

**ALLITHWAITE UPPER PARISH COUNCIL
(LINDALE AND NEWTON IN CARTMEL)
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT LINDALE
Wednesday 21st May 2008**

Present: Cllr Shearer, Cllr Mrs Smith, Cllr Mrs McClure, Cllr Ms Hall, Cllr Bond, Cllr Armstrong.

1186 APOLOGIES: Cllr. Mrs Tattersall, Cllr Mrs Matthews, County Cllr W Wearing.

In attendance: Mrs D Cowperthwaite – Clerk. Liz Cornford Young Cumbria. Sgt J Sizer Cumbria Police.

Also Present: - Public 10

1187 MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23rd May 2007:
The minutes, as circulated, were signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Bond and Seconded Cllr. Ms Hall.
All agreed.

1188 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICECHAIRMAN:-

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Ms Hall proposed Cllr Shearer for office of Chairman. Seconded Cllr Mrs McClure. Unanimously appointed. The Chairman duly completed Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman.

1189 Vice Chairman: Cllr. Ms Hall was proposed by Cllr Shearer and seconded by Cllr Bond, appointed unanimously. Cllr Ms Hall accepted the office of Vice-Chair.

1190 ELECTION OF COMMITTEES: - The following committees and members were appointed:

Planning- Cllr Mrs McClure, Cllr Mrs Smith, Cllr Mrs Tattersall, Cllr Armstrong and Cllr Matthews were appointed to liaise with another councillor from either Lindale or High Newton depending on location of planning application. Proposed Cllr Bond, Seconded Cllr Ms Hall. Unanimously appointed.

Finance: All Councillors to be members of this committee. Proposed Cllr Mrs McClure, Seconded Cllr Ms Hall. Unanimously appointed.

1191 PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

a) Neighbourhood Forum representative to attend meetings and provide written feedback report to council: It was resolved to have 3 representatives, Cllr Mrs Tattersall, Cllr Ms Hall and Cllr Armstrong who will rotate attendance of meetings.

b) Community Board Representative to attend meetings and provide written feedback report to council: It was resolved to have 3 representatives, Cllr Mrs Tattersall, Cllr Mrs McClure and Cllr Mrs Smit. who will rotate attendance of meetings.

c) Consultations Co-ordinator to co-ordinate council's response to consultations that are received and respond to consultations. It was resolved for Cllr Shearer to act as consultations co-ordinator.

1192 NOMINATIONS TO EXTERNAL BODIES: The following Councillors were elected to serve as follows:

a) Lindale Village Hall – Cllr Mrs McClure. Proposed Cllr Ms Hall, Seconded Cllr Armstrong.

b) Newton Village Hall – Cllr Mrs Matthews. Proposed Cllr Mrs McClure, Seconded Cllr Bond.

c) Taylor Newton & Hibbert Charity – Cllr Mrs Tattersall & Cllr Mrs McClure. Proposed Cllr Armstrong, Seconded Cllr Mrs Smith.

d) Tree Warden – Mr D Lindley. Proposed Cllr Mrs McClure, Seconded Cllr Bond.

e) Parish Highwayman – It was agreed that this role is now incorporated into the weekly inspection of Parish Areas by rotation of Parish Council Members. Proposed Cllr Mrs McClure, Seconded Cllr Mrs Smith.

f) Parish Council Internal Auditor – Mr Alan Oliver has agreed to continue as Internal Auditor. Proposed Cllr Mrs Smith and Seconded Cllr Bond. All Councillors were unanimously appointed.

Meeting closed 7.40 pm

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1193 Chairman's Annual Report: - The Chairman reported during the course of the last year we welcomed a new councillor in Lindale Ward Roger Armstrong. Our District Councillor Robin Brown and County Councillor Bill Wearing attend the majority of our meetings which we welcome and we thank them for their input and support.

Three councillors and the Clerk took part in the CALC Roadshow which led to the production of an Action Plan for the Parish Council. Four councillors and the Clerk attended training on the new Code of Conduct for Councillors following the adoption of the new code of Conduct in September 2007. The Parish Council has during the year also revised its Standing Orders and Financial Regulations which were adopted in February 2008.

Planning applications were up this year – the Parish Council commented on 27 compared to 24 in 2006/07. In September 2007 the Parish Council acknowledged and supported the need for affordable local housing within the Parish. However, the need for affordable housing can only be met by identification of suitable sites within the Parish and be subject to subsequent approval of planning consent by LDNPA and then by the commitment of a commercial developer.

The Grange and Cartmel Peninsula Community Board was established in June 2007. Unfortunately the Parish Council has not been able to take a very active part in this pilot and have raised concerns with regards to the timings of the meetings to ensure that in the future we will be represented.

The Parish Council is still negotiating with Cumbria County Council regarding the terms of the lease for the piece of land at Windermere Road.

In November Councillors joined with pupils from Lindale School at the War Memorial for a service of remembrance in memory of those from the parish who have given their lives in conflicts since the Great War.

The Parish precept for 2007/08 was £11,950 and this has contributed towards the up keep of the Parish Areas. In addition the Council has replaced the legs on one set of swings and the climbing frame, the rope ladder on the climbing frame. The railings at Yew Tree Green were renovated and repainted. In conjunction with Bateman BMW the grass verge on the approach towards Castle Head was trimmed for the first time in a number of years.

April 2008 saw the opening of the Newton by Pass throughout the period of construction the contractors have worked with the Parish Council to monitor the levels of suspended sediment within Lindale Beck. Throughout the year the Parish Council has endeavoured to communicate with residents of the parish through the St Paul's Church Newsletter, many thanks to Angela Shepherd for putting up with my last minute submissions and to Cllr Mrs Matthews for ensuring Parish Council information was included in the Newton Newsletter. In addition the Parish Council now has an outline website which will go live in June 2008.

In May 2006 the Parish Council took the decision to develop a Community Plan, this process was ongoing during 2007 and the writing up of the Plan began in 2008, and initial proposals for Action Plans were reported to the PC in February 2008. In accepting the final completed version of the Community Plan I would like to thank all the members of the Community Plan Steering Group for their commitment during the last two years. They freely give up a considerable amount of time in the interests of the parish for which we are extremely grateful. The Chairman also thanked all members of the Parish Council and the Clerk for their work throughout the year.

1194 Annual Report from Cumbria County Cllr W Wearing: - Cllr Wearing was unable to attend but submitted a written report which was read out by the clerk. He reported that Partnership working was the theme running through the last year, whether it was District and Parish, County or all three working together for the benefit of local people. The Community Board set up by the County as a means for developing services and making decisions at parish level has now been extended for a further 6 months trial. The parish lengthsman scheme project which was funded by the Cartmel and Grange Community board has worked well in the 3 parish areas that it has been trialled and will continue in 2008/09. The County Council have just launched a new Highways Scheme where stewards will be appointed to look after a certain area and undertake small highways jobs himself and liaise with highways teams for larger jobs. The steward will work closely with parishes. The District is now looking at directing decision making down to local areas like the county has achieved in it's Community Board model. He welcomes this and hopefully the County and District can work together to put in place local decision making and actions down to local parish areas. Waste and recycling at the civic amenity site on Risedale Hill Grange will soon be open an extra 2 days per weeks, (Sunday and Monday). The opening of the new by-pass at Low and High Newton has greatly reduced traffic levels in the village, but this has caused concern to the businesses in the villages because the Highways Agency at present has refused to give them signs on the by-pass to direct them to their premises'. The County transport teams are looking at this to see if they can persuade them to re-think their decision.

1195 The Future

Youth Engagement

The parish Council in conjunction with Young Cumbria plan through adoption of a Youth Engagement Strategy to establish contact with young people in the Parish and engage them in a project to raise funds for activities that they would be interested in accessing within the Parish.

Community Plan

The Parish Council will take note of the issues raised in the Community Plan to enhance the Parish and seek to take action on those areas for which we have direct responsibility provided that appropriate resources can be secured. The Parish council will provide an annual update on the Community Plan Action Plans annually at the Annual Parish Meeting

Communication

The Parish Council recognises that we need to engage more with the residents of the parish. Some of the strategies that will be considered include:

- Following the Website launch in June the Parish Council will carry out a review of its structure and upgrade the site by September 2008, with the aim to use this as one of the vehicles to improve communication with the residents of the parish.
- Working with the youth of the parish to produce and distribute a bespoke Parish Council Newsletter quarterly to encourage engagement of all within the parish.
- Continue to contribute on a monthly basis to the St Paul's Church Newsletter and the Newton Newsletter.

Wilkinson Monument

The bi-centennial celebrations will be on the weekend of July 19/20 and will include a ceremony at the monument when Lord Cavendish will unveil the new interpretation panel and an open afternoon at Castle Head. This will include the opportunity to sample some activities and tour parts of the house and garden with Frank Dawson (former Centre Director and well known Wilkinson expert.) Refreshments will be available and entry will be free. Children from Lindale school will be holding their own celebration before term ends and will contribute some of their work to an exhibition which will include memories of Lindale's past. On the Saturday evening there is to be a reception and a lecture by Dr. Barrie Trinder – *John Wilkinson – a key figure in the Industrial Revolution*. A variety of walks will be on offer in the village vicinity and beyond on the Sunday, when St. Paul's Church will also be open for coffee.

Further details will be published shortly and tickets for the lecture and a raffle will also be on sale. All proceeds will go towards the Wilkinson Project Fund.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm. Next meeting 18th June 2008 at Lindale Village Hall at 7.30 pm.