

# Lamplugh Parish Council

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**Parish Council Meeting (No 351) of Lamplugh was held on:  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in the Kirkland Mission.**

Parish Councillors summoned to attend: Ed Surman (Chair), Roger Braithwaite (Vice chair), Michael Watts, Robert Daglish, Mark Maisey, Paul Wilson, Julie Whittaker. Also Invited Arthur Lamb (County Councillor), Gwyneth Everett (Borough Councillor), Steve Morgan (Borough Councillor), Linda Jones-Bulman (Cumberland Council).

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Attendees were Cllrs Ed Surman, Roger Braithwaite, Michael Watts, Mark Maisey, Paul Wilson, Julie Whittaker. 1 member of the public was present.

1. No apologies for absence were recorded at the meeting but the clerk wished to note emails of apologies from Cllrs Lamb, Everett, and Jones-Bulman. No resignations to note. No co-options to note. Declaration of conflict-of-interest dispensations of pecuniary interest of councillors was given by RB on a planning application.
2. Accepted were the minutes of the previous meeting number 350 held on 16 November 2022 although the chair said they should be simplified. All agreed and the Chair signed as a true record. There were no matters arising from the previous meeting to note.
3. There was nothing to note in the Public Participation.
4. Correspondence to review to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
  - Mr Gould's letter was discussed, Cllr Surman had been in contact with Mr Gould regarding issues with the existing access to Kirkland Chapel which is a very congested space. Councillors discussed possible solutions to alleviate issues and a potential new access could be looked at by removing a walled area. There is currently a phone box, and a notice board, owned by the parish council, a BT telegraph pole and a Post Office post box in this area. Councillors agreed that they would not be opposed to the phone box and notice board being relocated to allow for a new access so long as there was no cost to the PC. Cllr Surman will contact Mr Gould to relate the PC's solution, it will be left to him to pursue this with CCC Highways, BT and the Post Office.
  - FREE Fully Funded EV Charge Points for Lamplugh Parish Council was discussed, and with the parish being such a diverse and remote area councillors did not believe this would be viable at this time, although it may need to happen in the future. Councillors voted of 5-1 not to proceed at this time.
5. Finance Matters to note:
  - Balances held in the building society and confirmed with bank statement No's 60 dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, start balance 16,849.07, end balance 16,578.82, no money in, money out was 270.25. Bank statement No 61 dated 31 December 2022, start Balance 16,578.82, end balance 15,490.72, no money in, money out was 1,088.10, the clerks third quarter salary.
  - Schedule of payments, cheques signed on the evening were CN (170) Lamplugh with Ennerdale PCC, Contact magazine advert £30.00, CN (171) Expenses, ICO Subscription £40.00, CN (172) Arborscape Landscaping, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Payment and other works £702.

Signed by the Chair

- The Precept for 2023/2024 was submitted for the sum of £13,690.00.
  - The clerk informed councillors that the phone and broadband were coming out of contract on 9 February 2023. The current mobile phone is more than enough so is pursuing contracts for sim only and broadband deals and this should bring these costs down.
6. There were no new planning applications to note but the access to the Watsons property at Winnah was discussed as Cllrs Surman and Wilson had had a site meeting with Nick Hayhurst, CBC, and Shamus Giles, CCC, pointing out the visibility and safety issues for residents and visitors. They challenged that a policy required a Risk Assessment of traffic movements be carried out. Mr Giles said that a 250m splay line had been conducted and visibility was not obstructed. Observation on the morning of the meeting suggested that there are a higher number of traffic movements from the site that indicated in the application which adds further justification for expecting a traffic survey should be conducted. Cllr Surman also reported that he had carried out a Google splay line himself which indicated that the 250m splay was obstructed by two established hedges. *15.3.23*
- It was agreed that Cllrs Wilson and Surman would submit further representation to CCC for a full assessment to be carried out to ensure the safety of parishioners and road users are properly assessed.**
7. Parish Matters/Business
- Defibrillator, Cllr Watts had sent out a survey to 65 Kirkland residents to ask opinions of keeping, reconditioning or disposing of the phone box which the defibrillator was to be housed. 20 replies had been received to date, that is a 31% return, 10 of which were in support of replacement or refurbishment, and 10 were in favour of removal. Sellafield has been approached for assistance with no word back as yet.  
Following discussion, it was agreed that the best long-term approach would be to have the telephone box removed and the area made good. This will reduce the long-term liability of ongoing maintenance to LPC and potentially facilitate a new access to Kirkland Chapel. The removal can be achieved at no cost to LPC by an experienced contractor who will remove and recycle the box for resale.  
**It was agreed that M Watts would instruct L Carr Contractors Ltd to conduct the work to remove the box.**
  - Impact on Lamplugh PC and Forestry movements of wagons, Forestry England have declined an invitation to meet with Ennerdale and Kinnarside PC to discuss concerns about forestry logging lorry movements. LPC had approached E&KPC to request if we could join the meeting but given the meeting seems unlikely to proceed there seems little more that can be done to progress this issue. And that this item should be removed from future agenda.  
**It was agreed that Cllr Surman would contact E&K PC clerk to check the current position.**
  - Cllr Wilson asked about grit bins being strategically placed in areas of inclines as having approached a junction in icy conditions caused his car to slide forward into oncoming traffic. Quotes for Grit Bins for the parish, being placed in areas, CCC request to fill with grit.
8. Village Hall status: update
- Memorial for the Late Queen Elizabeth II and Suggestion for naming of the new Village Hall the Lamplugh Queen Elizabeth II & King Charles III Village Hall was declined by trustees naming it simply as the Lamplugh Village Hall.

Signed by the Chair .....

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**Cllr Watts will ask trustees at a meeting next week if they would like a memorial bench to be sited outside of the hall or something for the inside, a donation from the parish council.**

- There is a further delay with the opening of the village hall due to no electricity, there is a waiting list for ENWL engineers.
9. Newsletter items for next issue should be submitted to Cllr Watts by 23 January 2023.
  10. There were no Meetings attended to note.
  11. Items for the next agenda.  
Coronation of King Charles  
Maintenance around the parish
  12. To note the date for the parish council meeting 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023, it is assumed that the venue will be the Kirkland Mission Room.  
Conformation of the AGM and General meeting to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Meeting closed at 20:35

Minutes by A Meek, Clerk

Signed by the Chair .....

