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The Villager



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Papcastle & Belle Vue Newsletter

Editorial:

Welcome to the Summer edition of *The Villager*. The eagle-eyed among you will notice that this is a rather slimmer edition than normal; a combination of holidays and other commitments among the editorial team meaning that we've not been able to gather the usual quota of content. Much of this edition is given over to reproducing the Annual Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council, but in future we intend lodging Parish Council documents on the newly-updated Village website **www.papcastle.org.uk** as part of a drive for transparency. There's more detail about the website on the back page, and we hope to bring you a fuller test drive in the Autumn issue. Also held over until the Autumn is the report of the Trustees of the Village Hall, whose Annual General meeting was held on the 4th April.

An important date for your diaries is the 1 July 2017, when this year's Village Barbeque will be held. Finally, please note that the Editorial e:mail address has changed!

Beetle Drive

A Beetle Drive, which has become a popular event, was held in the village hall on Saturday 1st April 2017.

The evening was well attended by all age groups, but once again the nimble minds and reactions of the younger players triumphed. Congratulations to the Rowlands family, Paul and Rose along with their children ? and? who were the overall winners.

Luckily there were no hard feelings, and the main purpose of the evening, to socialise with our friends and neighbours was well served.

Once again, thanks are due to the organisers who put on such an enjoyable evening, made even more so by a splendid supper.

Events in the village hall rely on people who freely give their time and skills. If you would like to offer help or arrange something completely different, it would be much appreciated!



Beetle Drive winners the Rowlands family and prize.



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Papcastle Parish Council

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL for the year 2016-2017

A. Legal and Administrative Detail

A.1 Papcastle Parish Council was elected in 2015 for four years and took office on the 19th May.

A.2 The present membership is nine in number.

The Councillors are as follows (with date of first election to a previous council or the present council).

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| Mr. P. Broad | (2011) |
| Mrs G. Coyle | (2011) |
| Mrs. J. Day | (2005) |
| Mr. P. French | (2015)* |
| Mr. R. B. Jackson | (1983) |
| Mr. J. D. Johnson | (1983) |
| Mr. B. Merris | (1999) |
| Mr. H. Morgan | (2015)* |
| Mr. I. Trohear | (2007) |

*Co-opted

A.3 The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are elected annually at the Annual Meeting of Council held in May.

Current holders of these posts are -

Chairman: Mr. J. D. Johnson (since 1988)

Vice Chairman: Mr. P. Broad (since 2015)

A.4 The Clerk to the Council is -

Mrs B. Lamb, Sunningdale, Distington, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 5XP

A.5 The Council has maintained a current account with The Cumberland Building Society (switched during the year from Barclays Bank).

A.6 The Council has no standing committees.

Consultations concerning Planning Applications are circulated swiftly with the Chairman responsible for consolidating all comments made.

A.7 The Council nominates to the following bodies (not necessarily Parish Councillors).

Papcastle & Belle Vue Village Hall Council of Management:

- Two Currently Mr. R. B. Jackson and Mr. I Trohear.

Cockermouth & Papcastle Recreational Trust:

Two Mr R. B. Jackson (for 3 years) and Mr B. Merris (for 3 years).

Dovenby Hall Trust: (the Lamplugh Foundation for Dovenby Hospital)

One Mr. P. Broad.

B. The Activities of the Council

B.1 The Council held six meetings during the year at approximately two-monthly intervals.

Attendance:

Parish Councillors: 87% in total. However, 5 have attended all six meetings, with 1 attending five meetings and 3 attending four meetings. Apologies for missed meetings received, mainly due to either work commitments, holidays or illness.

District Councillors: Mrs Nicky Cockburn 3 Meetings; Mrs Janet Farebrother 1 Meeting

County Councillor: Mr Eric Nicholson 5 Meetings.

Police: Have attended 2 Meetings with access to reports when no attendance.

B.2 The main issues which have concerned the Council this year have been -

Planning Applications: There were 6 Applications considered. The Council had no objections to 5 with comments/observations and refused 1 which was concerns with the proposed Water Pipeline through parish. Allerdale have approved 5, and 1 was Withdrawn by the applicant.

The Council had 4 Applications for Felling/Pruning Trees (some in a Conservation Area). The Council had no objections to all 4. Allerdale have agreed with us in all cases.

The Council has also supported Broughton Parish Council in their objection to a large housing development which would be against the Local Plan and which would result in Great Broughton and Little Broughton *being conjoined*.

Planning Appeals: There have been 2 Appeals during the year, both for developments we (and Allerdale) Refused. The Council has supported Allerdale Planning with submissions to The Planning Inspectorate. Both Appeals were Dismissed.

The Council has studied and made comments on the following:-

Allerdale - Site Allocations – Preferred Options Consultation; Village Green Status; Registration of Footpaths.

Bus Shelter – now cleaned regularly.

Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) – meetings attended.

Independent Auditor – has been appointed as part of Financial Regulations.

Lighting In Village – There is still a danger that the lights could be taken off the ENW poles and as such we are still Precepting for the cost of installing new lighting columns. So far we have prevented any being taken down and are currently monitoring the situation with ENW, Allerdale and the County Council. The members of the Parish Council feel we need to maintain lighting in the Villages for the safety of the inhabitants including children and those passing through. This last year we took the decision again to Precept for the cost of erecting columns and connecting them if we come to the stage of no alternative. We have now Precepted a further amount for 2017/18 as we feel that the situation is still unclear.

Milestone Restoration – near Belle Vue junction with Gote Brow – planned for this spring.

New Belle Vue Sign - attached to notice/information board at Belle Vue.

Papcastle Parish Council Website – In the course of being developed.

Parish Notice Boards – the notice boards have been in constant use with a new combined information and notice board at Belle Vue.

Parking Concerns – poor standard of parking throughout the villages – article in The Villager.

Reporting of repairs/attention needed - to drains, street sweeping (to be done just after refuse vehicle has been around) footpaths, grass cutting, hedges, lighting, overgrown hedges, trees and various highway matters including potholes and signs.

Telephone Box – Cleaned.

Salt Bins – six bins at various locations in Papcastle and Belle Vue.

United Utilities – two presentations – West Cumbria Water Supply Project and Waste Water Treatment Works (proposed Papcastle Waste Water diverted into Cockermouth Waste Water Treatment Works).

Wind Farms – policy of opposing the expansion of Wind Farms in West Cumbria after due consideration of the plans and supporting other Parish Councils in the area on this subject.

Thanks are due to all Parish Councillors for their work during the year including their thoughtful responses to Planning Applications which are very useful in formulating the reasons for our decisions. Also thanks to our District Councillors and County Councillor for attending the meetings and especially advice given/items chased up during the year.

Special thanks go to our Clerk, Barbara Lamb who has now completed 34 years' service to the Parish Council.

C. Accounts

C.1 Donations of £500 were made to the Village Hall; £350 to St. Bridget's DCC, Bridekirk as a contribution to the up-keep of the churchyard; and £100 to The Great North Air Ambulance. The Precept included £5,000 for Street Lighting.

C.2 The Council raised a precept of £8,960.00 for the year (less some returned in grants).

C.3 The financial transactions of the Parish Council in summary were:-

Income £10,552.38

Expenditure £4,031.92

Balance at 31st March £21,021.03

This includes a provision of £100 for the next election expenses.



More players at the Beetle Drive

REGULAR VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

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| Latin Formation Monday Morning | Gill Greenhalgh <i>Weekly</i> (http://u3asites.org.uk/cockermouth) | |
| Mahjong Monday 2-5pm | Brian Wilkinson <i>All year except public holiday</i> | 01900 829490 |
| Keep fit Monday 6.30-7.30pm | Tony McGorrian <i>School term only</i> | 01900 64632 |
| Parish Council 1 st Tuesday evening | David Johnson <i>Bi monthly</i> | 01900 822163 |
| Yoga Thursday 6.30-8.00pm | Pat Irving | 07962127812 |
| Line Dancing Friday afternoons | Carol Smith <i>Weekly</i> | 01900 821590 |



Village Hall Bookings:
Rose Rowlands
01900 828941

Village Barbecue

The Annual Village barbecue will be held on Saturday 1st July 2017 starting at the earlier time of 6.00 - 6.30pm
Tickets £10 per head (under 8's free) available from Debbie Rushton (824831)
Offers of puddings or donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

New Village Website [www. papcastle.org.uk](http://www.papcastle.org.uk)

Following the appeal in the last issue of *The Villager*, village resident Doug Calam stepped up and volunteered to work with Eric Apperley to bring the village website up to date. The new look site is set up for potential future expansion, although Doug has already incorporated all the village photographs, maps, walks, and history from the old site, plus back issues of *The Villager* ! We will be uploading all the past and future Parish Council documents, but also potentially using the site as a portal to other Allerdale and Cumbrian resources that villagers would find useful.
Watch this space, but in the meantime, many, many thanks to Doug.



What's on at St Bridget's Church, Bridekirk:

Age UK lunch every Monday 12 noon - 2.30pm in the Church Room

Bell ringing practise every Monday at 7.30pm. Details from Richard Green 01900 824311

Baby to pre-school club every Wednesday 1pm-3pm in the Church Room. Details from Mary Stothard 01900 823395.

Usual Monthly Services

Services at 11am
1st Sunday Holy Communion and Sunday School
2nd Sunday All Age Service
3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Sunday school
4th Sunday Morning Prayer and Sunday School

Do you want to join the team ?

The Villager is looking to widen its contributor team, if you'd like to write for us, regularly or occasionally, please contact the Editor

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