

# MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Letting Meeting of Conistone with Kilnsey Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday 19 December 2016.

1. 30 residents attended. Apologies received from Audrey Pidgeon, Sian Batty, Sheila Ginger, Vanessa Roberts, John Carlisle and John Clement
2. Chairman's Report: SM outlined change of format to include Village Hall meeting
3. Minutes of last meeting: Acceptance was proposed by Gordon Pidgeon, seconded by Jamie Roberts, and agreed by all members present. Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman
4. Matters Arising: Tree Planting – JR gave update re funding. He advised that 10/11 March has been earmarked for planting around 50/70 trees. Volunteers needed to assist.
5. Village Bonfire & Fireworks: JR noted that in previous years David Hood had kindly supported the fireworks and this year it was sponsored by JR. Looking for support in future years. Discussion ensued around the location – this years was ok as the weather was fine, but may need to be alternated between Kilnsey and Conistone going forward. GP proposed vote of thanks to the organisers for an excellent evening. Mike Clarke suggested Village Parish Insurance should cover firework display if it is carried out in the Parish name. He also suggested that Officers clarify with Insurance Company what activities are actually carried out.
6. Community History Day: JR suggested that we set aside a day for locals to bring photos, etc so we can put on an exhibition and possibly a book to showcase the area. A date for this in Late March is proposed and JR will suggest some dates and circulate.
7. Communications: GP outlined emails received from various sources but sometimes he was unaware of certain events e.g. the MP visit to Village Hall. Chairman outlined the process to send out emails and advised that all were sent through DH for distribution. One concern is that the Chairman has is that the decision making is down to her as to what needs to be sent out. DH suggested that he is happy to send out what he is asked but there is a danger of too much info being distributed. GP suggests Officers sit down and investigate if there is a way of improving the situation. DR suggests that now the website is editable, we could have forum for communication but this would need to be used to be worthwhile.
8. Conistone Village Green Road Issues: Colin Ginger outlined the flooding problem with the Village Green road being washed out. NYCC repaired in June/July as this is a maintained road. Reports have been submitted to NYCC and Craven DC. CG suggested people get together and formulate a plan to put preventative measures in place. Roger Tankard suggested a firm surface be installed so water would run off into village drains quicker. MC suggested that tarmac would lift and crack and cause even more problems. Rob Tennant asked if there was a possibility of laying a drainage pipe down the side of the track to aid dispersion. Steve Pope advised that if the drains were unable to cope with copious amounts of water it may just displace the problem to further down the village. Peter Bradfield said there were lots of opinions and suggested a committee be formed to come up with a solution to put forward to the Local Authority.

The Chairman summed up the discussions with the conclusion that no decision could be made on the night and we need expertise to identify the amounts of water and technical problems that would surround any alterations. Anthony Roberts suggested a letter from the Officers to the Highways Agency outlining to them that to save money they should look at the possibility of putting in a solution with a copy going to our local MP. The Chairman requested that CG put together a letter for consideration.

9. Internal Auditor: Philip Smith advised that an internal auditor carries out an audit after the Annual General Meeting. This is usually done by Philip Butterfield and PS proposes that he carry on with this work.

10. Treasurers Report. PS outlined expenditure and income since April meeting saying Kilnsey lighting bill received for £420.00, Craven DC Lighting bill now in with an extended period date of 31 Dec resulting in a charge of £830.00. RPA payments still coming in on a regular basis. PS then reported that the balance to date was +£1300.00 to the April balance.

11. Village Hall Matters:

- Purchases update – Sam Spence outlined the purchase of a new Miele fridge from John Phillips. She wanted to support local business even though it was slightly more expensive at £330.00. SS also reported the need for additional tables but this will not be looked at until a new external hut is sourced.
- Treasurers Report – Peter Leach provided overview of current situation with income exceeding expenditure by £125.00 which in comparison with last year was slightly less
  - Oil Supply – this cost is the largest expenditure and is currently paid by standing order so the amount paid remains the same in spite of oil price reductions over the past year. PL has looked into this and established that pricing has not been amended to reflect this. He also reported that it is extremely difficult to retrieve information from the current supplier Tates regarding the current situation and concluded that this was far from satisfactory. It is the view of the Officers that we should look to identify whether we can reduce costs. This issue has been deferred until Spring before we look at changing supplier. Graeme Hall suggested that other companies provide monitoring systems. GP raised issue of key being required by supplier to open the tank otherwise someone would need to be there for deliveries.
  - Showers – SS advised that the problem with the shower airlocking has been hopefully resolved with the fitting of a new valve. This needs to be monitored as a long term solution.
  - Cleaning – Gillian Leach suggests that following some issues over the state of the Village Hall following bookings. It is not currently being left to a level which is satisfactory. The Officers have decided to enlist the services of an ad hoc cleaner to ensure the Hall is kept clean as and when needed. Caroline Wake has agreed to carry out this work where necessary. AR suggested a 10% surcharge be added to the rental to cover cleaning costs.
- Keyholder List: SS advised that a list has now been prepared with all the keyholder names

- Social Event: Liz Hall outlined Domino event to take place on 29 Dec with a good response up to date. Wynn Clement confirmed that Rob Harrison will be organising a Quiz Night on 20 January 2017 and suggests that the food be Curries and Chillis instead of the usual Jacobs Join as this had proved quicker and more successful at recent events. WC also requested raffle prizes and advised that notification of the event would be sent out via the email system.

12. Annual Land Letting. SM conducted the auction with the following results:

• Poor Lands & Dole	Rob Tennant	£50.00
• Bridge Field	Jane Pighills	£35.00
• Green Lane/Scotgate Lane	Howard Pighills	£20.00
• Pit/Gypsy Camp	Jane Pighills	£30.00
• Bull Copy	Rob Tenant	£70.00
• Kilnsey Green	Malcolm Dibb	£100.00
• Conistone Pound	Peter Bradfield	£10.00

The Chairman closed the meeting with Seasons Greetings

Meeting Closed at 20.50

Paul Batty  
Hon Secretary