

HAVERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 11 SEPTEMBER 2006 – LEVEN VALLEY SCHOOL

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman; Cllr's. C. Watkinson, R. Emmett, C. Stoddart, D. Fell, D. Bevins, S Nicholls and Clerk K. Whiteside.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. G. Egglestone, C.C. E. Walsh & D.C. M. Bentley

MINUTES OF MEETING 10 JULY 2006: Approved and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING:

The Clerk reported that SLDC had accepted the Council's request that the Ironworks Development Site be named "The Ironworks" and that the Planning Application to erect two 17 ft high advertising hoardings had been rejected.

The lack of progress on the replacement street lamp in Old Barrow Road was discussed.

Following complaints about litter on the village roads SLDC had responded by doing regular sweepings.

IRONWORKS SITE PROBLEMS: Following complaints from Levens Dale regarding site problems of lack of dust protection, bird and rat problems the Clerk was asked to contact the Health & Safety Executive.

A590 BUS SHELTER: The Clerk reported on a Meeting with Tim Farron MP on the lack of progress by the Highways Agency in providing a lay-by for the proposed bus shelter. Tim Farron had contacted the H A Chief Executive and had obtained assurances that the lay-by would be completed within this financial year.

BUILDING RUBBLE PROBLEMS – LOW ROW: The Clerk reported that he had received five letters from the residents of Low Row complaining about building spoil being dumped at the rear of their properties 8 ft high by 20 ft long. The clerk instructed to write to LDNPA.

FREE COMPUTER AND BROADBAND INSTALLATION: A free laptop computer and printer has been offered by N.W. Development Agency for Council use; together with free broadband installation. The Clerk offered to pay half of the monthly broadband rental of £12 for use in non-Council work. It was approved by the Council.

FINANCE: The Clerk's expenses of £14.75 (mileage) were approved for payment.

It was agreed to pay Mrs.Stanway £25 for use of power and water during the cleaning of the War Memorial.

The Clerk asked the Council to consider any schemes for 2007 so that funding can be discussed when setting the Precept at the November Meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: A member of the public asked if the Council could provide Allotments; and was informed by the Clerk that “ written representations from six ratepayers resident in the Parish” were required to be received for Council consideration – then the problem of finding a suitable site could be investigated. The problem of road junctions with the A590 by the Railway Station were discussed – with no obvious answer

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 13 November 2006.

Before the Meeting Judith Darbyshire of Cumbria Rural Housing Trust gave a short talk on the recent Housing Survey and possible ways of gaining affordable housing, which the Council will explore.