

Lamplugh Parish Council

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (No 342) of Lamplugh Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 7:00pm in the Lamplugh Village Hall

Parish Councillors required to attend;

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

Also Invited: Arthur Lamb (County Councillor), Gwyneth Everett (Borough Councillor), Steve Morgan (Borough Councillor).

Present; Roger Braithwaite, Michael Watts, Ed Surman, and John Sloan (Clerk).

Plus; Arthur Lamb (County Councillor).

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1. Sandy Roberts and Gwyneth Everett sent apologies. The Clerk had spoken to Sandy Roberts who had been able to attend the virtual meetings imposed by Covid but felt that she would not be able to attend in person for some time. To allow Sandy to remain a member of the parish council it was unanimously agreed that she would be allowed to miss meetings due to her illness. The parish council agreed to allow Sandy to attend virtually if possible. There was a declaration of conflict of interest from Roger Braithwaite relating for the planning item in the Winnah area, adjacent to where Roger lives. A prospective new councillor, Paul Wilson, attended the meeting. Paul had sent in some background information prior to the meeting and spoke about his time in Lamplugh and his interest in joining the parish council. His acceptance was proposed by Roger Braithwaite and seconded by Ed Surman. Paul Wilson and the Clerk duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office and Paul will forward to the Clerk a hard copy of his completed Declaration of Interests form.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting (No 341) held on 19th May 2021 were agreed and had been previously signed by the Chair.
3. Tasks arising from the Council meeting (341) held on 19th May 2021 were reviewed.
4. The main items of correspondence to 21st July 2021 were reviewed by the Chair and any of significance had been added to this agenda.
5. Finance Matters:
 - a. To note the balance held in the building society as at 30/06/2020;

	19 th May 2021	30 th June 2021
Cumberland BS	£25,977.73	£21,663.25

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 2021 were reviewed and data agreed by the councillors. The Clerk provided the necessary forms for Ed Surman to become a signatory on the building society account, Ed will take the paperwork to the nearest branch. Rob Daghish was also to be added to the list of signatories but he was not

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- present at the meeting. Richard Wilson is to be removed as a signatory; he is required to sign a form which had been sent to him by the Clerk.
- b. Kirkland Playground committee had submitted a late parish grant application; it was discussed and a grant of £600 was allocated (£100 above the amount requested as there were sufficient funds available). Cheques totalling ~£1,543 were presented for approval and signature; Cumbria payroll services, Lamplugh and Ennerdale PCC magazine entries, Clerks quarterly salary, two CALC training course (for ES) and the grant to Kirkland Playground committee. The summary table for the schedule of payments and receipts was reviewed and signed by the Chair.
 - c. The first quarters audit had been requested by the Clerk.
 - d. The Kirkland Playground grant was reviewed by the councillors and £600 allocated, proposed by Ed Surman and seconded by Roger Braithwaite.
 - e. The end of year accounts had been signed off by the Chair and Clerk prior to the meeting.
6. Public Participation Slot; Arthur Lamb spoke about the local government reorganisation where a decision to have two principal authorities had just been made. Copeland BC, Allerdale BC and Carlisle TC would be united into a single authority with elections taking place in 2022 and the amalgamation in 2023. Some teething problems had been encountered with the new improved Highways system. Arthur was asked to find out about the ongoing traffic lights at Fitz Bridge and when a satisfactory resolution to the collapsing roadway was likely to be resolved. Ian Parker (vicar) suggested that the Parish council invite Forestry England and United Utilities to the Annual Parish meeting in September (Clerk to write to both parties). Ian also asked if the parish council had any plans to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022, two bank holidays are planned on the 2nd and 3rd June. A number of successful events were organised by parishioners and the parish council to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Michael Watts agreed to be the link between the parish council and any parish groups that were interested in the celebrations. A subcommittee with a member or members from different parish groups should be set up to coordinate the events. The parish council agreed to prime the pump for such celebrations up a value of £2,000. This will be accounted for in the next years budget. This will be included on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting in September as many of the parish groups will be invited.
7. Landscaping; the contractor, BigFoot, has carried out two grass cuts in the parish but no invoice received as yet. Paul Wilson noted that the path to the village hall was overgrown. The Clerk will request another grass cut. The contractor had removed the fallen tree at Crossgates in line with the estimate provided but had not sent in an invoice for this work. The Clerk had taken a look at the hedge at Cross gates and felt it needed some work which the contractor had quoted for prior to the meeting. The Clerk and Michael Watts agreed to take another look at the hedge and see what work needed doing and then, depending on the scope of the work, to ask for additional quotes and report back to the parish council.
8. Planning matters; Millfields development—s106 proposals; The previously agreed s106 changes involving the developer part funding the village hall will be discussed by the Copeland BC planning panel in August.

Two additional planning applications at Winnah have been commented on by the parish council. Both were by the same applicant (Mr P Watson) and at the same location beside the A5085 road

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close to Winnah. Both were retrospective applications. The parish council objected to both applications due to increased traffic turning on and off the A5086 and that they were both an inappropriate change of use; from agricultural buildings to commercial use. No further information received from Copeland planning department as yet. It was noted that Copeland have had some staff changes and a new case officer was awaited. It is understood that the Highways department have also objected to the proposals.

9. Village hall; RB reported that the Village hall committee thought that the Parish council were unlikely to incur significant legal fees in the transfer of ownership of the current village hall. Work on removing the old village hall by Nuttalls is due to begin in September and the parish council will need to book further meetings in Kirkland mission for the foreseeable future.
10. Highways; the main issue currently is the traffic lights and road subsidence at Fitz Bridge, AL will take this up with CCC Highways. AL also noted that with the resignation of Richard Williamson the parish council no longer has representation on the Eskett quarry liaison group. Arthur will keep the parish council posted of any upcoming meetings and a volunteer may then be able to attend.
11. Parish website; Clerk will upload the recent agendas, minutes.
12. School status; the school is now an Academy with 32 pupils of which 21 are in the nursery. Building work has been completed.
13. Newsletter; items for next issue to Michael Watts by the 23rd of August. Clerk to provide draft minutes before this date.
14. Upcoming Meetings/Meetings attended; there will be a virtual REGEN NE Copeland meeting on the 10th August (Sandy is the PC representative and Director on the REGEN board).
15. Items for next agenda; notify the Clerk in advance of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be the **Annual Parish Meeting** held at 7pm on the **1st September 2021 in the Kirkland Mission**.

Closure of Council Meeting at 8:45pm.

Dates for Wednesday night Council meetings in 2021/22;

Annual Parish Meeting (Kirkland Mission)	1st Sept 2021
Parish Council Meeting (Kirkland Mission)	15th Sept 2021
Parish Council Meeting (TBA)	17th Nov 2021
Parish Council Meeting (TBA)	19th Jan 2022
Parish Council Meeting (TBA)	16th Mar 2022