

Lamplugh Parish Council

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (No 333) of Lamplugh Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 7:00 pm in Lamplugh Village Hall

Parish Councillors required to attend ;

Roger Braithwaite (Chair), Richard Wilson (Vice Chair), Sandy Roberts, Michael Watts, Robert Daglish, Julie Whittaker, Ed Surman 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, Ed Surman, Gwyneth Everett (Borough Councillor) and John Sloan (Clerk).

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1. Sandy Roberts, Julie Whittaker, Rob Daglish, Steve Morgan and Arthur Lamb, apologised for absence. No declarations of conflict of interest or pecuniary interest.
2. Minutes of the last parish council meeting (332) held on the 27th November 2019 were reviewed and accepted as true then signed by the Chair.
3. Tasks arising from the previous Council meeting (332) held on 27th November 2019 were reviewed.
4. The main items of correspondence to the 15th January 2020 were reviewed and any of significance had been added to this agenda. The most significant one being the invitation from Copeland BC to take on responsibility for parish street lights.
5. Finance Matters:
 - a. The balance held in the bank/building society as of 15/01/2020;

	27 th Nov 2019	15 th Jan 2020
Cumberland BS	£14,964.25	£14,484.25

Values were confirmed with a copy of the building society statement covering the previous three months.

Income and expenditure details (on spreadsheets) covering the period up to the 15th January 2020 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 £13.5k in reserve.

The Clerk will look to add Richard Wilson to the signatory list for the parish council account and remove Richard Hodgson. Julie Whittaker to be added at a later date.

- b. Four cheques for approval totalling £936 were signed off; rental of Kirkland mission to replace non quorum meeting, three entries into Contact magazine, payment for dog mess signs paid for by Clerk, Clerks fourth quarter salary. The summary table for the schedule of payments and receipts was reviewed and duly signed by the Chair.

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- c. The Clerk will arrange the third quarter internal financial audit.
 - d. Following the budget review at the previous meeting the parish council decided that there would be no need to request any increase in the precept for the next year. The Clerk has communicated this decision to Copeland BC.
 - e. Members of the parish council reviewed the financial risk assessment tables and the Clerk will make changes where necessary. Nothing of major significance to note or change.
6. **Public Participation Slot; Gwynneth Everett** had been in discussion with members of Copeland BC licensing department to try to clarify the status of Inglenook caravan park. The question being was it a residential park or a holiday park? Depending on which type it is the rules and regulations for the owners and the residents/holidaymakers are significantly different. There are 56 static units on the site and 15 of them are residential (as defined by their owners living permanently on the site and paying council tax) so it appears to be a mix of the two types of site. This makes policing the site difficult for Copeland BC and Councillor Everett will go back to CBC to clarify exactly what the site is in terms of residential or holiday and how it should therefore be licenced to operate. Copeland BC would then be expected to inspect and enforce according to whichever licence is applicable. A member of the public voiced their concerns regarding several aspects of the operation of the site and the parish council suggested that any formal complaints should be taken up with the licensing authority i.e. Copeland BC.
- Councillor Everett also highlighted several initiatives to publicise the Beacon museum; a maritime exhibition in February, 'Quantum leap' science for 7 to 14 yr olds on Saturday mornings, Cumbrian photography exhibition and some free openings in the Spring.
- Arthur Lamb** was not present but asked for any new highways problems to be forwarded. The Clerk will notify him of the continued absence of any form of salt/salt bins on the higher routed through the parish.
- Ian Parker** (Vicar); noted that the new forestry gates around the back of Knock Murton did not have any hard-core under them so that they were very muddy underfoot. The Clerk will seek assistance from the Forestry commission.
7. **Landscaping;** three trees on the 'pound' at Kirkland are damaged and will require felling. The landscaping contractor had provided a price to carry out this work. The Kirkland councillor has obtained a second quote to carry out the felling which significantly undercut the previous quote. Councillors voted to go ahead with the lower quote.
- Dog waste; the possibility of obtaining new dog waste bins was discussed with Copeland BC but indication was that no new bins would be provided (for free) and that there would be a charge to the parish council for emptying the bins. In light of this the Clerk purchase four A4 signs asking owners to pick up their dogs waste. The Clerk provided Michael Watts with a sign for the area in Kirkland, put one in the notice board at Fell Dyke and left one with the owners of the land beside the footpath to Cogra Moss which has a significant problem.
- The Clerk reported that the National park folks will tidy the Fell Dyke car park and replace the broken fencing when the path work has been completed.

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8. Planning matters;

Millfields development;

There has been no news on the discussions 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.

Copeland Local Plan

The parish council had received details of Copelands draft Local Plan which relates to housing development areas from 2017 to 2035. The Chair had reviewed the 20 page document including a questionnaire list of 112 questions in 14 different categories. He went through salient points and likely responses from the questionnaire to compose a suitable reply on behalf of the council. There appeared to be a few glaring errors in the document such as Lamplugh having 'retail outlets' (there was once a small shop in the Inglenook caravan park open). It was felt that Lamplugh should be categorised as a 'smaller settlement' rather than a 'Sustainable village'. The chair will send the response/completed questionnaire to Copeland BC.

9. National park boundary extension plans; no news.

10. Review of standing orders; Clerk has uploaded the revised Standing orders to the parish web site. Quorum for the parish council now stands at three rather than 4 members. The Clerk will check with CALC that there is no overriding requirement to have 4 members for quorum.

11. Village hall; the VH committee have been reviewing the proposed new village hall capabilities and associated costs which have risen due to the time between the first costings and the present time. Committee members have had a meeting with the architect and the project manager to finalise the amount of funding needed to complete the project and apply for any necessary grant funding.

12. Highways; a parishioner asked for provision of a speed reducing sign at Lamplugh Green. As members present did not know the exact reason and location for any type of sign this item will be passed back to the councillor concerned and discussed at the next PC meeting. Lack of salting of the higher roads within the parish has been noted earlier.

13. Parish website; to be updated as necessary by the Clerk and Chair; SOs have been added with minutes plus agendas.

14. School status report; no update provided.

15. Sherwen charity; Lamplugh PC member Sandy Roberts has agreed to contact the charity with a view to becoming the parish council representative.

16. Street lighting; the Clerk had received a letter from the Mayor of Copeland BC asking the parish council to consider taking over the ownership and maintenance of the street lighting within the parish (not highway lighting). There were reportedly 22 lights in the parish and the proposal was to budget at least £140 per lamp per annum for annual maintenance. Councillor Surman had attended the Copeland three tier meeting on behalf of the parish council where this issue had been discussed. Generally it had received a negative response from parish councils. Copeland had agreed to clarify exactly which lamps in which parishes were whose

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responsibilities as this is not clear at present. The Clerk had received a letter from CALC suggesting that they will help to discuss this issue with Copeland and that parish council's should not respond to Copeland before discussions have taken place. Lamplugh parish council agreed to take no action at this time but initial feelings were that it was not something that they could or would be willing to adopt.

17. Lamplugh Young farmers Club.

A representative from Lamplugh young farmers attended the meeting to offer a days work in the parish to be carried out by the members of the club. Initial thoughts were to fix the broken fences on the horse margin (parish council to provide materials), scrape/tidy the path beside the horse margin and if possible arrange to cut the road side of the hedge along the horse margin. The Clerk and Chair will contact the LYF representative to jointly scope the work and agree a suitable date (8th Feb proposed).

In addition the LYF members would like to try to earn some money for the Young farmers by arranging a coffee/cake morning in the village hall. They will contact the Village hall folks to set a date when the hall is free, ideally in February (before lambing time).

18. Newsletter; items for next issue to Michael Watts by the 23rd January.

19. Upcoming Meetings/Meetings attended; Ed Surman attended the three tier meeting.

20. Items for next agenda; ongoing planning issues, speed sign for Lamplugh Green, possibility for United Utilities to give pipeline update at the Annual parish meeting.

The next meeting will be a **Parish Council Meeting** held on the **18th March 2020 at 7pm in the Lamplugh Village Hall.**

Closure of Council Meeting at 9:15pm.

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