

The Gill

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Chairman reviews the last year

Apart from the terrible weather throughout most of the year things have once again been fairly calm. A couple of issues have however focused our attention.

Planning applications remain low, probably because of the financial situation. Kirklington Hall, after a long consultation process was sold to a private buyer for eventual private use.

The poor condition of the local roads has been a big issue - a problem we share with most parishes. While the hotline service has been responding to urgent needs, some repairs await more funding. The Parish Council is currently seeking the help of County Councillor Mallinson to see if things can be improved.

We are grateful to the help given by Cllr Mallinson in getting improved signage at the Hethersgill crossroads - recently seeing new "Give Way" signs installed.

Broadband speeds are still a problem. Although progress has been made by Connected Cumbria in letting the contract for super fast broadband we still await information about the inclusion of our parish in the scheme.

The Bolton Fell Restoration Project continues to be of concern to residents especially in regard to compulsory purchase and a range of environment issues. Natural England Officers met with the Parish Council in September last and arranged a public meeting in January

of this year to tell us about the programme. Concerns were again expressed by residents and the Council will continue to ensure that Natural England and its representatives give adequate attention to individual points. The Gill publishes updates to keep everyone informed.

The recycling centre which was completed last year is very popular and the Parish Council has funded new lighting to help people during the darkness hours. Shortly we shall be raising money to Tarmac the car park, albeit in the face of the difficult financial situation.

The Parish Council web site has been a great success with more than 2000 "hits" in the first year. Council meetings, the Parish hall dance programme and lots of other information is available. Cross links also mean that you can connect to many other useful sites.

Changes in both funding and communication technology mean that local Police Officers will only attend Council meetings on request in future. A regular news sheet is published on the Police web site but there is no substitute for live interaction!

Almost finally. Clive Moth our Clerk has retired and we are very grateful to him for his contribution of the last 10 years. He is succeeded by Sarah Kyle who is very experienced and also Clerk to Scaleby and Walton Parish Councils. We look forward to working with her.

Finally a big thank you to fellow Parish Councillors, City Councillor Judith Prest and County Councillor John Mallinson and especially a big thank you goes to the residents of Hethersgill for their contribution.

Harry Kay, Chairman

The full Annual Report will appear in May

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The 2011 Census – focus on Hethersgill Parish

The Office for National Statistics has recently released data for the Parish from the 2011 census and while we await formal publication here are some extracts:

Dwellings

There are 173 dwellings, 9 of which were not occupied resulting in 164 "households".

There 371 people living in the parish - 182 male and 189 female across all ages.

51.2% of households are owned outright while 29.3 are owned with a mortgage

Home heating

7 Households have no central heating while the others are heated by

Gas - 10

Electric - 18

Oil -86

Solid -23

Other - 5

Health

People enjoying very good health equalled 46.4%, good health 31.5 % while 10.5% experienced day to day activity being limited a lot.

Employment

28.8% of people are in fulltime employment, 15.3% are part time and 26.4 are self employed. Only 1.4% are unemployed.

Travel to work.

In the group aged 16 to 74 the main transport to work is by car or van -143 people.

1 person travels by train while 4 catch a bus, 9 are car passengers, 1 rides a motorbike and 1 cycles to work. 19 walk and interestingly 2 use other methods of transport!

What about cars/vans - all 294 of them!

Of the 164 households 11 have no cars, 67 have 1 car and 51 have 2. The number of homes with 3 cars is 21 and 14 have 4 or more.

Source - Office for National Statistics 2011 Census.



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Bolton Fell Moss update - open meeting 10th January 2013.

Over 40 people attended the meeting and heard Alistair Brock from Natural England describe the restoration project. Considerations included geology, landscape, habitat, species and local connection with landowners. The structure of land drainage and ditches together with the number and location of trees was highlighted.

Whilst trees to a width of 40metres around the site perimeter would remain 20 hectares of trees within the site would be felled. The present railway system would be withdrawn and public access limited in the future to clear pathways.

There was discussion about birds, wildlife, fire control and access.

Assurances were given that compulsory purchase of land was a last resort, the aim being to reach agreement with land owners wherever possible.

It was noted that planning permission would be sought soon for all but the Dalgleish land which was already the subject of

tendering processes with a view to a contract be awarded in March/April this year.

It's fair to say that some of those present were anxious to discuss the impact of Compulsory Purchase Orders, SSSI boundary issues and the selective felling of trees around the edge of the moss - presently havens for many wildlife species. The Natural England draft plan refers to these and other concerns of landowners and residents. Natural England's response is to encourage individuals to speak with them as views and circumstances vary.

If you would like to view the Natural England Plan and/or look at the first Compulsory Purchase order and associated papers these are lodged with the Clerk Sarah Kyle Tel 016977 2769.

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Hethersgill Parish Council - Clerk retires

Clive Moth, Clerk to the Parish Council for the last 10 years is retiring from the role at the end of March. Initially appointed for 12 months to help the Council out of a difficult time, The Council asked Clive to stay on. "I've thoroughly enjoyed working with council members and getting to know the area". Clive with his wife Linda is now going to concentrate on his interest in photography and Motorhoming around the UK.

Clive is succeeded by Sarah Kyle who many will know is also Clerk to Scaleby and Walton Parish Councils. Sarah is highly qualified and experienced in local council business and is looking forward to working with Hethersgill PC.

Budget/Precept 2013/14

Changes to the precept calculation following recent Government announcements were received from Carlisle City Council. There was no change to be made in the precept requested and a reduction in Band D of £2.04.

Reductions in the Concurrent grant for the next two financial years by 30% were also noted. There will be a marginal effect on the Council's budget for 2013/14.

It was also noted that the City Council could not with confidence forecast the situation for the future because of Government policy to reduce further local authority spending.

Highways

Councillors expressed frustration at the lack of progress by Highways in repairing roads and attending to flooding/drainage issues. The Chairman and Clerk have visited and photographed 4 hotspots that are either dangerous to traffic and or flood and the help of County Cllr John Mallinson has been sought in speeding up repair work.

Would you like to receive the Gill by e-mail or view it on the Parish Council web site? It will help us to reduce postage costs - please contact the Clerk - clerk@hethersgill-pc.org.uk

Your Councillors

Cllr A Dalglish - 675388

Cllr N Elliott - 675336

Cllr F Heaton -675516

Cllr G Houston -675212

Cllr H Kay- 675910 (Chair)

Cllr M Kay - 675910

Cllr P L Nichol - 675383

Cllr A Sisson -675378

Cllr G Sisson - 675101

The Parish Council meeting dates for the rest of 2013 are:-

Tuesday May 7th Annual meeting at 8pm

Tuesday July 9th

Tuesday Sept 10th Budget setting

Tuesday Nov 12th

The Annual Parish meeting for electors of the parish will be held on Tuesday May 7th at 7.30pm

Should you have an enquiry about the work of the parish council or any matter of concern within the parish please contact a councillor or the Clerk to the Council:- Sarah Kyle
Tel:016977 2769 email: clerk@hethersgill-pc.org.uk

REALLY USEFULL INFORMATION



Mobile Post Office

The van visits Hethersgill every Weds morning between 10.45am and 11.00 am.



Highways hotline

Report holes in the road, floods, fallen trees, broken signs, faulty street lights etc to the hotline
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Comments about the Gill We welcome comments about the newsletter or any topic - please contact:- Sarah Kyle, Clerk to the Council 016977 2769 or clerk@hethersgill-pc.org.uk



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