

Lamplugh Parish Council

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (No 337) of Lamplugh Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th September 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, 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, , Ed Surman, Arthur Lamb, Steve Morgan and John Sloan (Clerk).

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1. Richard Wilson , Robert Daghish and Gwyneth Everett had sent apologies. No declarations of interest recorded.
2. The minutes of the previous virtual meeting (No 336) held on 15th July 2020, had previously been reviewed by the Chair and the Clerk will arrange for signatures.
3. Tasks arising from the Council meeting (336) held on 15th July 2020 were reviewed.
4. The main items of correspondence to 16th September 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. Due to recent increased incidence of reported cases of Covid the parish council decided to continue holding virtual parish council meetings for the foreseeable future.
5. Finance Matters:
 - a. The balance held in the bank/building society as of 31/08/2020 (using most recent bank statement to reduce social interactions);

	30th June 2020	31st August 2020
Cumberland BS	£20,346.78	£18,793.68

Values were confirmed with a copy of the scanned statements for July and August. The account figures were formally accepted and agreed by the councillors.

Income and expenditure details (on spreadsheets) covering the period up to the 31st August 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. Councillors thought it may be a good idea to have substantial funds in the reserves as a contingency plan (e.g. lawyers fees, etc). The Clerk had still not received an invoice for any of the three grass cuts carried out by the landscaper -Harvey Davidson/Big Foot. Suggestions by the Clerk for future non budgeted

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spend were; buy additional flower bulbs and or tree saplings, councillors will let the Clerk know by email what ,if anything, they wish to spend. Whilst formal remembrance events may not take place councillors agreed that the Clerk should go ahead and order a poppy wreath for the memorial at Lamplugh church.

- b. Four cheques totalling ~£305 were presented for approval and signature (three of which had been paid between PC meetings); Rocket Sites accessibility review and statement of compliance, Litter picking equipment, Payroll Services for second quarter and Contact mag entries. Payment of £1 cash had been paid into the account for walk leaflets. 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 had been arranged by the Clerk, this was carried out by email and by scanning documents. The report had been sent to the Chair. The second quarter report (up to the end of Sept) will be arranged by the Clerk, following the same procedure.
6. Public Participation Slot; Arthur Lamb provided an update; the waste recycling depot at Frizington was once again fully operational. There was a discussion on the proposal for having a single unitary authority for Cumbria i.e. to dispense with the borough councils. This had been proposed around 12 years ago but did not progress very far whereas this time it was thought that there was both strong government backing and, in general, local government support for such a change. Positive outcomes would be increased planning efficiencies, a single County mayor, countywide highways decisions and more joined up thinking about issues affecting the whole of the County. There were concerns regarding possible redundancies, the difference between county boundaries/local area health authority's boundaries and whether a single office operating from Carlisle would be receptive enough to the local needs of constituents 40 or 50 miles away. Steve Morgan noted that the recent review of footway lighting had shown that 98% of the lights were the responsibility of the County rather than the borough/parish and that Lamplugh PC was unlikely to be asked to pay to support any of the lights in the parish. Steve also mentioned the existence of a 'local plan' which covers local housing needs into the future, comments are required by mid-November. Roger Braithwaite was aware of the plan and had done a preliminary review which he will share with the councillors. RB said that Lamplugh was not mentioned specifically within the document and that there was no mention of a community infrastructure levy. Steve Morgan noted that, despite the Covid pandemic affecting staffing, recycling in Copeland was doing well. Twice as much material had been recycled as in the same period last year. The Clerk alerted SM to the wonky footpath and high bench between the Stork and the Old Mission in Rowrah, SM will take a look to see if the y can be improved upon. Garden waste is being collected once a month, the last collection will be in November. Ian Parker (vicar) noted that worship at Kirkland mission has resumed and two services a month are taking place at Lamplugh church but without singing and whilst applying social distancing measures and whilst wearing face masks.
7. Landscaping; the third somewhat untidy cut 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; a change proposal to the original s106, to build a village hall, had been proposed by the developer. The change requested of Copeland BC planning department was for the developer to replace the proposed village hall with two bungalows on the same plot of land and offer a cash 'equivalent' of around £35k to

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the community as recompense. The money would be used to complete the proposed replacement village hall close to the site of the existing old village hall. The general consensus from parishioners letters, the view of the parish council and the village hall committee was that this offer was neither fair nor equitable as a replacement for the developer building a new village hall, particularly as he would also gain two more properties to sell. It was thought that the strength of the original obligation to the s106 should be maintained by Copeland BC i.e. that the planning application would never have been passed by Copeland BC without a significant s106 element. The Chair had responded to the proposed change on behalf of the parish council. Copeland BC is in the process of holding a review into the proposed change to the s106. Steve Morgan agreed to take a look at the proposal with Copeland BC planners.

Comments on the local plan are covered earlier within the minutes (Item 6).

A letter (hand written photocopy) had been received by the Clerk from a parishioner asking that when the old village hall is knocked down and building of the new hall begins consideration should be given to parking, keeping the road clean, keeping noise levels down, etc. It was thought that all of the potential problems raised in the letter would be covered by normal planning conditions. Sandy Roberts will see if the village hall committee also received the letter and will ask the project manager to respond to the letter.

9. National park boundary extension plans; there is some reference within the newly proposed local plan to the Cumbria county council landscape guide which has a defined area somewhat different to the current National Park boundary.
10. Village hall; land transfer is still pending, design documents are out to tender, some new grant funding has been acquired. Tenders have gone out to 5 building companies with 3 having responded so far. Responses are being reviewed by a retained quantity surveyor.
11. Highways; the replacement red telephone box and notice board at Winder have been damaged by an adjacent vehicle fire. The parish council have had to make a claim through the insurers to replace the wooden door of the phone box, repaint the whole box, replace some windows and replace the complete notice board. The Clerk had obtained quotes for the materials and work to be done and these have been agreed by the insurers. The parish council agreed to accept the lump sum offer from the insurers to renew the box and notice board (Clerk will also ask for a header board, the parish council will cover the additional cost). VAT is not included in the offer and will have to be reclaimed from HMRC.

Ed Surman has agreed to keep an eye on the footway lighting issue.
12. Parish website; The current web host had quoted for a review of the accessibility of the site, to improve where possible and provide an accessibility statement. This work has been completed between meetings. The Clerk will update the website with recent Agendas and meeting minutes.
13. School status; the school has reopened under the Covid regulations.
14. Sherwen charity; Sandy Roberts will attend meetings on behalf of the parish council. The upcoming meeting in October may be a virtual one but if not virtual then Sandy will inform the Chair and Clerk so that a representative can attend in place of Sandy.

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15. Local government reorganisation, LPC viewpoint; parish council not required to respond at this time. Pros and cons covered in Item 6.
16. Newsletter; Clerk to provide draft minutes to Michael Watts for inclusion into the next issue of the Contact mag, by the 23rd September.
17. Upcoming Meetings/Meetings attended; the majority of face to face meetings are postponed at the present time.
18. Items for next agenda; a virtual meeting or meetings will be held.

The next meeting will be a **Parish Council Meeting** held on the **18th November 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 8:30pm.

Dates for Wednesday night Council meetings in 2020/21;

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18th Nov 2020