duke of Cumberland and the Village Shop to potentially have five families holidaying in the village at any one time. The only concern was related to possible parking difficulties, should the available parking spaces for the proposed holiday accommodation not be sufficient, vehicles would be forced to park on the road which is already congested at times of pub opening. It was also agreed that the Clerk would investigate the protocol for "pre-application" consultations on planning issues.

b. Traffic Regulation Order U1210 – Introduction of 26 tonne max gross vehicle weight limit for Hynam Bridge. Whilst there were no objections to this regulation, it was agreed that signage stating the limit was undesirable. The clerk will comment accordingly and will also write to the North Pennines AONB to ask for their support in this matter.

8. Councillor's Issues:

a. A parishioner had contacted the Parish Council with concerns that vehicles parked along the far end of Rectory Rd were making it difficult for pedestrians to walk on the path. Cllr Devereux will speak to the vehicle owners concerned.

b. Cllr. Brown had received a complaint that the trees and hedgerows on the lonning opposite the shop towards Greenwell were overgrowing the path and making access difficult. It was agreed that a local contractor will be assigned the task of cutting back as necessary. A financial contribution will be made by Cllr. Johnstone if required.

c. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be written to Mr. Gordon Armstrong for his continued voluntary cutting of the grass along the verge from the village towards the Greenwell turning.

d. Cllr. Brown asked if it was possible to contact Hayton Parish Council with concerns about the safety of the large roadside trees along the B6413 between Castle Carrock and the level crossing near Talkin Tarn.

e. Cllr. Low had been contacted by a parishioner regarding the replacement of overhead power lines in Geltsdale by underground power lines, with a request that North West Electricity should be mindful of the concerns of local residents when re-siting poles. The clerk has already contacted NWE regarding this matter.

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th November.

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm