

# Lamplugh Parish Council

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

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (No 343) of Lamplugh Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 7:00pm in the Kirkland Mission

Parish Councillors required to attend;

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

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

Present; Roger Braithwaite, Ed Surman, Paul Wilson and John Sloan (Clerk).

Plus; Arthur Lamb (County Councillor) and Gwyneth Everett (Borough Councillor).

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1. Sandy Roberts, Rob Daglish and Michael Watts sent apologies. Prior to the meeting the Clerk had written to the Chair to let him know that he intended to retire from the position of Clerk by the end of this year (2021). The Chair thanked the Clerk for his work for the parish council over the last 11 years. Initially the parish council will seek to replace the Clerk via an advert with CALC (Cumbria Assocn of Local Councils), perhaps online (Cumbria Crack) and in the next issue of the parish magazine Contact. The Clerk will draw up some details of the role and pass them on to the Chair/Vice Chair. If there is no response by late October the position may be advertised in the local newspaper. It was noted that Ennerdale PC are also looking for a new Clerk, it may be possible that one person would wish to do both jobs. The Clerk will contact Ennerdale PC to discuss. Roger Braithwaite declared an interest in the agenda item relating to the planning application for the Winnah area as his house is close to the site.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting (No 342) held on the 21st July 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
3. Tasks arising from the Council meeting (No 342) held on the 21st July 2021 were reviewed and any of significance had been added to this agenda.
4. The main items of correspondence to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were reviewed by the Chair: it was noted that the updated version of the local plan did not affect Lamplugh (17<sup>th</sup> October being the last date for sending a response), a note thanking the PC for a grant towards the Kirkland playground had been received, the Over 60s committee which organised a bus trip and Xmas party had decided to cease operating as there was a much reduced need for their services (may start up at some point in the future if there is a perceived need).
5. Finance Matters:
  - a. To note the balance held in the building society as at 31/08/2021;

	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	31st August 2021
Cumberland BS	£21,663.25	£21,502.06

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

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Income and expenditure details (on spreadsheets) covering the period up to the 31st August 2021 were reviewed and data agreed by the councillors. Ed Surman has completed the forms for the Cumberland BS and is now a signatory on the account. Rob Daglish has the necessary forms to complete the application to become a signatory. The account should be around £15k in credit at the financial years end. No invoices have been received from the landscaping contractor (Harvey Davidson/Big Foot) for any of this years grass cuts (not sure if three or four cuts have been completed), nor the tree removal at Cross Gates. The rolling 3 year contract for parish landscaping is up for renewal after March 2022.

- b. There were no cheques to sign at this meeting. The Clerk had submitted an online VAT reclaim form which had been accepted and the money paid directly into the account, as shown on the statement. The summary table for the schedule of payments and receipts was reviewed and signed by the Chair.
  - c. The second quarter internal audit had been reviewed and accepted by the Chair.
6. Public Participation Slot; Arthur Lamb/Gwynneth Everetts spoke again 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. An interim shadow cabinet will be in place during 2022 with elections for councillors also in 2022. Major items are the split or duplication of current County wide roles e.g. Police, Social services and Fire services. Also the number of councillors has not yet been decided, possibly by the number of wards. Arthur agreed to raise the problem with the traffic lights at Fitz Bridge; sometimes they work and sometimes not, one junction entering the system is not even controlled by the lights. Gwynneth noted that the Sports Centre and the Beacon are now fully operational (free entry at the Beacon for locals on some Fridays). Ian Parker (vicar) noted that the Kirkland mission had been awarded an Eco Bronze medal for its green processes and procedures. They are hoping to be upgraded to a Silver award in the not too distant future.
  7. Landscaping; The Clerk and Michael Watts looked at the overgrown hedge at Cross Gates asked local contractors for quotes to carry out the work. One contractor offered to reduce the hedge and trim the sides in exchange for a year's advert in the local parish magazine, Contact. Councillors discussed this offer and unanimously agreed to proceed with this option. The Clerk will communicate the acceptance back to the contractor. It was noted that the landscaping contract will be up for renewal at the end of March 2022 so a new operator should be sought in January 2022 (agenda item for the January meeting).
  8. Planning matters; Millfields development—s106 proposals; The proposed change to the s106 was that the developer would place and agreed amount of money (£80k) in an escrow account managed by Copeland BC in lieu of not having to build a village hall. This was agreed by the developer, Lamplugh PC, the Lamplugh village hall committee and Copeland BC representatives. The money would then be transferred directly to the village hall committee once the new building had been erected and was watertight.  
  
The parish council has commented on the two retrospective planning applications at Winnah but nothing further has been received.
  9. Village hall; the old Village hall (or WI as it was known) has been demolished and blockwork is now in place to begin the new building. It is planned to be completed by the end of March 2022.

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10. Highways; the main issue currently is the traffic lights and road subsidence at Fitz Bridge, Arthur Lamb will take this up with CCC Highways. Arthur will keep the parish council posted of any upcoming meetings for the Eskett quarry liaison group and a PC volunteer may then be able to attend. The Clerk noted that this weekend (19<sup>th</sup> Sept) the Fred Whitton cycling challenge was due to take place, based on road signs but the parish council had not received any notification. There will be 2,500 cyclists passing through Lamplugh and Ennerdale on the Sunday.
11. Parish website; Clerk will upload the recent agendas, minutes.
12. School status; the school is now an Academy and the first Governors meeting has taken place. Pupil numbers are up to 29 from 21 initially. Building work has been completed on the basement/undercroft.
13. Newsletter; items for next issue to Michael Watts by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. Clerk to provide draft minutes before this date.
14. Upcoming Meetings/Meetings attended; None.
15. Items for next agenda; introduction of new Clerk (?), notify the Clerk of other items in advance of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on the **17th November 2021 in the Kirkland Mission.**

Closure of Council Meeting at 8:30pm.

Dates for Wednesday night Council meetings in 2021/22;

**Parish Council Meeting (Kirkland Mission)**  
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**19th Jan 2022**  
**16th Mar 2022**