

Lamplugh Parish Council

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (No 332) of Lamplugh Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th November 2019 at 7:00 pm in Kirkland Mission Rooms

Parish Councillors required to attend ;

Roger Braithwaite (Chair), Richard Wilson (Vice Chair), Sandy Roberts, 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, Michael Watts, Sandy Roberts, Robert Daglish and John Sloan (Clerk).

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1. On the original date of the parish council meeting (20th November 2019) the quorum was not met as only three councillors were in attendance so the meeting date was changed to a week later i.e. the 27th November 2019 in the Kirkland mission rooms. Notices were posted to this effect. The Clerk will review the number of councillors allocated to Lamplugh parish with a view to reduce both this number and the number of councillors required for quorum from 4 to 3 (this,3, is the figure in the new Standing orders).

Gwyneth Everett and Arthur Lamb, apologised for absence.

It had been indicated that councillor Hodgson wished to resign from the parish council but the Clerk had still not received any written resignation request. Mr Hodgson has not attended a parish council for the previous three meetings (over six months) without explanation nor apology and is duly dismissed from the council for nonattendance. The clerk will send a note thanking Mr Hodgson for his time on the parish council. Mr Ed Surman attended both PC meetings and provided some background to him becoming a parish councillor. After a proposal to accept Mr Surman onto the parish council by the Chair (seconded by S.Roberts) Mr Surman was unanimously coopted onto Lamplugh parish council and signed his declaration of office and register of interests forms (latter to be sent to Copeland BC by the Clerk). It was noted that Ennerdale PC had recently coopted new councillors so the Clerk will contact them to see if joint training for new councillors of both parishes can be arranged.

No declarations of conflict of interest were declared.

2. Minutes of the last parish council meeting (331) held on the 18th September 2019 were reviewed and accepted as true then signed by the Chair.
3. Tasks arising from the previous Council meeting (331) held on 18th September 2019 were reviewed.
4. The main items of correspondence to the 27th November 2019 were reviewed and any of significance had been added to this agenda.

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5. Finance Matters:

- a. The balance held in the bank/building society as of 27/11/2019;

	18 th Sept 2019	20 th Nov 2019	27 th Nov 2019
Cumberland BS	£15,191.56	£15,843.20	£14,964.25

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 27th November 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 £13k in reserve.

The Clerk will look to add additional councillors to the signatory list for the parish council account; initially Rob Daglish to be added followed by Julie Whitaker. Richard Hodgson will be deleted from the account signatory list.

- b. Five cheques for approval totalling £1,138 had been signed by those attending the meeting on the 20th; Cumbria Payroll Services, payment for poppy wreath bulbs by Clerk, Clerks third quarter salary, landscaping (1 final grass cut) and the Information Commissioners Office annual registration fee. The summary table for the schedule of payments and receipts was reviewed and duly signed by the Chair.
- c. The Clerk provided the second quarter internal financial audit for review by the Chair; agreed and signed.
- d. Budget review; the clerk/RFO had drawn up a 2020/21 draft budget for review by the councillors. A copy of the document will be included with the meeting minutes. The main points of the budget proposals were that the proposed income and expenditure were closely balance such that there would be no need to take funds from the reserve. Potentially less income in the future from VAT as the landscaping contract was not VAT rated (but the overall cost was less than in previous years).Consequently there would be no need to request any increase in the precept for the next year. Councillors agreed to the budget proposal and that there should be no increase in the precept. The Clerk will communicate this to Copeland BC.

6. Public Participation Slot; **Gwynneth Everett** attended the meeting on the 20th and provided a summary of her involvement with Copeland BC as a borough councillor;

Health and Wellbeing:

- *since MIND pulled out of Copeland Copeland Age and Advice Service are filling the gap.*
- *a Christmas Memorial Service is being held at the Crematorium at 6pm 18 December*
- *Community Alcohol Projects (CAP) educating youths highlighting the risk associated with alcohol - working in Westlakes Academy and Whitehaven Academy - noticeable reduction in alcohol on the streets at this year's Egremont Crab Fair.*
- *Get Safe on Line - free training: open to all Thursday 12 December 2019 The Skiddaw Hotel, Keswick 9.30am to 11.30am. To reserve a place contact elizabeth.elder@cumbria.police.uk a similar event is planned for January 2020 in Whitehaven Library.*

The Beacon - Beacon sparks programme to be launched in 2020 virtual reality depictions of Whitehaven, Iron Age sword on display. The Lowther Bowl on loan to the Beacon.

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Inglenook Caravan Park - agreed to make enquiries re licence status residential/holiday site with Copeland Environmental Officer Jackie O'Reilly.

Arthur Lamb provided an update from the County council perspective; discussions were taking place regarding the award of a contract for services to a London based contractor rather than the existing contractor for Howgill. The County council budget was due to increase by 4%. Arthur is now the Vice Chair of Lamplugh School governors. The problem of continued fly tipping at the Eskett quarry road continues.

Ian Parker (Vicar); the refurbished Lamplugh church bell is due to be installed, hopefully between Dec 2nd and the 19th. At this time the builder will be completing the refurbishment of the church which will be out of action during some of this period.

7. Landscaping; the final (4th of the season) grass cut has taken place and the contractor reported on additional work that may be required. One item was that three trees on the pound at Kirkland are damaged and will require felling. The contractor provided a price to carry out this work. The Kirkland councillor will take a look at the trees and determine the urgency required in conjunction with a local resident who may also provide a quote for the work. The same area suffers from dog dirt in the grassed area, the Clerk will investigate and purchase signs/bins and see if Copeland BC would be willing to collect refuse from such a dog bin. Additionally another villager reported the same dog dirt problem on the path from the Fell Dyke car park to Cogra Moss. The Clerk will ask the National park about signage/bins in this area and the broken fencing between the said car park and the memorial seat. The landscaping contractor also reported that a swastika had been lightly carved into one of the seats opposite the village hall; the Clerk will look to see if it can be easily removed.
8. Planning matters; an application by the land owner to retain the hard standing as a result of the water pipeline in a field close to the A5086/Kirkland junction was passed without comment.

Millfields development;

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 mitigating benefit to the community. A meeting to discuss this issue had taken place between representatives of CBC, the Village hall committee and parish council representatives. The relative 'value' of such a benefit was still under discussion between the developer and Copeland BC.

The parish council had been asked by CBC for comments on the naming of the roads in the new development. The proposal was to call the roads Mill Field, the parish council felt that there was little benefit to be gained by objecting to the proposals.

The parish council had received some details of Copelands draft Local Plan which relates to housing development areas from 2017 to 2035. The Chair provided a map showing possible development areas for Lamplugh which had come from people putting forward suggestions for development in a 'Call for Sites'. The parish council will review the documents against the national policy planning framework guidelines and the Chair will compose a response on behalf of the council, to be reviewed prior to being sent out. The final date for comments is by the 20th January. Individuals are also encouraged to review the plans and comment as such.

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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; the clerk will ask the parish intermediary for an update prior to the next meeting.
10. Review of standing orders; the clerk had reviewed the current standing orders and combined them with the new national (NALC) set of Orders issued in 2018. Councillors had reviewed the Orders prior to the meeting and agreed to adopt the revised orders. The Clerk will take a look at the national Financial orders and see if anything further needs to be included in the parish documents. Clerk will upload the revised Standing orders to the parish web site.
11. Village hall; the VH committee have been reviewing the proposed new village hall capabilities and associated costs.
12. Highways; Highways have reported that they have taken a look at the water that appears at the Loweswater road junction in Lamplugh Green and they will take a second look and get back to the parish council.
13. Parish website; to be updated as necessary by the Clerk and Chair; SOs to be added and minutes plus agendas.
14. School status report; the board of governors are to question some of the result of the most recent Ofsted report. Arthur Lamb has become VC of the Governors.
15. Sherwen charity; Lamplugh PC member Sandy Roberts has agreed to contact the charity with a view to becoming the parish council representative.
16. Newsletter; items for next issue to Michael Watts by the middle of January. Need to seek additional councillors. Information on no increase to the parish precept. New councillor appointed but others needed as one departed.
17. Upcoming Meetings/Meetings attended;
18. Items for next agenda; planning issues ongoing, local plan.

The next meeting will be a **Parish Council Meeting** held on the **15th Jan 2020 at 7pm in the Lamplugh Village Hall.**

Closure of Council Meeting at 9:10pm.

Dates for Wednesday night Council meetings (7pm start) in 2020;

Parish Council Meeting	15th Jan 2020
Parish Council Meeting	18th Mar 2020
Annual Parish Meeting (Kirkland)	6th May 2020
Parish Council Meeting	20th May 2020
Parish Council Meeting	15th July 2020
Parish Council Meeting	16th Sept 2020
Parish Council Meeting	18th Nov 2020