

Lamplugh Parish Council

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (No 339) of Lamplugh Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th January 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, Sandy Roberts, Richard Wilson , Michael Watts, Robert Daghish, Ed Surman, Arthur Lamb, Steve Morgan and John Sloan (Clerk).

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1. Gwyneth Everett had sent an apology, Steve Morgan and Arthur Lamb would be present for the first half of the meeting. No declarations of interest recorded.
2. The minutes of the previous virtual meeting (No 338) held on 18th November 2020, had previously been reviewed by the Chair and the Clerk had arranged for signatures.
3. Tasks arising from the Council meeting (338) held on 18th November were reviewed. The process of getting more banking signatories was on hold due to the latest lockdown.
4. The main items of correspondence to 20th January 2020 were reviewed by the Chair and any of significance had been added to the agenda for discussion. The Chair noted a communication asking parish councils to propose a motion in support of climate and ecological emergency bill. The parish council were in support of the bill but felt that they were too small to have an impact so would not be joining as an active member. Again the vast majority of communications were related to the Covid pandemic. A letter of thanks had been received from the Great North air ambulance following the donation by the parish council. An anonymous letter and an email relating to traffic issues and signs at Lamplugh Green had been received by the Clerk, discussed under Highways (Item 12). Other communications related to completing the footpath at Cogra Moss, proposed lakes visitor strategy (both LDNPA) , removal of larch stand from Cogra Moss (Forestry England) and the start of a new once a week (Monday) bus service passing through Lamplugh destined for Whitehaven. Due to recent increased incidence of reported cases of Covid and the start of the third lockdown the parish council decided to continue holding virtual parish council meetings for the foreseeable future.

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5. Finance Matters:

- 5.1. The balance held in the bank/building society as of 31/12/2020 (using most recent building society statement to reduce social interactions);

	31st October 2020	31st December 2020
Cumberland BS	£18,357.38	£16,518.13

Values were confirmed with a copy of the scanned statements for November and December. The account figures were formally accepted and agreed by the councillors. Income and expenditure details (on spreadsheets) covering the period up to the 31st December 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 £14.25k in the reserves. Part of the reserves may be required as a contingency plan to cover any legal fees associated with the transfer of the Village hall and its land to the Village hall committee. Roger Braithwaite (Chair) will discuss this with the Village hall committee to estimate any likely costs that may be incurred by the parish council. Work by the landscape contractor (Harvey Davidson/Big Foot) for the year has been completed but despite repeated requests the Clerk had still not received an invoice.

- 5.2. Cheques totalling ~£277 had been signed between meetings to reduce unnecessary travel during the current Covid lockdown phase. The cheques covered the Contact magazine entries, Cumbria payroll services quarterly fee and the donation to the Great North Air Ambulance. Additional cheques presented for signature were for the Clerks salary (final quarter) and expenses for the period from April 2020 to Jan 2021 (~ £1,055). The summary table for the schedule of payments and receipts was reviewed and will be signed, along with the cheques, by the Chair in due course.

- 5.3. The remote third quarter audit has been arranged by the Clerk.

5.4. Clerk has informed Copeland BC that Lamplugh PC does not require any increase in the precept for the coming financial year.

6. Public Participation Slot; Steve Morgan (Borough councillor) spoke about the proposed new single unity County structure. The final decision will be made by the Government but local councils had made their own suggestions. There will be public consultation at a later date, there was mention of the logic in making such a change and trying to consult widely in the midst of a global pandemic. There had been problems with rubbish collections over the Xmas period due to Covid and weather problems. CBC has bought the Leconfield estate at Cleator moor for future development. They also have plans to purchase other derelict sites in Whitehaven town centre to improve them plus refurbishment of the Beacon visitor centre in Whitehaven to include a fish restaurant. Also plans to team up with Allerdale BC to promote a coastal bicycle festival in 2021. Cumbria county council had been invited to sit on the underground nuclear repository working group but had at present refused to be a party to the offer. Arthur Lamb (CCC Councillor) had been contacted by the Clerk between meetings requesting salt/grit bins to be installed on the Fitz Bridge to Croasdale/Kirkland road. The

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installation was due to happen before the end of January. Lamplugh/Kirkland school was due to become an Academy as part of the C of E Good Shepherd trust. There may be a virtual launch celebration with an invitation to the parish council at a later date.

7. Landscaping; The landscaping contractor (Big Foot) had not sent in any invoices for the work carried out so far, all four annual cuts now completed. Missing dog waste bin; the Clerk had written an email to the developers web site (Swift Homes) to ask about its whereabouts and for them to supply a new bin if they were unable to find the old bin. No response to date.
8. Planning matters; Millfields development—s106 proposals; Copeland BC has held a review into the proposed change to the s106 and has gone back to the developer for more information. It is understood that Copeland BC have commissioned an independent review into the s106; this has been completed but the results have not been made public.

The first virtual meeting session ended at 7:40 and Arthur Lamb and Steve Morgan left this meeting to share their time with the virtual Ennerdale parish council meeting.

Members of the Village hall committee were invited to a virtual meeting with the head of Copeland BC (Ms Pat Graham). They suggested that perhaps the Parish council should also be represented. Sandy Roberts, Roger Braithwaite and the Clerk were duly included in the virtual invitation. Information regarding the purpose of the meeting was requested but nothing was provided. The meeting was held on Friday 15th January; the Clerk was unable to attend, sent his apologies and asked for minutes of the meeting to be supplied.

The meeting was deemed informal so no minutes were provided but the subject was the s106 for the Millfields development. Ms Graham was said to be acting as a mediator between the Village hall committee and the developer Swift Homes regarding the monetary value of the s106. No information from the independent review was forthcoming. An improved offer was proposed and the Village hall committee will meet to discuss the offer. A further virtual meeting has been proposed between Ms Graham, the village hall and parish council and is due to take place the following week.

Strictly speaking Copeland BC should be discussing the s106 with the parish council but the councillors accept that, within reason, they will accept the opinion of the village hall committee as any s106 funds will be used to complete the new Village hall project.

Unfortunately Copeland Borough Councillor Steve Morgan was no longer online so could not comment further on this issue.

A planning application relating to building a foresters shed in part of Salter wood had been received from Ennerdale parish council. It should have been received from Copeland borough council but it appears that they are unaware of the parish boundaries. No objections from councillors, the Clerk will respond to CBC and ask them to be more vigilant. (Note that the Clerk has since checked on other planning applications relevant to Lamplugh and found one from October that was never received. This is the second time that this has happened since the applications were available to view online. The Clerk will once more remonstrate with CBC planning department on this matter.)

9. National park boundary extension plans; no news.
10. Underground Nuclear Repository site in Copeland---GDF(Geological Disposal Facility); Councillors again decided to include this item in the next PC meeting agenda for discussion/debate as there was insufficient time remaining.

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11. Village hall; no change from previous meeting; land transfer is still pending and there is still a funding shortfall. At some point shortly the parish council will need to transfer ownership off the village hall and associated land to the Village hall committee. The legal fees for this transfer is as yet an unknown, Roger Braithwaite will speak with the Village hall committee to clarify the matter.
12. Highways; The replacement notice board for Winder is on order and will be fitted on arrival; due wc 25/01/2021. Letters from Lamplugh Green residents (one anonymous which will be disregarded) relating to informal signage and possible speeding traffic were discussed. The local councillor (Ed Surman) will take a closer look and send pictures of the signs to Arthur Lamb (County Councillor) for consideration by CCC Highways department. Footway Lights: a proposed response to CBC was reviewed and agreed; the response advises CBC that the Parish Council are not prepared to accept responsibility for the four footway lights in the parish or enter into a management agreement with CBC because there is no duty to do so and it would be financially irresponsible given potential future cost and our relatively limited annual budget. It was also noted in the response that the lights do not currently work. It was agreed that the response would be submitted to CBC by Ed Surman on behalf of LPC.
13. Parish website; The Clerk will update the website with recent Agendas and meeting minutes.
14. School status; Arthur Lamb; the school is likely to become a member of the Good Shepherd Academy Trust in February. Building improvements are planned and better use to be made of the basement area. Parish councillor Rob Daghish has become a school Governor.
15. Dickinson family charities; having spoken with Chris Spencer, Ed Surman has agreed to be the parish council representative for the two charities. The Clerk will communicate this to the Dickinson family.
16. Newsletter; Clerk to provide draft minutes to Michael Watts for inclusion into the next issue of the Contact mag, by the 25th January.
17. Upcoming Meetings/Meetings attended; the majority of face to face meetings are postponed at the present time. The Chair (RB) will attend the virtual Three Tier meeting on the 28th Jan.
18. Items for next agenda; a virtual meeting or meetings will be held.

Closure of Council Meeting at 8:50pm.

The next meeting will be a Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th March 2021 in the by video conference (parishioners should contact the Clerk in advance of the meeting if they wish to watch or take part).

Dates for Wednesday night Council meetings in 2021;

Parish Council Meeting	17th March 2021
Parish Council Meeting	5th May 2021
Parish Council Meeting	19th May 2021
Parish Council Meeting	21st July 2021
Parish Council Meeting	15th Sept 2021
Parish Council Meeting	17th Nov 2021