

GRANGE & CARTMEL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Summary of the meeting held at Flookburgh Village Hall, Tuesday 1st March 2011

Cllr Rod Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Cllr Bill Wearing.

A LOCAL VIEW

Trevor Wilson, Chair of Lower Holker Parish Council gave an outline of the work the parish council has been focusing on in recent months. The Local Development Framework has been at the forefront with councillors keen to hear the views of local residents. Five sites in the parish have been highlighted to develop for house building, with a target of 116 houses to be built within the next 20 years (an average of 6 per year) This figure should be compared to the 198 homes that have been built in the last 12 years. Good progress has been made with work linking footpaths from Cark to Flookburgh. The parish council has also acquired a field and is hoping to raise funds from various sources, including the Lottery, towards building a MUGA. Planning permission has been given to fill the area with inert waste in order to raise the ground level above the water table and improve drainage on the site.

TOWN DYKE PROJECT

Jack Manning explained that, in Flookburgh, there is an open area which has been used largely as a tip for many years. A small, clear stream used to run along one side of this area, rising from a spring about 100yds away. In years gone by local fishermen used this to water their horses and clean their catches on various rock slabs, known locally as "the fish slabs". An 1896 document named the area as the Dub and identified it as a community gathering place before the newly built Village Hall became more popular for that role. It has been proposed that the area is restored to how it was by clearing away debris and vegetation, exposing the slabs and letting the stream run freely again. It could then be an attractive community area once more, possibly with seating, rather than the eyesore it has become. A group of young people in the village have also requested a ramp for BMX bikes. As some funds have already been raised it is hoped clearance work can start very soon. Ultimately it is hoped some information signage can be put up in

the area as well and it is possible that this might be something which the Morecambe Bay Partnership could help with.

LAP

The LAP is funding several projects in the area. Free early evening sports sessions will be running at various locations over the next few months. These will culminate in a sports festival with teams from all the sessions competing against each other - call 01539 729777 for full details. Funding has also been given to provide free training courses for local people who are interested in working with children and young people in the local area as community volunteers. Contact Luke Hale on 017687 75085 for more information.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Sgt Ken Jewell from Windermere Police Station gave an update on changes to the delivery of neighbourhood policing which came into force at the start of February. Grange & Cartmel is now covered by the Ulverston & Lakes Team with officers based at Ulverston and Windermere. Shift teams of 5 officers have responsibility for a certain geographical area. In an emergency the nearest officer will attend but in other cases a local officer will visit when they are next available. PCSOs will also still be a visible local presence. For non-emergency police help call 0845 3300 247 or email

ulverston&lakesnpt@cumbria.police.uk

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Grange Youth Club: Awarded £460

Flocks 4 Youth: Awarded £867

Lindale Village Playground Fund: Awarded £470

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NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUST

John Warren from the Nwas spoke to the Forum about plans the service has for the future and how they want everyone locally to become involved.

Based in Bolton with regional offices in Liverpool, Preston, Manchester and Carlisle, North West Ambulance Service is the largest in the country covering 5,400 square miles and a population of 7 million. Its 5,186 staff handle around 1.1 million calls and from these they initiate around 900,000 responses per year from one of 114 ambulance stations. In addition to 24 hr emergency response, the service also provides patient transport, major incident management and event support (e.g. football matches and major sporting events). The service's vision for the future is to ensure it continues to deliver the right care at the right time and in the right place, but with planned changes to the NHS, in particular the disappearance of PCTs and the move to GP led commissioning of services, it could be facing wider competition so must focus on offering excellent value and a service which is relevant to local people.

A Foundation Trust is still a part of the wider NHS but has greater freedom from central control and, if a surplus is made, then this can be carried into the next financial year rather than being handed back to central Government. It is a membership based organisation, with a Council of Governors appointed by the members and a Board of Directors, making a Foundation Trust directly responsible to its staff and the people it serves. The changes will mean greater local accountability, better organisational planning and financial freedom. Trying to improve the clinical side of the operation and maintaining service levels in rural areas will be key aims. However a review of facilities will be needed based on the suitability of premises and their location. New stations may need to be built to reflect current and predicted population centres.

The service is currently in the middle of a 3 month consultation period, which ends on 1st April 2011. It is seeking feedback from the public, partner organisations and members of staff on these plans. A full copy of the consultation document can be viewed online at www.nwas.nhs.uk where you will find details on the various ways in which you can have your say and also how you can become a member of the new Foundation Trust. Call 01539 713419 to request a hard copy of the document. There will also be public meetings on 23rd March at Kendal Town Hall and 24th March at Age Concern Barrow in Furness, starting at 6.00 pm.

WEST SOUTH LAKELAND CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Formerly Cartmel Peninsula Children's Centre, the new Centre based at Flookburgh Primary School opened in 2010 and is an offshoot of the Milnthorpe Children's Centre, a charity set up 10 years ago. The West South Lakeland Centre offers a full range of activities and services from pre-school, nursery and toddler groups to health clinics and one to one support for families. Staff also hold outreach sessions in outlying villages and school halls. Funding is aimed at the under 5's so the centre's core activities are based around their needs but they also have strong links with other groups working with older children. For full details of all the services available, please telephone 0845 543 6918, Monday to Friday, 8.00 am – 6.00 pm.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

South Lakeland District Council Local Development Framework Consultation: There will be an unmanned display of proposals at Grange over Sands Library until 17th March and at the Victoria Hall from 21st March – 15th April.

On Friday 8th April, Two by Two will be holding a Best of British Fashion show in Café Ambio, at the new Lakeland Motor Museum complex, in aid of the Leven Valley Support Group for St Marys Hospice. Starting at 7.30 pm, the ticket price includes refreshments and entry into the Museum from 6.00 -7.00 pm on the night. Tickets and full details from Two By Two, Market St, Ulverston or call 01229 480703.



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