

## **Minutes of the Whitwell and Selside Parish Meeting held at 7.30 pm 7 March 2016 at at the Memorial Hall, Selside**

**Present:** Terry Armitstead, Andrew Armitstead, Tony Dixon, June Dixon, Margaret Dixon, Claire Dixon, Carolyn Potter, Stephen Procter, Angela Ridding, John Tallon, Norman Winter, Dan Robinson and Simon Elliott (chairman).

### **1. Welcome**

The chairman welcomed all present mentioning in particular Dan Robinson of Goodhamscales, attending for the first time.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Anne Armitstead, Jen Armitstead, Sandra Carradice, Cathy Winter, Peter Thornton (Councillor, Whinfell Ward, SLDC) and Stan Collins (County Councillor).

### **3. Minutes of the meeting of 12 October 2015**

These having been previously circulated, were read out by the chairman for the benefit of those who had not seen them, agreed to be a correct record, and duly signed by him.

### **4. Highways matters.**

i) Four Lane Ends update: recent meeting with Victoria Upton, Team Leader Traffic Management, South Area, Cumbria.

i) The Chairman gave an update on the autumn meeting at Four Lane Ends with Victoria Upton. He said that Tony and Margaret Dixon and Norman Winter had also been present. Victoria had been intelligent and decisive; she fully understood the point made by Tony and Margaret referring to the lack of visibility especially when approaching from the north but also from the Kendal direction. She suggested the only feasible improvement was for a large SLOW sign to be painted in white paint on the carriageway at the approach from both Watchgate and Patton. This was agreed and she undertook to get this done. The chairman thanked her for her helpful initiative. In view of the subsequent December floods it was agreed it would be inappropriate to chase her at this stage, the work not having yet been done.

**Action: Norman**

ii) Request from the Robinson family of Goodhamscales for a 'No Through Road' sign to be placed at the junction of the Goodhamscales road with the Mealbank - Patton road and at the turning off the A6 for Edge Bank and Garnet Folds.

Dan Robinson outlined the problems experienced by the residents at Goodhamscales. As parishioners were aware there was no 'No Through Road' sign either at the junction of the Goodhamscales lane with the Mealbank - Patton road, or at the turning off the A6 just north of Burton House for Edge Bank and Garnet Folds. This, added in particular to inappropriate Sat Nav directions, has led to increasing numbers of vehicles, many of which were large,

churning up the lane verges, arriving at Goodhamscales, where the road is a private one, attempting with great difficulty to turn and generally causing disruption to the residents, and a hazard to their children. The sharp turn at the junction of the gated Edge Bank lane with the Goodhamscales lane, which is impossible for heavy vehicles, was another source of trouble. Parishioners were aware that while Goodhamscales is in the parish, the lanes concerned were largely in Skelsmergh parish. However they understood and expressed support to action being taken. Norman said he had been in contact with John and Mary Chapman who had offered to bring the matter to their next Parish Council meeting and had asked to be kept informed of any developments. Tony asked whether some action could be taken via the Sat Nav authorities, to which Terry said the answer, from his long experience of problems at Bowthwaite, was a definite negative. Dan explained that he had made some headway by submitting edits to Google Maps, from which he believed much SatNav data is derived.

**Action: Norman**

#### **5. Update on December 2015 floods – grants, road closures etc.**

Norman said that he had periodically updated parishioners on the parish email facility regarding local and national schemes for compensation, and public meetings etc. He said that while two or three properties in the parish had been affected this had rather to do with local issues of drainage and beck overflow. He referred to the damage caused to the road surface and culverts below the entrance to Mosergh House, of which he had sent photos to Stan Collins. He congratulated Edward and Angela Ridding on their work to restore the crossing over the Lightwater beck on their land. Stephen said that two footbridges had been swept away and a third was unsafe – these were variously between Whitwell Folds and High Biggarsbank and between Low Biggarsbank and Top Thorn. Norman took down grid references and agreed to report them.

**Action: Norman**

#### **6. Parish website and email communication**

i) Update on email list.

Norman said that the email list now comprised 40 and more recipients.

ii) Update on progress on website.

Norman gave parishioners the very welcome news that the website was now up and running and that he had emailed recipients the link asking for corrections or additions.

iii) Update on ideas for assistance in extending communication: social media, recruitment to email list.

Norman said that the Facebook page set up and maintained by Jen Armitstead continues to reach a range of people beyond the email group and the reach of the parish magazine.

In summary Norman was most warmly thanked for all the hard work he has done on these related projects.

## **7. H M the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations 21 April**

- i) Agree plans for lighting of a Beacon Thursday 21 April to celebrate her birthday.

With approval of Tony, and subject to permission from Hal Bagot, it was agreed that the Dixon family would put up a bonfire at the summit of Whiteside Pike, as for the Queen's diamond jubilee, seeking help if necessary from parishioners. Simon said that the bonfire was to be lit at an exact time yet to be notified. It was agreed that walkers would assemble at Mozergh road end and then walk up to Whiteside on the Old Road and through the Kitcrag sheep pens. Food and drink would be optional but it was stressed that no bottles or other litter should be left.

The official guidance had suggested local people of prominence be invited. Stephen said he was due to meet Mr Bagot shortly and it was agreed he would ask permission on behalf of the Dixon family and also ask if any of the Bagot family would like to be invited. It was agreed that a notice would be put in the April issue of Church and Community News.

- ii) Agree plans for a community party Sunday 12 June to celebrate her official birthday .

It was agreed a Jacob's Join would be held at the Memorial Hall beginning 12.00 noon and that a bar would be provided. It was agreed that a notice be put in the May and June issues of Church and Community News and that suggestions for afternoon entertainments be sought. Norman said that there would be a form of "Songs of Praise" service at 6.00 pm at St Thomas' Church and it was hoped that many parishioners would attend.

**Action: Norman**

## **8. Local Area Partnership: proposal to nominate one person to attend the Upper Kent LAP as a voting member**

Norman outlined the purpose and constitution of the LAP and said he felt it had a useful purpose, not least as a source of funds. The meeting agreed to nominate him as an attendee and thanked him for his work in this behalf.

## **9. Boundary issues**

- i) Update on proposal to invite Fawcett Forest to discuss partnership.

June said she had had a recent conversation with Lenore Knowles on this, and she had said that the Fawcett Forest parish meeting was still in abeyance, and that she awaited the consultation with parishioners which Peter Thornton had undertaken to make. It was agreed that Simon would remind the latter of this.

**Action: Simon**

## **10. Litter Clearance**

- i) Date of next event.

This was agreed for 10 April 2016. Norman said that Mary Chapman hoped to provide safety signs.

ii) Update on high visibility tabards.

Simon said that Wendy Barlow had most generously supplied at her own cost a number of high visibility tabards inscribed "Selside Community Volunteers" – parishioners were most grateful for her generosity and asked Simon to write a letter of thanks.

**Action: Simon**

## **11. A O B**

The Poor Dale - this item having been omitted from the Agenda it was agreed that Stephen would give Margaret £10 as his rent for a year's grazing, to be used for refreshments on litter clearance days

## **17. Date of next meeting**

This was fixed for Monday 19 September 2016. Parishioners expressed a preference to meet at the Memorial Hall as opposed to the School, provided no charge would be made. Those members of the Hall committee present agreed to use their best endeavours to persuade the committee not to make a charge.