

Recreation Ground Improvement Project

At a meeting held on 6/7/10 a Community Group was formed to take this project forward; the group will be known as "Lindale Village Playground Fund". The Chairman is Councillor Paul Bond and the Clerk, Debbie Cowperthwaite, will be involved in assisting with investigating and securing sources of funding. The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to everyone who has come forward and either volunteered to be a member of the committee or the working parties. The next meeting will be **held on 15th September 2010 at 7.45 Royal Oak Inn, Lindale. Please come along and join us if you are willing to become involved.**

Fundraising was enthusiastically launched at the Lindale Sports Day and will include an "Autumn Draw." The prize is a weekend in a Pod Camping Hut for 2 adults and 2 children during Spring/Early Summer 2011 in a Lake District Location. (To be drawn in Lindale Inn on Saturday 6th November 2010). Tickets are available from any Committee Member or Lindale Post Office. (Contact Clerk for more details)

Dogs in the Recreation Ground and dog fouling around the Parish

At the Annual Parish Meeting concerns were raised about dogs accessing the recreation ground and in particular being out of control and potentially dangerous. There have also been recent complaints about the high incidence of dog fouling both in the recreation ground and other areas of the parish. The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance and management of the Recreation ground but the District Council (SLDC) is the body responsible for enforcement. We are currently consulting with both SLDC and the National Park Authority as we seek the most appropriate way of resolving this problem.

Dogs are allowed in the Recreation Area because a Public Right of Way exists between the gate next to the Audi garage and the one at The Sheilings, running along the edge of the football area. However, the Parish Council would like to remind dog owners please to keep dogs under close control and/or on a leash whilst using this footpath. Dogs should not be exercised on the rest of the play area. Please clear up after your dogs in order to reduce the potential health risks.

South Lakeland District Council has adopted and enforces the Dogs (Fouling on Land) Act 1996

Dog fouling in public places has always been socially unacceptable, but now it is a fineable offence. Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, if you allow your dog to foul, you must clean it up or scoop the poop straight away. Failing to do this will make you liable for an initial fixed penalty of £50. Persistent offenders will be taken to a Magistrates Court and face a fine of up to £1000.

Highways Issues

Lack of continuous footpath provision from Lindale to Grange

At the recent Annual Parish Meeting concerns were expressed about the lack of a safe footpath route from Lindale to Grange. The Parish Council, supported by County Councillor Bill Wearing,

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has been successful in persuading the County Council to carry out a survey on the road from Castle Head Farm to Lyndene Drive and is currently in talks about the feasibility of providing a pathway – subject to availability of funding.

Speeding

We have had a spate of complaints during the summer about speeding; the particular “hot spots” are Skinner Hill/ Windermere Road area and down Lindale Hill through the centre of the village. We have also reported these issues to Cumbria County Council and asked for traffic calming measures to be considered.

There are several further ongoing highways issues that we are continuing to pursue.

Educational Grants and Grants for Apprentices

Grants are available from Cartmel Old Grammar School Foundation for young residents who live in the parishes surrounding Cartmel to continue their education at University or college (post A Level)

The Parish Council also has a small Apprentices Fund available and will consider applications from Young People residing in the Parish of Allithwaite Upper starting an apprenticeship training scheme for a grant contribution towards tools and equipment required for their chosen trade.

Further details available from Clerk

Parish Council Vacancies

Lindale – 2 vacancies

Newton – 1 vacancy

Please contact Mrs D Cowperthwaite Clerk for further details if interested on 015395 33091 or email clerk@allithwaiteupperpc.net