

ALLITHWAITE AND CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL

'Major Local Government Re-organisation – Urgent Responses Required'

Proposals have been submitted to Central Government for the Re-organisation of Local Government which will impact on the services currently provided by South Lakeland District Council and Cumbria County Council as well as increasing the workload of Parish Councils. It is imperative all the Community view the proposals and how you can respond by visiting the website www.southlakeland.gov.uk/thebay.

Changes are prompted by the need for the larger grouping of Authorities (populations in excess of 300,000) to attract the services and funding offered by Central Government. The initial proposal submitted to the Secretary combined South Lakeland with Lancaster and Barrow (circa 319,000) with a subsequent proposal for North Cumbria (circa 327,000): a two Unitary Council approach, The Bay and North Cumbria.

The period for consultation and feedback to central government ends on the 19th April 2021 and it is imperative your views on the proposals placed before the Secretary of State are submitted either direct via the on line link or through your local Parish Council acpc.clerk@gmail.com which will submit a transparent and composite response following the next Council Meeting on the 8th April.

Following the council's submission to SLDC on the planning applications for Barn Hey (SL/2021/0027 and SL/2021/0029) we received comments that the proposed development projects into open countryside. As such, the scheme is not in accordance with the local plan. Therefore, the application will go to the full planning committee for a decision.

At the PC meeting held on Thursday 11th March councillors discussed the draft pre-submission plan for the Neighbourhood Plan and agreed that we should now move into a public consultation.

The consultation will take 6 weeks at a date yet to be decided. All households in the Parish will receive a letter of notification with a response form for your comments when the date for the consultation period has been agreed.

ALLITHWAITE FREE MINI LIBRARY

A small new storage facility has been provided at cost by Rob Hilton of Timbercration for library volunteers (Thanks Rob!) to store their supply of books on site making it much easier to change books in the facility and takes away the problems of home storage. Unfortunately the library has had to close again due to books being left in the facility when the source under present Covid-19 issues cannot be verified by the volunteers.

A pair of tinted glasses have been found in the Allithwaite mini-library. Please contact Christine or Kev on 01539536218 if you have lost a pair.

CARTMEL MINI LIBRARY

This is similar to the Allithwaite library and unfortunately didn't open because of the covid pandemic. It is located at the side of the Village Hall and is being cleaned etc and hopefully will open in the near future. We don't need book donations at the moment. Look out for information

DOG FOULING – A MAJOR PROBLEM – AGAIN!

Dog mess is an eyesore and a health hazard. If you are a dog owner, you have a legal duty to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place.

Dog mess is unsightly, it can spread disease, and in some cases, cause blindness in children. If you find dog poo in an area that could cause a health issue, please **report it** to SLDC: Hotline: (01539) 733333 or e-mail: customer.services@southlakeland.gov.uk.

SLDC has approved its budget for 2021/22 and agreed an increase of 2.51% in Council Tax which is equivalent to an extra £5 a year for a Band D property. For more information contact the SLDC Communications Team on 01539 793300.

HIGHWAYS

You may have noticed that a few pot holes on the road from Allithwaite to Cartmel have been filled in. Although this is a bit of good news to cyclists, drivers and pedestrians, it is only a few. Our local Council has a duty to maintain roads but they can only fill a pot hole if they know about it- to get it repaired you must report it. There is no guarantee

that the hole will be immediately fixed but it will be investigated and monitored.

HOW TO REPORT A POTHOLE

Go to <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk> and follow instructions and click on Highways...to report a problem or Phone 0300 303 2992 and make sure you note the reference number allocated to your report/problem.

The Parish Council has a list of highways issues within the area and liaises with CCC Highways in an attempt get improvements done but it has to be said that reporting of faults from the general public does help our cause and is the best way ahead!

ALLITHWAITE ORCHARD AND MEADOW

The winter pruning of the orchard has been completed and a small number of diseased trees removed by a lone volunteer, unfortunately due to Covid 19 new volunteers who have offered to help have not been able to take part in any of the work involved, but with light at the end of the Covid 19 tunnel we will be in touch, we haven't forgotten you!! We do have a number of new trees to plant and a few jobs to complete which have been delayed because of lock down.

Cllr Mike Lamb