

Minutes of Parish Councils' Liaison Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, 29 March 2012 starting at 6.30pm
Present: P Young (Chairman)

Councillors:

R Hargreaves	C Ross
G Mirfin	G Scott
E M H Ranson	S Swarbrick
L Rimmer	

Parish Representatives:

C Parkinson	Bowland Forest (Higher)
H Douglas	Chatburn
A Schofield	Clayton-le-Dale
B Redhead	Clayton-le-Dale
J Shervey	Clitheroe
S Hopwood	Dutton
P Entwistle	Grindleton
N Walsh	Mellor
S Rawsthorne	Paythorne & Newsholme
C Pollard	Read
A Mashiter	Read
R Whittaker	Rimington & Middop
M Calvert	Sabden
G Molloy	Simonstone
R Hirst	Simonstone
R K Jackson	Waddington
C Cherry	West Bradford
M J Highton	Whalley
J M Bremnar	Wilpshire
J Strong	Wiswell

In attendance: Chief Executive and Earl Garner – Smart Water (for item 4).

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillors T Hill, R Newmark, M Robinson, I Sayers and D Taylor and from the following Parish Representatives:

D Bland	Aughton Bailey & Chaigley
J Porter	Bolton-by-Bowland
E Miller	Bowland Forest (Lower)
A Yearing	Clitheroe
R Assheton	Downham
P Morey	Hothersall
F Priest	Longridge
T Nelson	Ramsgreave
A Ormond	Ribchester
K Staines	Waddington

868 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

869 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

870 MATTERS ARISING

- a) Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons – with regard to Minute 691(b) it was advised that BBC Radio Lancashire offer advance and free publicity if anybody would like to take advantage of this. However, the Chief Executive issued a word of caution in advertising 'private' street parties.

871 SMART WATER/FARMWATCH INITIATIVE

The Chairman introduced Earl Garner from Smart Water who gave Committee a brief presentation on what Smart Water is. He reported that some months ago, he had attended a meeting with farmers in Newton who were interested in taking on Smart Water. He reported that recently signage had been put up on all accesses into the Ribble Valley indicating that Smart Water was being used. He explained to Committee that Smart Water is a property marking system that is used in crime reduction with local authorities and the police. It is in effect water that contains an individual forensic code, so that it can be identified. The property is marked with the water so that it can be traced back to its owner or as a spray for using on offenders that can subsequently lead to chargeable offences. He gave several examples of where Smart Water had been used and the convictions it had led to.

Members of Committee were interested in the cost and Earl Garner informed them that they work closely with local authorities in the provision at discounted rates. Committee were also interested to hear of any schemes in Ribble Valley and Lancashire and Earl Garner informed them that he was currently working with 25-30 local farmers as well as giving examples of schemes throughout Lancashire, particularly with the police.

The Chief Executive suggested that should any parish be interested in following up the Smart Water initiative, that they should contact Mr Alker who would co-ordinate with Earl Garner.

The Chairman thanked Earl Garner for his presentation and attending the meeting.

872 THREE TIER FORUM

The chairman reported that a meeting of the Three Tier Forum had taken place on the evening previous and gave a brief précis of the items that had been discussed. These included an item from Chipping regarding car parking enforcement in villages and schools, for which the Chairman gave a web site and contact number should any parishes be experiencing these problems; and an item from Simonstone Parish Council regarding a joint scoping exercise for the Three Tiers, for which the County Council had asked Simonstone Parish Council to provide their proposals; the issue of satellite navigation was also discussed.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

873 TELEPHONE PREFERENCE SERVICE

The Chief Executive reminded Committee that they had asked for information regarding the telephone preference service at their last meeting. The agenda included information with regard to this service.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

874 MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PARISH COUNCILS

- a) Chatburn Parish Council – Chatburn Youth Forum had received a Highly Commendable Certificate at the High Sheriff of Lancashire's Young Citizen Awards.
- b) Sabden Parish Council – the issue of satellite navigation routes was raised by Sabden Parish Council and the question was asked as to whether parishes should approach the County Council individually or whether there should be a uniformed approach with regard to additional signage to prevent HGVs in particular using inappropriate routes. Several parishes indicated that they too have similar problems in their villages.

The Chief Executive informed the meeting that they could go ahead and speak to the County Council individually but should they wish to contact either Bill Alker or Terry Longden, then an approach would be made on their behalf.

- c) Simonstone Parish Council – the Clerk from Simonstone Parish Council asked that an item be placed on the next agenda asking for the new procedure from Lancashire County Council with regard to parishes taking on statutory jobs.
- d) Core Strategy – the Chief Executive informed parishes that there would be a drop-in session regarding the Core Strategy on Tuesday, 3 April 2012 from 10.30am to 7pm in the Council Chamber should anyone wish to attend.

875 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman informed Committee that the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 14 June 2012 starting at 6.30pm. (There was a brief discussion and a vote taken regarding the start time of the meeting and resolved that this would continue to be at 6.30pm).

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Colin Hirst (414503).