

# Lamplugh Parish Council

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

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (No 331) of Lamplugh Parish Council held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 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 Daglish, Julie Whittaker and John Sloan (Clerk).

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

**Present;** Roger Braithwaite, Richard Wilson, Julie Whittaker , Michael Watts, Arthur Lamb (County Councillor) and John Sloan (Clerk).

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1. Gwyneth Everett, Sandy Roberts and Rob Daglish apologised for absence. It was reported that councillor Hodgson wished to resign from the parish council but the Clerk had not received any written resignation request. Mr Hodgson has not attended a parish council for the previous two meetings (four months) without explanation nor apology; if he fails to attend the next meeting in two months time then he will be dismissed from the council for non attendance. Once again the parish council only just achieved quorum (4 councillors present) so more councillors are required. A parishioner who was previously a councillor had expressed an interest in re-joining and the Clerk and Chair will follow up on this before the next meeting. No declarations of conflict of interest were declared.
2. Minutes of the last parish council meeting (330) held on the 6th August 2019 were reviewed and accepted as true then signed by the Chair.
3. Tasks arising from the previous Council meeting (330) held on 6th August 2019 were reviewed.
4. The main items of correspondence to the 18<sup>th</sup> September 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 18/09/2019;

	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019
Cumberland BS	£17,350.29	£15,191.56

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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were reviewed and data agreed by the councillors.

The clerk/RFO noted that the forecast spend to the end of the financial year would leave around £12.5 to £13k.

The Clerk will look to add additional councillors to the signatory list for the parish council account; Julie Whittaker and Rob Daglish to be added.

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- b. Three cheques for approval were presented; Contact mag entries, payment for daffodil bulbs by Clerk and landscaping (1 grass cut). The summary table for the schedule of payments and receipts was reviewed and duly signed by the Chair.
  - c. The Clerk provided the first quarter internal audit for review by the Chair.
6. Public Participation Slot; Arthur Lamb provided an update from the County council perspective (no borough councillors present); a reduction to a 40mph speed limit on the A5086 will be extended as far as the Loweswater turn off.  
Gated access to the quarry road at Eskett is being arranged with keys to be provided to regular local users. This is to try to reduce the incidence of fly tipping in the area. There are some concerns by local residents that it may just move the problem back toward the houses in the area, this will be monitored by the local councillors.
  7. Landscaping; Clerk requested a cut to take place in mid-August which had been carried out. A review and quote for additional work on fences decaying trees etc will be carried out by the operator after the final (4<sup>th</sup>) grass cut in October.
  8. Planning matters; **Millfields development**—s106 proposals; the request to a change in the timing of when the s106 (building of the new village hall) was to take place was passed by the Copeland planners. Initially, as per the approved application, it was to happen after the 8<sup>th</sup> house had been built but this application asked that it was to be built after the 13<sup>th</sup> house.  
Another application had been received in relation to a proposed change in the route of the public footpath running through the Millfields development. This application will either be resubmitted or will go before the planning inspectorate.  
Discussions are still ongoing between CBC and the Developer about a further change to the S106, to remove the 2nd Village Hall and replace, at least in part, with an alternative benefit to the community.  
  
The recent applications for further housing developments were refused; at **High Trees** (appealed by the applicant and that the decision to refuse the application was upheld by the Planning Inspector), **Lamplugh Cross** and **Rake Gill** were refused via Delegated Decision (i.e. the applications were dealt with by Planning Officers rather than going to the full Planning Panel).
  9. National park boundary extension plans; Friends of the Lake District are working towards developing a revised boundary to include changes for parishes between Gosforth and Lamplugh.
  10. Review of standing orders; the clerk had reviewed the current standing orders and found that they are based on a set of simple Orders for smaller parish councils. There are a new national (NALC) set of Orders which many parish councils have adopted, this also applies to the National set of financial regulations. The Clerk will seek advice from CALC as to whether it is necessary to adopt the full set of both Orders and/or include the simpler set of Orders for smaller councils. The Clerk will circulate the national Orders for review by councillors before the next PC meeting in November.
  11. Village hall; the VH committee have been allowed to begin preliminary work/spend on the development of the new village hall from the National Lottery committee. The Architect has unfortunately had to withdraw from the project due to illness. The Quantity Surveyor has

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been appointed to take over the project manager role and he is in the process of appointing another architect on a consultative basis. Two smaller grant applications are ongoing.

12. Highways; the Winder road has now been adopted by Cumbria CC.

There is still a mains water leak at the Loweswater road junction in Lamplugh green, this will be reported to the Highways web page by the councillor/clerk.

13. Parish website; to be updated as necessary by the Clerk and Chair. There was some discussion as to whether the PC should establish a presence via a Facebook page. This would be useful for communication of urgent information such as road closures etc. Also possible to use to communicate provision of lifts into local towns. It was thought that those in most need of such help may be the ones who do not have access to Internet communications. Councillors will look at other FB pages of parish councils (and CALC) to see the pros and cons before progressing.

14. School status report (provided by the school); We are pleased to share with you that we now have a new executive head teacher, Mrs Lisa Hemingway. Lisa joined us following our recent Ofsted which highlighted the turbulence in leadership at Lamplugh School over recent years. Lisa has been a headteacher for 12 years and is also headteacher at St Bridget's C of E School at Brigham (which is rated 'Good' in Ofsted and 'Outstanding' in SIAMS). Staff and parents are delighted that Lisa has joined us at Lamplugh School.

We have already begun sharing good practice and resources across the two schools, with our junior pupil attending afternoon sessions at St Bridget's once a week, our infants accessing after school sports clubs on Mondays and also a lovely poetry afternoon for the whole school last week.

Our school numbers continue to grow at Lamplugh and we now have 21 pupils on roll. We continue to welcome new children from the ages of 2 and up and have lots to offer children at Lamplugh School. We have regular forest school sessions at Loweswater, monthly visits to Fairways residential home, small class sizes with experienced class teachers and great outdoor spaces to name just a few!

Our Lamplugh School Association (our parent fundraising group) has already begun preparations for exciting fundraising events this year following another successful year last year. Our Summer Fair raised over £400 in July, with many people attending and enjoying their day out despite the windy weather!

We would also like to share with you exciting news that our Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Katie Robinson, is pregnant and is expecting baby Robinson to arrive in early January 2020.

15. Newsletter; items for next issue to Michael Watts by the middle of October. Need to seek additional councillors.
16. Upcoming Meetings/Meetings attended; RW to attend Eskett quarry meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. There is a CALC AGM at Wigton in November.
17. Items for next agenda; planning issues ongoing, Sherwen charity member to be chosen.

The next meeting will be a **Parish Council Meeting** held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the **Lamplugh Village Hall**.

Closure of Council Meeting at 8:50pm.

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Dates for Wednesday night Council meetings in 2019/20;

<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>20th Nov 2019</b>
<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>15th Jan 2020</b>
<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>18th Mar 2020</b>
<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>	<b>6th May 2020</b>
<b>Parish Council Meeting and AGM</b>	<b>20th May 2020</b>