

BLAWITH & SUBBERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 July 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.

032/21 Apologies

Resolved to note that there are no apologies for absence.

033/21 Requests for Dispensations

Resolved to note that there were requests for dispensation

034/21 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.

035/21 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 June 2021 to be signed by the chair as a true record.

036/21 Chairs Announcements

Brenda Fishwick has agreed to come to the September meeting.

We need to start looking at the precept for the 022/23 financial year.

Boon Day will be at the end of September and will involve a small group of people.

Peel Island has been cleaned up and new signs put up.

Issue raised by a resident at the last meeting had all been dealt with.

Standing Orders, Code of conduct and Financial Regulations are all going to be reviewed.

Training will be available by SLDC regarding the new Code of Conduct when it is completed.

Card has been sent to the Vicar.

AGAR information is on the notice boards.

Cllr Rutherford working hard volunteering cleaning up the Farmers Arms. They are aiming to get 5 stars. The food is excellent.

Residents can register with SLDC for my Account.

Off Roaders should be reported to the police.

037/21 Public Participation

a) **Police Report** – The High Furness newsletter reported that residents and a Parish Council had raised concern about a suspicious male hanging around the Backbarrow area at night carrying a litter picker on several occasions. The male was eventually located and is being investigated for other offences.

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

Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend in person tonight. Please share the below update with councillors and ask them to update me by email after the meeting on any matters arising or outstanding they need my help with.

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.

Hope the above is all of use/interest and do please let me know if there are other matters under discussion tonight that I should be aware of or can help with.

Districts Cllr Report – District Cllrs were not in attendance, the clerk will forward their email report. D

- c) **District Cllrs** were not in attendance. The clerk will forward the email sent to neighbouring parish.
- d) A resident was in attendance and requested that's she speak during item 13.
Correspondence.
She also raised concern about the state of the highways in particular, a depressed gully.

038/21 B4RN

It was noted that volunteers are needed to help arrange wayleaves and garden digs. The Parish Council felt that this was not up to them. They were also felt it was not up to them to deliver leaflets to everyone. It was greed they would put notices up around the parish.

039/21 Progress and Updates Reports:

- a) **Paths and Fells** – Bracken is covering a lot of damage to the paths.
- b) **Litter Picking and use of Lake Shore** – In general litter is much better but there is concern about animals getting hold of bits of paper, litter etc.
- c) **Website Newsletter** – Concern about wrong address and Map being wrong but the website people are sorting it out. Better links to services and organisations to be included along with a section for the Parish Council and also as section for events.
- d) **Parish Plan Matters.** – No update for Parish Plan matters.
- e) **River Fly** – Samples have been taken from Smithy Beck, results are lousy. No sample was taken from Torver Beck as there was no water in it.

040/21 Planning Applications/ Development Matters (and to ratify observations already submitted)

No planning applications for consideration at the time of the agenda going out
No reply regarding the Great Burney issue, there are lots of issues about unsealed roads
This matter is far from finished. Need to keep on and on at them until we do get a reply.
Need to chase response to the email regarding the licence for the caravan park

041/21 Working Together/ Parish Lengths Man

It was noted that the lengthsman for neighboring parishes is unable to take any more work on.

042/21 Highways/ New HIAMS System

Residents should be encouraged to report matters directly to Cumbria County Council. They should get an acknowledgement within 24 hours and a further update within 5 days.
Concern was raised regarding road safety on a corner where there had been a recent road accident.
Concern was also raised regarding visibility at Gawthwaite and Blawith due to overgrown vegetation.

043/21 Safety Issues on the Main Road

Concern has been raised by lots of young families regarding the speed on the main road, there is also concerns about bikes and prams getting punctures.
There is interest in putting together a working group and to get the County Cllr involved to put pressure on highways. There was also a suggestion of asking Tim Farron to become involved.

044/21 Correspondence

- a) SLDC Local Plan
- b) **Boundaries - Resolved** that the Parish Council will send a letter of concern regarding the proposals regarding the proposal to change the parliamentary boundaries.
- c) Queens Jubilee
- d) On line Services
- e) Cumbria Action for Sustainability

045/21 Boon Day

Boon Day will be on the 25/26 September and is a nice community event where the churchyard will get tidied up. Hedges will need trimming. Might need to hire a strimmer and fuel for it.

046/21 Greening Campaign/Climate Change

An offer of sponsorship to join the Greening Campaign has been received.

A thank you letter will be sent for the offer of sponsorship.

The parish is too small to take part in the Greening Campaign alone and the clerk will look into whether it is possible to join in with Coniston on their Campaign.

047/21 To consider Financial and Governance Matters

Resolved that the following payments are authorised:

Village Hall	£30.00
Clerk Salary	£193.70

048/21 Bank Mandate

Consideration was given to the bank mandate following the recent elections.

Resolved to remove Richard Sanderson and Ian Jones as they are no longer Parish Cllrs.

Resolved to add on Cllr S Wood and Cllr M Giles following their co-option on to the Parish Council.

It was also **resolved** to change the correspondence address to the new clerk Christine Adams.

049/21 Cllr Reports

There were no Cllr reports.

050/21 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on 13 September 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall at Water Yeat.