

BLAWITH & SUBBERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 March 2022
Village Hall, Water Yeat

Present Cllr M Giles, Cllr D Rutherford (Chairman) and Cllr S Wood

024/22 Apologies

Resolved to accept apologies From Cllr B Fox and Cllr L Wrigley

025/22 Requests for Dispensations

There were requests for dispensation

026/22 Declaration of Interest

There were no declaration of interests.

027/22 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24 January 2022 to be signed by the chair as a true record.

028/22 Public Participation

a) County Cllr was in attendance, he apologized for not being available for the informal meeting with Blawith & Subberthwaite and Lowick. He is hoping to attend the next meeting on the 29 March which will be in Water Year Village Hall. He thought it good that conversations had started regarding road safety.

Cumbria County Council are trying to catch up with pothole repairs.

Any suggestions for resurfacing works should be sent to Cllr Brereton and he will try to get them on the list of works.

An article in the evening mail suggests that County need to make cuts by 10m. This is not strictly true and not to be alarmed if you read it. Funding is there for most of what we need.

Friends of the x112 bus service have received a grant for £15,000 from Cumbria County and are applying for further funding which will hopefully see them sustainable for at least another 12 months. They are also hoping to add further routes to the service.

He advised that we can apply to the Environmental fund for funding towards work on hedges and footpaths etc as it encourages people to walk and cycle.

b) District Cllr was not in attendance but had sent his apologies and the following email update:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM The division of Cumbria into two, Cumbria East and West is progressing and there will be elections for a Shadow Council in May, which will run in parallel with SLDC and Cumbria County Council between May and April 2023. Broughton and Coniston ward will be split into two. Broughton, Kirkby, and ENMO and Pennington Parishes will become High Furness and the remainder will become Coniston and Hawkshead ward. There will be just one Councillor per ward.

OMICRON BUSINESS SUPPORT There are grants available for business, particularly those in hospitality that have been affected by the Omicron variant outbreak. <https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/business-and-trade/business-support-grants-coronavirus-covid-19/>

COUNCILLOR LOCALITY ALLOWANCES District Councillors are given a £1000 allowance to give for local community improvements. Janet and Tracy have given £1500 to support the X112 bus and £500 to help with publishing costs of this magazine. Heather has donated £500 for an emergency generator for Hawkshead and Ian has donated £500 to Lowick, Blawith and Duddon to start Greening Campaigns and likewise, £500 to Colton for the Green Sparks project and also to be shared with Haverthwaite and Satterthwaite.

SEWAGE DISCHARGES There were several discharges into Coniston Water last year from the Waste Water Treatment plant last year and it seems that there has been some discrepancies into the number of times and amounts that were discharged. We are trying to organise a public meeting where residents will be able to discuss the problem with representatives of United Utilities.

POST STORM ARWEN and EMERGENCY RESPONSES At the time of writing, we are recovering from, Storms Dudley, Eunice and Franklin, with Gayle, Herman and Imani en-route. These events will be increasingly frequent. So, we are in the process of working with the various Parishes to formulate and update Emergency plans, which are coordinated with the County wide Emergency plans. In addition, we are talking with Ulverston Resilience Group and are looking to develop localised resilience groups, support hubs and safe refuges. I have sent over draught plan templates and emergency lists to help kick things off. Over the next few weeks, we intend to hold public meetings around the ward to discuss the best way ahead for each area.

LOCAL HERITAGE LISTS The National Park is developing a local heritage list. So, if you have building, sites or features that you would like to see celebrated, you help protect them by putting them on a local heritage list. It aims to celebrate valuable aspects of the past that relate to the local area. This could be old petrol pumps or road signs. It could be a fun project for Community groups and schools to embrace. The link, with further criteria is as follows :-

[Local list : Lake District National Park](#)

Contact us on 077784 30926, if you have any queries/concerns or would like any more information.

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c) Residents – No residents were in attendance.

029/22 Chairs Announcements and General Update

1. Information has been sent round regarding Historical events at Lodge Park, hope every one has read it.
2. Caravan Park License has gone through the appeal process and is now in the hands of LDNPA.
3. Coniston Water are starting to meet face to face again and Cllr Rutherford will attend the next meeting.
4. Great Burney – No further from Natural England yet. The agent has been moved elsewhere.
5. Flowers have been sent to Gill.
6. Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, and Code of Conduct documents have been updated. They will be passed round for everyone to read ahead of adopting them at the AGM in May.

030/22 Community Resilience and General Update

- a) Cllr Giles has spoken to various people about having a resilience plan all who have been very helpful. Ulverston are going to have a central number in Ulverston and it could be that smaller parishes could link into that number. Next step is to set up a public meeting possibly on 4 May 2022 and maybe in the farmers where people can have a tea/coffee. Once confirmed, notices will be put out via the website, Whats App, newsletter etc. Resilience funding is available for Community Resilience which may include the purchase of a generator. Concern was raised regarding the storage and maintenance of such a generator in particular the storing of fuel needed to operate it. The Village Hall committee have been asked if the Village Hall could be used as a hub.
- b) Consideration was given to the various templates available. **Resolved** to use the template provided by SLDC keeping the plan as small as possible.
- c) **Resolved** to accept the Terms of Reference for a working group which form a very simple rule base.

031/22 Road Safety

- a) Cllr Rutherford advised that there is now a joint Road Safety working group with Lowick Parish Council. The group have had their first meeting on 28 February and their next meeting is on 29 March 2022.
- b) Resolved to accept the Terms of Reference for the working group which again form a very simple rule base.

032/22 Queens Jubilee

- a) Cllr Rutherford advised the tree she was going to donate had to be planted so another tree will need to be sought and she suggested a Silver Birch.
- b) It was noted that Water Yeat are planning a celebration so there is no need to approach Lowick.
- c) It was noted that there is a specific time and date that the beacons are lit.

033/22 Greening

Cllr Rutherford advised that there is not much happening with Green Sparks at the moment but she is keeping in contact with them.
There has just been a waste week at the Farmers.

034/22 Common Land

Cllr Rutherford has met the ranger from LDNPA and it has all been tidied up.
Resolved not to request any further information regarding the common land at the moment.

035/22 Green Lanes

Cllr Rutherford has recently attended a meeting which included other residents, District Cllr Wharton and the police. They walk the fells separately with police radios looking for illegal vehicles.

Cllr Rutherford had a map with Green lines which represent the Green Lanes.
The Parish Council are founder members of the Lake District Green Lanes Alliance.

036/22 Progress and update reports

- a) Paths and fells;
Cllr Rutherford produced paperwork including a map from a group of people who used to take a footpath and fill a report in and then send it back to a central place. Some paths would take half a day, some take longer. The process has to be done by LDNPA protocol. The maps include where the street furniture is such as benches. She is hoping that this can be set up again but she is just the facilitator.

- b) Litter Picking and use of Lake Shore;
Cllr Rutherford continues with litter picking activities, she advised that anyone litter picking should use blue bags not the black ones for litter picking. SLDC will provide these.
- c) Website newsletter; Cllr Rutherford will do an update for the newsletter for the website.
- d) River Fly; Cllr Rutherford records River Fly everyone month from March to November on 4 streams. The results go to the Environment Agency and the River Authority and the Parish Council. 10 is a perfect score going down to 0 which is very poor. They are looking for people to train to do River Fly checking.
It was also noted that 32 different species have returned within a buffer zone on common land.

037/22 Training and events

Resolved to note that there are not training requests for this month.

038/22 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)

Reference: T/2022/0037

Location: Beacon Cottage, Lake Bank, Water Yeat, Ulverston, LA12 8DL
The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

Reference: 7/2022/5155

Location: Birch Bank, Subberthwaite, Ulverston, LA12 8EW
The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

Planning Applications granted

7/2021/5820 – The Old Vicarage, Water Yeat, Ulverston LA12 8DP

7/2021/6027 – Newbiggin, Blawith, Ulverston LA12 8EQ

039/22 Financial Matters

Resolved that the following payments are authorized for payment:

Village Hall	£22.00
Clerk Salary	£387.40 (2 months)
Clerk expenses 2021/22	£91.32
HMRC	£28.20

040/22 New Pay Scales for Clerks and Clerks Contract

- a) Resolved that the clerks contract will be passed round to all cllrs and then put on the agenda for April to be accepted.
- b) **Resolved** to award the clerk the new pay rate in line with the NJC rates applicable from the year 1 April 2021.

041/22 Cllr Reports

There were no Cllr Reports.

042/21 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on 11 April 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall at Water Yeat.