

HAVERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

A.G.M. – MONDAY 11 MAY 2009 – CHURCH HALL

MINUTES

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Coun. Cath Stoddart

PRESENT: Coun. C. Watkinson, G. Egglestone, D. Fell, J. Godwin, S. Partridge, J. Woddy, Clerk K. Whiteside & D.C. C. Leal.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Christina Watkinson gave a full report on the Council's work and achievements for the past year.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2009/10: Coun. Watkinson was proposed by Coun. Woddy seconded by Coun. Partridge and elected unanimously.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Coun. Egglestone proposed by Coun. Woddy seconded by Coun. Watkinson and elected unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO: Brow Edge Foundation – Coun. Egglestone & Coun. Fell
Holker Charities – Coun. Stoddart & Coun. Fell
Haverthwaite OAP Welfare Comm. – Coun. Fell
Footpath Officer – Tony Busby
Internal Auditor – John Greenwood

All above appointments unanimously approved.

MINUTES OF MEETING 9 MARCH 2009: Passed unanimously as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: The Chairman reported that a slate memorial plaque for Dennis Bevins had been made and would be fixed on the Playing Fields Hall. The Clerk reported that following Tim Farron's letter to the Highways Agency a commitment was given to construct a new layby before the end of the financial year, for our bus shelter.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: A request was made for local and Council news to be published in the Westmorland Gazette and Sandy Nicholls agreed to try again to be the local correspondent. Coun. Egglestone said he had been approached by local farmer David Dickinson about the problem caused by overgrown trees pushing over the stone walls on his fields alongside the A590 – the Clerk to write to the Highways Agency.

FINANCE: The Annual Accounts proposed by Coun. Woddy seconded by Coun. Fell were unanimously approved. The A/cs for payment plus one for the Internal Auditor were approved unanimously. It was agreed to set a spending budget for the year at the July Meeting.

PARISH PLAN REPORT: Coun. Godwin reported on a Meeting he had attended and said that most Plans had listed objectives which were unachievable by Parish Councils and needed too much involvement. It was suggested that an Open Parish Meeting be arranged for September to learn what our residents want and which the Council could achieve.

CALC REPORT: Coun. Partidge reported on the last Meeting and also said that due to a pending new job she would have to resign from the Council.

LITTER PICK: It was great success with 35 bin sacks of litter collected. It was suggested by Coun. Woddy that we hold another one in October.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Clive Leal reported on the desire for more community get together with Local Area Partnerships with more powers. He said that there had not been any developments or applications from the Stribers Windfarm Consortium. Progress had been made with SLDC regarding road sweeping and the Stewards litter collections.

CORRESPONDENCE: Following an Application from the developers of Wilkinson View to change the local occupancy restriction to Cumbria wide occupancy the Council agreed to offer no objection. The Clerk reported on new courses from CALC for new and aspiring Chairmen.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 13 July 2009 7pm – St. Anne's Church Hall.