

Lamplugh Parish Council

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

Minutes of Lamplugh Parish Council Meeting (No 340) held on Wednesday 17th March 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, Robert Daghish, Ed Surman, Arthur Lamb, Steve Morgan and John Sloan (Clerk).

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1. Gwyneth Everett and Sandy Roberts had sent apologies. No declarations of interest recorded. Two parishioners had expressed an interest in joining the parish council; the Clerk had sent information a month ago and asked for a response. No response received to date, the Chair will follow up to gauge level of interest.
2. The minutes of the previous virtual meeting (No 339) held on 20th January 2020, had previously been reviewed by the Chair and the Clerk had arranged for signatures.
3. Tasks arising from the Council meeting (339) held on 20th January were reviewed. The process of getting more banking signatories was on hold due to the ongoing lockdown.
4. The main items of correspondence to 17th March 2020 were reviewed by the Chair and any of significance had been added to the agenda for discussion. Again the vast majority of communications were related to the Covid pandemic. As the Covid restrictions were beginning to be lifted the Government decreed that any parish council meetings after the 7th May should be face to face meetings rather than virtual meetings. The Clerk will book the Lamplugh village hall (or Kirkland Mission) for the next AGM/parish council meeting to be held on the 19th May. It was agreed to postpone the Annual Parish Meeting (due to be held on the 5th of May) to the first Wednesday in September, ie September 1st.
5. Finance Matters:
 - a. The balance held in the bank/building society as of 28/02/2021 (using most recent building society statement to reduce social interactions);

	31 st December 2020	28th February 2021
Cumberland BS	£16,518.13	£15,151.48

Values were confirmed with a copy of the scanned statements for January and February.

The account figures were formally accepted and agreed by the councillors.

Income and expenditure details (on spreadsheets) covering the period up to the 28th February 2021 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. Work by the landscape contractor (Harvey

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Davidson/Big Foot) for the year has been completed but despite repeated requests the Clerk had still not received an invoice. The Clerk will determine if the contractor is prepared to fulfil the contract for 2021/22 by providing quarterly invoices in line with the contractual obligations. There is one year to go on the landscaping contract.

- b. One 'Paid' cheque total £16.80 has not been cashed at this time (28th Feb 2021). The only outstanding payment due is from the landscaping contractor (BIGFOOT) who has not submitted any invoice during the financial year although all work has been completed. 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.
 - c. Quarterly audit report for 3rd quarter has been produced and reviewed by Chair. The Clerk will arrange for the end of year (4th Q) internal audit and ask the internal auditor if she wishes to continue in the role for the next financial year.
 - d. The Clerk had updated the financial risk review document and its content was agreed by the councillors.
 - e. The Clerk had also updated the Asset register with the addition of the replacement Notice board at Winder. The 'old computer' will be cleaned in readiness for donation to a local school. Three digital microphones were listed on the register but their whereabouts at present is uncertain, the Clerk and councillors will attempt to locate the items.
6. Public Participation Slot; Steve Morgan (Borough councillor) and Arthur Lamb (County Councillor) spoke about the LGR (local government reorganisation); the objective being to reduce the number of borough councils in Cumbria. The final decision will be made by central Government but local councils had made their own suggestions. Ideally Copeland and Allerdale should be in the same unit. Whether this is along with Carlisle, Eden or as part of a single unitary authority remains to be decided. As CCC have put back the elections for a year there will be no change for at least one year. CCC passed their budget for the coming year. There does not seem to be any consensus of opinion on the best format for the change, even the political parties are divided on the issue. Most borough/county councillors seem to agree that some sort of change is necessary. Lamplugh parish councillors will mull over the issue and if a consensus is reached then send a letter in support of one of the current options. Response is required by mid April. SM; CBC have agreed their budget and will spend some of their reserves. The street/footway lighting review is on hold. There is grant monies/advice available for 'cold houses', the terrace at Kirkland may be suitable for funding. Waste collection is a little behind due to Covid and reduced resources (number of trucks available). The volume of waste cardboard has more than doubled during the lockdown period but the waste value has decreased. CBC have stopped issuing a waste collection calendar unless specifically requested and replaced it by an online system. The Clerk had tried to use the web site but had encountered several problems and will send Councillor Morgan the details. Ian Parker noted that there will be a Good Friday service at Lamplugh Church and a further review of future services as the Covid restrictions allow.
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 at Fitz

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Bridge/Mill fields Development; still no response from the developers (Swift Homes) as to its whereabouts and the request for them to supply a new bin if they were unable to find the old bin. A local resident had highlighted to the Clerk the increase in dog waste on the grass verge in front of the new housing development and had offered to install a new bin free of charge. The Clerk informed the resident that the bin had been moved from its location on the verge by the developers when they removed the hedge to landscape the area and they should therefore be responsible for funding and installing a replacement bin. The resident will speak with the developer.

The first virtual meeting session ended at 7:40. The second part of the meeting started at 7:50.

8. Planning matters;

Millfields development—s106 proposals;

Members of the Village hall committee, Copeland BC and Lamplugh PC have held further discussions regarding the possibility of a monetary equivalence to the original s106 proposal (which was to build a village hall). The intent was to ensure sufficient funding to allow the new village hall to be completed close to the original hall. To this end the Village hall committee were tasked to produce a definite figure that would allow this to happen and then to see if the developer was willing/able to match this amount. Discussions still centred around putting a fair monetary figure on the potential cost saving to the developer of not building a village hall to the original specification and the benefit arising from the sale of the additional two properties based on the developers application to remove the s106 requirement to build the village hall and replace it with two more properties. If an agreement cannot be reached it is possible that Copeland BC may reject this proposal and the s106 requirement for the developer to build the village hall will remain in place. It was also noted that that the planning notes detail that a hall built under the s106 would be run by a trust administered by the developers family who would be responsible for setting rental changes etc.

To some extent the s106 question is a moral one i.e. what the developer should do in a fair and equitable world versus what the developer must do to comply with planning law. This is a complex legal issue and it was agreed that the Chair would seek advice on this matter from Copeland BC legal department.

Since the last PC meeting the Clerk has been in communication with CBC planning department regarding planning applications not received by the parish council. CBC planning department apologised and agreed that they had made errors by entering incorrect information on the new computerised system. This has since been remedied and tested to show that it now works correctly.

9. Local government reorganisation proposals. Covered in Item 6.

10. Underground Nuclear Repository site in Copeland---GDF(Geological Disposal Facility); Councillors sought the opinion of the County and Borough councillors.

Arthur Lamb (County councillor) noted that Cumbria CC had refused to take part in the working party. This was based on their view that this subject had been investigated on two previous occasions and rejected as recently as 2013. CCC feels that the location of such a repository should be made solely on the best/safest location based on geology rather than at the request of any interested party. Others not holding this view think that the County Council should at least take part to allow their views to be heard.

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Councillor Morgan thought that Copeland would be the best place for a repository as it would be safer not to have to transport spent nuclear fuel though Cumbria to another site. He also thought that a suitable site based on geology would be deep out under the Irish Sea with a tunnel leading directly from Sellafield to the burial chamber. There was also the possibility of a new nuclear fusion reactor (Spherical Tokamak Energy Production or STEP reactor) being sited in Copeland.

11. Village hall; land transfer to allow the hall to be built is now complete (thanks to the Martin family).The Village Hall committee and Lamplugh parish council will need to consider the transfer of the current village hall plot from LPC to the VH committee. The Clerk noted that the village hall land is at present registered in his name.
12. Highways; The replacement notice board for Winder has been installed. There are several large potholes on the Kirkland leaps road; these should be reported on the Highways system for remedy. The Lamplugh school sign will need to be changed to reflect the new name for the school. Arthur Lamb followed up on the request for salt bins which have been installed between Fitz Bridge and Croasdale. The handmade signs at Lamplugh Green still need review.
13. Parish website; The Clerk will update the website with recent Agendas and meeting Minutes.
14. School status; Arthur Lamb; the school has become a member of the Good Shepherd Academy Trust in February. The new name is the Kirkland Academy. Building improvements are continuing.
15. Dickinson family charities; Ed Surman has been in touch with the Dickinson family. details of the current position regarding finances and potential recipients of the trusts could be clarified.
16. Newsletter; Clerk to provide draft minutes to Michael Watts for inclusion into the next issue of the Contact mag.
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 face to face meeting will be held in May.

Closure of Council Meeting at 8:50pm.

The next meeting will be a Parish Council Meeting held on the 19th May 2021 at 7pm either by video conference (parishioners should contact the Clerk in advance of the meeting if they wish to watch or take part) or by a face to face meeting (location to be confirmed).

Dates for Wednesday night Council meetings in 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