

Lamplugh Parish Council

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (No 336) of Lamplugh Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th July 2020 at 7:00 via online video link

Parish Councillors required to attend;

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

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1. Arthur Lamb, Gwyneth Everett and sent apologies. Julie Whitaker sent an email to the Chair tendering her resignation from the parish council.
2. The minutes of the previous virtual meeting (No 335) held on 20th May 2020, had previously been signed by the Chair.
3. Tasks arising from the Council meeting (335) held on 20th May 2020 were reviewed.
4. The main items of correspondence to 15th July 2020 were reviewed and any of significance had been added to this agenda. Again the vast majority of any communications had related to the Covid pandemic.
5. Finance Matters:
 - a. The balance held in the bank/building society as of 30/06/2020 (using most recent bank statement to reduce social interactions);

	20th May 2020	30 th June 2020
Cumberland BS	£23,826.24	£20,346.78

Values were confirmed with a copy of the online statement. The account figures were formally accepted and agreed by the councillors.

Income and expenditure details (on spreadsheets) covering the period up to the 30th June 2020 were reviewed and data agreed by the councillors.

The Clerk noted that planned spend until the end of the financial year would leave an estimated £15k in the reserves which is somewhat higher than desired (should be around one years precept). Suggestions for future non budgeted spend were; buy additional flower bulbs and or tree saplings, litter picking equipment (Clerk to purchase pickers and ancillary equipment), sponsor a coffee morning at the old Lamplugh village hall –if restrictions allow. It was noted that some parish groups had not requested grant funding so far but this may be requested at a later date.

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- b. Cheques totalling ~£883 were presented for approval and signature; Contact mag entries, Clerks quarterly salary (2nd Q) and LVH rental (Jan). The summary table for the schedule of payments and receipts was reviewed and will be signed by the Chair in due course.
 - c. The first quarter audit has been arranged by the Clerk.
 - d. The external auditors had received the audit papers and had not as yet made any comment.
6. Public Participation Slot; Arthur Lamb provided an update; the road signs for the lowering of the limit on the A5086 (between Kirkland road end and the Loweswater junction) were now in place. Ian Parker (vicar) noted that worship at Kirkland mission has resumed whilst applying social distancing measures.
 7. Landscaping; the second cut of the year had been completed but the contractor had not sent in any invoice for the work carried out so far.
 8. Planning matters; Millfields development—s106 proposals; no real progress as still awaiting change proposal to s106 from the developer. Any such proposals will go before the planning committee at Copeland BC (meetings delayed at present due to Covid pandemic) at which point the parish council will be asked for comment/input. The footpath through the development was not now being rerouted which brought the “Farmhouse” closer to the large sycamore tree (RB to check if the tree has a TPO) and the boundary of the adjacent sawmill property.

The Chair noted that there were significant changes to the planning regulations due in September but he had reviewed the proposals and it was though unlikely that any of the changes would directly affect the parish.

Two planning applications for housing developments submitted and rejected last year have been sent for appeal, Lamplugh PCs previous objections will still stand. No dates set for review of appeals.
 9. National park boundary extension plans; no news.
 10. Village hall; land transfer is pending, design documents are out to tender, some new grant funding has been acquired. Current plans are to start on the new hall in the autumn with the concurrent demolition of the old hall. Socially distanced meetings may be possible prior to the demolition.
 11. Highways; Ed Surman/Chair looked into traffic speed control at Lamplugh Green and the conclusion was that the parish council should keep a watching brief. The application of a 40mph limit on part of the A5086 has been completed.
 12. Parish website; The web site needs to comply with accessibility rules by September 2020; the Clerk contact the web host and the developer (CALC) to assist in compliance. The web host has quoted for a review of the accessibility of the site, improve where possible and provide an accessibility statement. The parish council agreed that the Clerk should ask the host to go ahead with the work as soon as possible.
 13. School status; awaiting government guidelines for reopening of the school under the Covid regulations.

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14. Sherwen charity; Lamplugh PC member (SR) to attend meetings. Sandy has been in contact with the charity with a view to attending the next meeting. Remove this item from future agendas.
15. Newsletter; Clerk to provide draft minutes to Michael Watts for inclusion into the next issue of the Contact mag.
16. Upcoming Meetings/Meetings attended; all face to face meetings are postponed at the present time. RNEC may plan to hold a virtual meeting in the future (SR is the PC representative).
17. Items for next agenda; this, the second, virtual meeting went quite well with some difficulty encountered with joining from outside. The Webex platform now only allowed a 50 minute free meeting but all items were covered in the time allocated...just. The Chair could add a second meeting if more time is needed in the future.

The next meeting will be a **Parish Council Meeting** held on the **16th Septemebr 2020 in the Lamplugh Village Hall or by video conference (parishioners should contact the Clerk in advance of the meeting if they wish to watch or take part).**

Closure of Council Meeting at 7:50pm.

Dates for Wednesday night Council meetings in 2020/21;

Parish Council Meeting
Parish Council Meeting

16th Sept 2020
18th Nov 2020