

Lamplugh Parish Council

Parish Clerk; John Sloan, High Mill Cottage, High Lorton, Cockermouth. CA13 9UB (0190085833)

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (No 328) of Lamplugh Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 7:00 pm in Lamplugh Village Hall

Parish Councillors required to attend ;

Sandy Roberts (Chair), Roger Braithwaite (vice chair), Richard Wilson, Robert Daglish, Michael Watts, Richard Hodgson, Julie Whittaker, John Sloan (Clerk).

Also Invited: John Dirom (Borough Councillor), Arthur Lamb (County Councillor).

Present; Roger Braithwaite (vice chair), Michael Watts, Richard Hodgson, Richard Wilson, Julie Whittaker, Arthur Lamb (County Councillor), Hugh Branny (Borough Councillor, LDNPA committee member) John Sloan (Clerk).

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1. Sandy Roberts and Robert Daglish apologised for absence. No declarations of interest or conflicts of interest declared.
2. Minutes of the last parish council meeting No (327) held on 16th January 2019 were reviewed and accepted as true and signed by the Vice Chair.
3. Tasks arising from the Council meeting (327) held on 16th January 2019 were reviewed.
4. There was a communication from a parishioner which was discussed under Item 11—village hall. Another letter regarding Neighbourhood Planning has been received from CALC and when the new council is formed CALC may be invited to carry out a training session on this matter. A letter had also been received regarding the possible siting of a memorial bench within the parish, discussed under Item 6.
5. Finance Matters:
 - a. The balance held in the bank/building society as of 20/03/2019;

	16 th Jan 2019	20 th March 2019
Cumberland B. Society	£13,333.23	£12,263.23

Values were confirmed from income and expenditure spreadsheets. The account figures were formally accepted and agreed by the councillors.

Income and expenditure details (on spreadsheets) covering the period up to the 20th March 2019 were reviewed and data agreed by the councillors.

- b. Two cheques totalling £1,405.51 were presented for approval and signature; Copeland BC £905:51 for 9 months landscaping and £500 for The Care of trees risk assessment of Crossgates trees. The summary table for the schedule of payments and receipts was reviewed and duly signed by the Vice Chair.
- c. The third and fourth (end of year) quarter financial audit reviews will be arranged by the clerk. The current internal auditor has agreed to carry on for the next financial year.

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- d. Cumbria Payroll Services have made the final salary payment submission for this financial year. The clerk will notify HMRC and Cumbria payroll service of the reduction in the clerks salary for the coming year.
- e. The parish council reviewed the submissions for the three year contract to cut the grass and maintain the parish infrastructure. The tender was sent to four companies (a fifth declined the invitation) and three submitted bids. The bids and accompanying documentation were reviewed and the successful bidder was Big Foot. The clerk will notify all of the bidders of the outcome and arrange to visit the areas of work with the successful bidder.

6. Public Participation Slot;

Arthur Lamb (county councillor); Nothing to report from the Eskett quarry liaison meeting other than continuing plans to close the right of way to reduce fly tipping. Comments were made regarding the continued closure of the main A5086 at Rowrah.

The parish council had received a letter asking them to support the siting of a memorial bench within the parish. Councillors asked the clerk to go back to the requestors to ascertain the materials of construction, who would be responsible for the upkeep and meet with the requestors to seek a suitable site.

7. Lengthman scheme; Cumbria Highways are starting an initiative to work with parishes to maintain verges and old road signs. Send information on any of interest within the parish to Arthur Lamb.

8. Planning matters;

High Trees: the PC sent a response opposing the application to build three houses on land at High Trees. The application was refused by the CBC planning panel.

Rake Gill; an application was received to build two houses between the site of the old Hearse house and Brook House. Again the parish council sent a response opposing the application. This has not yet come before the CBC planning panel.

Millfields housing development; Planning permission had been granted to build a new village hall close to the old village hall. This means that the s106 (also to build a new village hall at the site of the housing development) attached to the Millfields development is now potentially redundant. The Parish councillors still wish to optimise equivalent community benefit from the development/s106. This has now been passed to ACT to try to change the s106 from a village hall into a type of housing more suitable to the community. Communications from ACT indicates that they are no longer acting as a liaison between the parish council and the borough council /developer. They indicate that Copeland BC has taken "a formal position" on this matter and will communicate, by letter, the details of that position to the parish council by the end of this month (March).

Inglenook caravan park; the owner has submitted a planning application which is seeking a certificate of lawfulness for the site. A representative from the sites owners wishes to have a meeting with members of the parish council and this has been arranged for the next day i.e. 21st March. Councillors Braithwaite and Watts will attend on behalf of the council. There is still

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some confusion as to whether the site had a license to run as a holiday site or residential site—different rules and laws apply to each case.

9. Extension of National Park Boundary. Hugh Branney attended the meeting at the request of the Chair to discuss plans to enlarge the Lake District national park boundary and to determine interest from the parish. Several areas on the boundary such as Cleator Moor, Egremont and Gosforth have shown an interest in the added 'protection' that having areas of significant landscape (e.g. Dent fell) within a revised boundary. Other advantages would be that the LDNPA would take responsibility for maintaining footpaths, bridleways, gates and stiles plus to make a strong case against any unwanted major developments in the parish. On the down side there may be more restrictions on minor and major planning issues which may affect parishioners and the farming community.
It is up to the parish to declare any interest in being included in the expansion i.e. not controlled by the borough council. The parish council decided to ask the residents for their opinions on this matter by seeking their views via the next, imminent, issue of the parish/church magazine 'Contact'.
10. The clerk provided the councillors present with nomination forms to form the next parish council after May 2019. Arthur Lamb assisted in the completion of the forms. The clerk will arrange for the two absent councillors to receive and complete the forms. The clerk will arrange to take the completed forms to Copeland BC for checking/submission.
11. The village hall committee continue to work hard to secure additional funds to finalise the building. VH committee have applied for funding from UU via the Cumbria Community Fund. The parish council had received a letter from a resident who argued that the PC should support the offer of a new village hall as part of the residential development at Millfields i.e. as part of the S106 agreement. This being in preference to building a new village hall close to the existing village hall. All of the issues raised were considered to be planning development issues that were dealt with previously by Copeland BC as part of the planning application process. The parish council has long stated its position of opposition to a village hall within the Millfields residential development and fully supports the building of a new village hall close to the existing hall. The clerk will respond to the complainant to this effect.
12. Highways; any problems should be reported it to the Highways web site. The surface water flooding at the Loweswater junction in Lamplugh Green has been reported to the Highways dept. The clerk had received a letter from the Kart track owners asking for assistance with the repair of the road in front of the track exit. The clerk will report this issue. The hedge on the A5086 leading up to the Kart track junction was reported to be overgrown—Arthur Lamb will take this up with Highways.
13. Parish website; A front page about planning applications also needs to be added to the site along with links to other parish web sites should be added. The clerk will update with minutes and agendas after the current meeting minutes are approved.
14. Crossgates land; The clerk has arranged for the tree safety review/risk assessment work to be carried out. The report has been received and copied to councillors. Councillors will read the report and ask the Clerk to arrange for any urgent work to be carried out. The clerk noted that all of the trees on this plot of land had TPOs (tree preservation orders) on them meaning that any work required would need prior planning approval.

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15. School status; a new 'early years' teacher has been appointed and the school has completed an audit by the Church of England.
16. Dr John Sherwen charity meeting; the Chair is seeking to establish communication with the board of the charity.
17. Newsletter; items for the next newsletter need to be with Michael Watts by the 23rd March. Items to include upcoming elections/need for more parish councillors and the possible extension of the National park boundary.
18. Upcoming Meetings/Meetings attended; the Chair (SR) had attended recent RNEC meetings and Village hall meetings. JW had attended the meeting on the election process and handed the proposal forms to the clerk. There were some suggestions for a speaker at the upcoming Annual parish meeting, one was for the police commissioner or the National park chairman Mike McKinley.
19. Items for next agenda; Millfields s106 proposals, Copeland 'position'. Copeland local development scheme.

The next meeting will be the **Annual Parish Meeting** held on the **1st May 2019 in the Lamplugh Village Hall**. The next **Parish Council meeting** (first for the newly formed council) will be held on **Wednesday 15th May 2019**, also in the LVH.

Closure of Council Meeting at 9:00pm.

Dates for Wednesday night Council meetings in 2019;

Parish Council Meeting APM	1st May 2019
Parish Council Meeting AGM	15th May 2019
Parish Council Meeting	17th July 2019
Parish Council Meeting	18th Sept 2019
Parish Council Meeting	20th Nov 2019