

**ALLITHWAITE UPPER PARISH COUNCIL
(LINDALE AND NEWTON IN CARTMEL)
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT LINDALE
Wednesday 23rd May 2007**

Present: Cllr Shearer, Cllr. Mrs Tattersall, Cllr Mrs Matthews, Cllr Ms Hall, Cllr Bond, County Cllr W Wearing.

1038 APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs Smith. Cllr Mrs McClure, Cllr Bertlin, District Cllr Brown.

In attendance: Mrs D Cowperthwaite – Clerk.

Also Present: - Public 2

1039 MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24th May 2006:

The minutes, as circulated, were signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Shearer and Seconded Cllr. Mrs Tattersall. All agreed.

1040 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICECHAIRMAN:-

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

1041 Vice Chairman: Cllr. Ms Hall was proposed by Cllr Shearer and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tattersall, appointed unanimously. Cllr Ms Hall accepted the office of Vice-Chair.

1042 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE: - The following committees and members were appointed:

Planning- Cllr Bond and Cllr Mrs Smith, were appointed to liaise with another councillor from either Lindale or High Newton. In accordance with location of planning application. Proposed Cllr Shearer, Seconded Cllr Ms Hall. Unanimously appointed.

Finance: All Councillors to be members of this committee. Proposed Cllr Bond, Seconded Cllr Mrs Matthews. Unanimously appointed.

1043 NOMINATIONS TO EXTERNAL BODIES: The following Councillors were elected to serve as follows:

- a) Lindale Village Hall – Cllr Mrs McClure. Proposed Cllr Mrs Tattersall, Seconded Cllr Ms Hall.
- b) Newton Village Hall – Cllr Mrs Matthews. Proposed Cllr Mrs Tattersall, Seconded Cllr Bond.
- c) Taylor Newton & Hibbert Charity – Cllr Mrs Tattersall & Cllr Mrs McClure. Proposed Cllr Ms Hall, Seconded Cllr Mrs Matthews.
- d) Tree Warden – Mr D Lindley. Proposed Cllr Mrs Tattersall, Seconded Cllr Shearer.
- 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 Shearer, Seconded Cllr Mrs Matthews.
- f) Lindale Primary School Governors – Mr Rhodes to continue to serve - 1 more year of office as school governor. Proposed Cllr Mrs Tattersall, Seconded Cllr Shearer.
Cllr Mrs Tattersall, Seconded Cllr Mrs McClure.
- g) Parish Council Internal Auditor – Mr Alan Oliver has agreed to continue as Internal Auditor. Proposed Cllr Bond and Seconded Cllr Mrs Matthews. All Councillors were unanimously appointed.

Meeting closed 7.40 pm

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1044 Chairman's Annual Report: - The Chairman reported a busy year for the Parish Council with a number of projects running that will hopefully bear fruit in 2007/08. With regard to what has happened in 2006/07, the High and Low Newton Bypass has commenced, this raised an environmental issue with regard to quality of water in the becks in and around Lindale. A system for monitoring of water samples is now in place and results are being reported to the Parish Council. A programme for replacement, repair and repainting of all railing in the parish has nearly been completed, thanks to Cllr Mrs McClure for coordinating this and Probation Service for repainting of railings at Newton. Thanks to Cllr Mrs Tattersall undertook a review of all properties in Lindale and the Parish map has now been updated to reflect all the necessary amendments. Last summer there were a number of concerns with regard to activities on the recreation ground and more recently 2 incidents of vandalism at the bus shelter in Lindale and the bench from outside the school has disappeared, the Chairman reiterated the importance of contacting the police with any concerns or information. The development of a Community Plan for the Parish was launched in September and a Steering group formed. Also, during this year a sub committee of the Parish Council led by Cllr Jane Hall was formed to commence the project to restore the Wilkinson Monument in readiness for the 200th Anniversary of John

Wilkinson's death in July 2008. Work is now well under way collecting quotes and applying for funding. The Parish website is currently being completed by students from Wigan and Leigh College and will hopefully be launched shortly. The Parish Council in conjunction with the school again held a Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial and the annual Christmas tree lighting was organised by the Lindale Sports Club. During the year we have welcomed new Councillor Paul Bond and seen Cllr Bertlin resign and the Chairman thanked him for all his work for the Parish. The Chairman also thanked all members of the Parish Council and the Clerk for their work throughout the year.

1045 Annual Report from Cumbria County Cllr W Wearing: - Cllr Wearing reported "Highways issues were at top of list" He apologised for the County Councils omission of a sign on the A590 regarding the recent new TRO for the banning of HGV's on Windermere Road. As a result of this the TRO is not yet in place. Currently awaiting Highways permission, if this is not granted he will be looking for a complete ban of HGV's in the village to avoid the situation of them using Lindale Hill to bypass the Windermere Road. He reported the High and Low Newton bypass is on target, actually one week in advance. He reported that various issues had been raised at a recent forum meeting regarding length of slip roads at Cartmel and Ayside and also the speed at Barrowbanks (which is outside this Parish).

Issues for the villages post bypass are being considered by the Community Plan Steering Group. He also advised the meeting about the formation of a "Community Board" "made up of representatives of Parish Councils, Cumbria County Council Councillors, the voluntary sector and young people. It is a pilot scheme in the County to put in place tier of local decision making; he reported that this will take place even if a single unitary authority doesn't happen. AUPC will have representatives on the board together with other Parishes in the Cartmel Peninsular. The Grange and Cartmel Community Board is the only one in the South Lakes. 1st Meeting to be held on 05.06.07 in Cartmel Village Hall at 6.00 pm.

1046 Annual Report from Mr P Rhodes, Minor Authorities Representative, Lindale School Governor: - Mr Rhodes was unable to attend, however the clerk read a submitted report that informed the meeting that the school is in sound financial shape with a healthy surplus carried over to the new financial year. The school is involved in many activities, this week being "Health Week". Cllr Brown, also a school governor was able to add that the proposed school extension was awaiting confirmation of funding and the numbers on the role are holding up well.

1047 Report from Sylvia Woodhead regarding her role as Member of Local Access Forum LDNPA: - Sylvia Woodhead informed the meeting that the role of the Forum is to advise CCC/LDNPA/English heritage and the Forestry Commission. The forum is currently working of Rights of Way Improvement Plan and the draft will be available by June 2007. The LDNPA is working with CCC to improve Countryside Rights of Way and get into areas of open access; also there is a push on access to coastlines, rivers and lakes. There are 20 members of the forum and access for users such as walkers, cyclists and horse riders are all considered. Defra have introduced new guidance and it is a statutory duty for LAF to advise Parish Councils of any decision made and the implications for open access. The most local issue is how to reinstate links currently severed by the construction of the Low and High Newton bypass. Safe crossing and easier safer links form Lindale to Newton to be considered and suggestions for accessed to be included in Cumbria ROW Improvement Plan.

1048 Report from David Clapp, Vice Chair Allithwaite Upper Community Plan Steering Group: - David Clapp reported that the Parish Council set up a Community Plan Steering Group in September 2006 to develop a Community Plan on behalf of the Parish. The group is Chaired by David Halligan and made up of representatives from Lindale and Low and High Newton. He reported that the Community Plan is to be a planning document setting out characteristics of our communities which people want to conserve and a series of action plans to achieve aspirations for the future. It is important to obtain all views of all sections of the community; a preliminary questionnaire was completed in December 2006 as a result of these findings actions teams for the issues identified have been formed. This will now move forward to a Community Event in Lindale on 23.6.06 and a slimmer event in Newton on 14.7.07. All members of the community have been invited and the idea is to inform people of the progress to date and allow lots of ways to contribute idea. From this a more specific questionnaire will be developed to establish priorities for the action plan. It is hoped the first draft of the Community Plan will be written around September 2007 when there will be the opportunity for people to comment on the draft.

1049 The meeting closed at 8.30pm. Next meeting 20th June 2007 at Lindale Village Hall at 7.30 pm.