

Lamplugh Parish Council

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (No 330) of Lamplugh Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th August 2019 at 7:00 pm in Lamplugh Village Hall

Parish Councillors required to attend ;

Sandy Roberts , Roger Braithwaite , Richard Wilson, Michael Watts, Richard Hodgson, Robert Daghish, Julie Whittaker and John Sloan (Clerk).

Also Invited: Arthur Lamb (County Councillor), Gwyneth Everett (Borough Councillor), Steve Morgan (Borough Councillor).

Present; Sandy Roberts, Roger Braithwaite, Richard Wilson, Julie Whittaker , Michael Watts, Robert Daghish, and John Sloan (Clerk).

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1. Gwyneth Everett and Arthur Lamb apologised for absence. This meeting replaced the regular planned meeting for the 17th July which was inquorate as only three councillors were in attendance; Roger Braithwaite, Michael Watts and Julie Whittaker. No declarations of conflict of interest were declared.
2. Minutes of the last parish council meeting (329) and the Annual General Meeting held on the 15th May 2019 has been reviewed and accepted as true. The minutes had been signed by the Chair prior to the meeting in compliance with the external financial audit requirements.
3. Tasks arising from the previous Council meeting (329) held on 17th May 2019 were reviewed.
4. The main items of correspondence to 6th August 2019 were reviewed and any of significance had been added to this agenda.
5. Finance Matters:
 - a. The balance held in the bank/building society as of 06/08/2019;

	15th May 2019	6th August 2019
Cumberland BS	£21,710.18	£15,868.38

Values were confirmed with a copy of the statement covering the previous three months. Income and expenditure details (on spreadsheets) covering the period up to the 6th August 2019 were reviewed and data agreed by the councillors.

The grant cheque for Kirkland playground (issued in May) had not yet been cashed, the clerk had reminded the receiver to pay the cheque in as soon as possible.

The clerk/RFO noted that the forecast spend to the end of the financial year would leave around £12.5 to £13k and suggested that some of the excess should be spend on the purchase of daffodil bulbs for councillors/volunteers to pant around the parish. This was

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done three years ago and was successful, councillors agreed and the clerk will get a cost for the supply of two large bags of bulbs before the planting season (Sept to Dec).

Additionally the landscaper had noted some broken rails bordering the footpaths and the path leading from the Fell Dyke car park to the slate memorial seat. The clerk will ask the landscaper to quote for the repairs.

- b. Several cheques for approval had been signed prior to the meeting; SLCC membership, CBC election expenses, Contact mag entries, Clerks salary and expenses, landscaping (2 grass cuts). An additional invoice from CALC for training was signed at the meeting. The summary table for the schedule of payments and receipts was reviewed and duly signed by the Chair.
 - c. The first quarter audit had been arranged by the Clerk, report will be available at the next PC meeting.
6. Public Participation Slot; The clerk noted that the memorial bench had been installed close to the small parking area at the top of the Leaps (Lamplugh to Croasdale road junction with the Kirkland road).
 7. Landscaping; the new operator of the landscaping contract had carried out the first two cuts of the year, the clerk will ask for a cut to take place in mid-August and to quote for the fencing/rail repairs at Crossgates and Fell Dyke.
 8. Planning matters; **Millfields development**—s106 proposals; Parish councillors had met with Julie Betteridge (Copeland BC representative) on the 1st May to discuss alternatives to the building of a second village hall. Councillors were still awaiting the results of that meeting, with regard to possible change to the s106, up to the day before this parish council meeting. Nothing concrete has been decided nor agreed by Copeland/the developer.

To further complicate the issue the parish council had received a planning application relating to the s106 agreement which requested a change in the timing of when the s106 (building of the new village hall) was to take place. Initially, as per the approved application, it was to happen after the 8th house had been built but this application asked that it was to be built after the 13th house. It was noted that in initial meetings the developer had promised that the S106 village hall would be built before any of the houses, this had obviously changed by the time of the initial planning application. Councillors felt that the response should emphasise that there was still no need for an alternative village hall, that the parish council were still seeking alternative recompense to the proposed s106 hall. The Chair felt that the change in the schedule for the s106 village hall would only be considered in isolation to the proposals to change the nature of the s106 and as such there was little in the way of material considerations that the parish council could use to object to the change.

Another application had been received in relation to a proposed change in the route of the public footpath running through the Millfields development. The Chair had noted an error in a grid reference and had contacted the Crime prevention officer who had made observations on the initial application. The CPO came out to the site to see the proposed changes and had written once more to CBC regarding security of the properties backing onto the footpath. Lamplugh PC had already responded to the application via the Chair.

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The planning application for three houses at **High Trees** was initially rejected by CBC and was under appeal by the applicant. The planning inspector also rejected the appeal partially on the grounds of the proposal being an ‘isolated community’.

The planning application for two houses behind **Brook House/Rakegill** has not yet come before the planning panel.

Another application seeking Outline planning permission for up to 9 houses close to **Lamplugh Cross** had been received by the Clerk. The Chair noted that Copeland BC was currently running at 240% of their housing delivery target (set at 100%). Some householders close to the proposed site had already composed letters of objection, copied to the parish council. Parish councillors discussed the application and some of the comments made were; that the application was a ribbon development, that the application could have high impact visually (high above the A5086 and close to the National park), that there were no affordable nor local needs properties included, that it was not clear if the properties were more ‘executive houses’ or bungalows. Again it was noted that the parish has no suitable infrastructure to support such plans as there are no bus services (only one day a week paid for by the local parishes), no pub and no shops. The application was outside of the development area for the local plan and did not comply with CBCs interim policy.

None of the recent planning applications had any consideration of small developments to include affordable or social housing which is what the parish council felt the parish needed if any additional houses were to be built in the future.

Overall the parish council was not in favour of the proposal and the Chair would respond to the application after requesting a short extension to the time allowed to respond (only 14 days from date of letter which was received 5 days after the date of the letter!).

9. National park boundary extension plans; Comments were invited from parishioners via the Contact magazine which initially elicited zero response. Following this decision several letters in support of a change/extension to the boundary were received. There were also volunteers willing to take on the responsibility of communicating with the National Park as the parish council is low on members. On this basis the council decided to proceed with a possible change to the boundary with an extension up to the line of the A5086. Further details and consultation will take place over the coming months.
10. Review of standing orders; The clerk will review changes and communicate them to councillors prior to the next meeting.
11. Village hall; nothing new to report at present, still seeking final funding. The scarecrow festival was very well received with some excellent scarecrows spread across the parish. Organisers will liaise with adjacent parishes to ensure that there are no clashes with similar events.
12. Highways; the owners of Eskett quarry had applied for a stopping up order from Highways to try to prevent fly tipping but some local residents had objected to the order. It was noted that the second gate around the back of Knock Murton was now locked and there was no stile there thus restricting access. The clerk will ask the forestry commission/National park if a stile can be provided.
13. Parish website; to be updated by the Clerk and Chair.

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14. School status; the school had received a 'poor' grading from the recent Ofsted inspection. It was felt by the governors that the result was not representative of the actual leadership performance as there had been another rapid change in the executive head just prior to the inspection. The school has since appointed a new Executive head and are looking for a reinspection. The new executive head is forming good close links with her other school in Brigham.
15. Newsletter; items for next issue to Michael Watts by the 23rd of the month. Need to seek additional councillors following the inquorate meeting.
16. Upcoming Meetings/Meetings attended; SR had attended REGEN meetings on behalf of the parish council. RW to attend Eskett quarry meeting on the 8th Oct. RB and JB had attended the CALC conference which yielded a lot of useful information which will be shared with the fellow councillors.
17. Items for next agenda; planning issues ongoing.

The next meeting will be a **Parish Council Meeting** held on the **18th Sept 2019 in the Lamplugh Village Hall.**

Closure of Council Meeting at 9:10pm.

Dates for Wednesday night Council meetings in 2019/20;

Parish Council Meeting	18th Sept 2019
Parish Council Meeting	20th Nov 2019
Parish Council Meeting	15th Jan 2020
Parish Council Meeting	18th Mar 2020
Annual Parish Meeting	6th May 2020
Parish Council Meeting and AGM	20th May 2020