

Lamplugh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (No 346) of Lamplugh Parish Council held on:

Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 7:00pm in the Kirkland Mission

Parish Councillors summoned to attend: Roger Braithwaite (Chair), Ed Surman (Vice chair), Michael Watts, Robert Daglish, Paul Wilson, Mark Maisey, and Angela Meek (Clerk)

Also invited was Gwyneth Everett (Borough Councillor), Arthur Lamb (County Councillor), Steve Morgan (Borough Councillor) Robert Daglish and Arthur Lamb (County Councillor)

Present were Roger Braithwaite (Chair), Michael Watts, Paul Wilson, Mark Maisey, and Angela Meek (Clerk). Plus: Gwyneth Everett (CBC), Arthur Lamb (CCC), Ian Parker (Vicar). Requested to attend and speak at the meeting was Barbara Lamb Secretary & Gillian Moore, Chair of 217 Bus Group. Three other Members of the Public.

1. Apologies received from Cllr Ed Surman. Absentee was Steve Morgan (Borough Councillor). There were no resignations to note, no co-options to note. The Chair opened the meeting and declared an interest in an agenda item relating to a planning application.
2. Gillian Moore Chair, and Barbara Lamb Secretary of the 217 Bus Group, said at a recent meeting of Dean Parish Council question of public liability for the bus was raised. 217 Bus Group does not have any insurance cover under its own rights. Dean PC suggested that one Parish Council be responsible for the 217 service and take on the contract on behalf of the 217 Bus Group. Having sought advice from CALC regarding this course of action and agreement with the other two Parish Councils is sought. AM asked if the Bus Group had assets, as insurance would be required if they had. As you are only a hirer of provision of a bus service, insurance is not required as the bus company should have their own. AM said to cover the Bus Group when tendering you should insist on a signed contract and request a copy of their Public Liability Insurance annually for your records, a Risk Assessment of the routes would be an advantage also, and you could insist on all three documents being in place before agreeing a tender. The Chair thanked both for the great service they provide for the residents of the three parishes.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting (No 345) held on 19th January 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
4. All Tasks and actions arising from the previous meeting (No 345) were discussed and agreed.
5. To review correspondence to 16 March 2022 – all correspondences had been forwarded to councillors for their comments between meetings and there was nothing to note.
6. **Finance Matters:**
 - a. The balance held in the building society as at 28/02/2022 set out below. Values were confirmed with copies of the bank statements, income, and expenditure details (on spreadsheets) covering the period 19 January 2022 to 16th March 2022 were reviewed and the account figures were formally accepted and agreed by councillors.

○ CBS Statement Number 50 January	£17856.74
○ CBS Statement Number 51 February	£17856.74

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- b./c. Summary table for schedule of payments and receipts were reviewed and signed by the Chair. No cheques were signed between meetings, five cheques were signed on the night, these consisted of Lamplugh with Ennerdale Church Council Contact Magazine £40.00. Kirkland Mission Church Room Hire, Jan-March £ 40.00. Clerk purchase of storage box for LPC files £10.00. Kirkland Mission Church for LQPJ Group Donation £2000.00. Bigfoot Landscaping Invoice £1251.46.
- d. Third Quarter Audit sent out in January has not been returned and the clerk has emailed to enquire if all is ok, no reply yet.
- e. Government pay agreement for local authority Officers and Clerks for 2021-2022 was discussed, all agreed to the increase in salary. Clerk informed councillors that as she is a recent employee, she would bring the increase into effect as of 1st April 2022. Clerk to prepare letter to Cumberland BS to set up a standing order for quarterly salary to be paid on 28 June, 28 September, 28 December, and 28 March.

7. Public Participation Slot:

'Wild Ennerdale' Project is concerning as to how Natural England and company is pushing this forward without a care for the neighbouring settlements/parishes/towns and without any considerations, consultations, surveys, or the natural beauty of the area. Certainly, it is not good for beavers to be released into the wild to, in the first instance become tourism magnets to Natural England and company for profit, only to have them overpopulate and become a destructive nuisance to the area and then become game for sport. Looking at the project Natural England is overstepping their authority by cohesively supporting this project, they exist solely for conservation, to look after and protect the natural beauty of our Lakes and Fells, not to commercialise or overpopulate lakesides. Lamplugh Parish Council stands with Ennerdale and Kinniside Parish Council and neighbouring parishes and towns to challenge this project and to request a full and complete public consultation, surveys and consideration of the area and everything to be open with publicised results.

8. Landscaping/lengthsman:

The invoice has been received from the landscaping contractor (Harvey Davidson/Bigfoot).

9. Hedges at Lane by Crossgates - AM reported the overgrown hedges to Cumbria Highways and responded to Mr Gallagher.

10. Lamplugh PC Business

10.1 Three tenders were sent out in February to Arborscape (Sam Padgett), Harvey Davidson/Bigfoot Ltd, and Marron Landscapes Ltd. Sam Pagett returned his tender for discussion. Bigfoot emailed a figure for the contract term for discussion. Councillors discussed both and agreed to offer the tender to Sam Pagett as he had taken the time to complete the tender in detail and attached the appropriate documents with the tender – AM to inform all of the decision of the council.

10.2 Planning- Applications – 4/22/2034/001 Whinnah Farm planning application for a bungalow within the farm grounds, this is known as open countryside and Copeland local plan should pick this up and turn the application down. Moving of public footpath No. 412006 at Murton Cottage no objection to record. Watson's dairy business has put two planning applications to Copeland, to extend its entrance to the business.



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- 10.3 Wild Ennerdale Project, significant concerns as set out in Public Participation Session.
- 10.4 Energy review - Utility Aid are now in partnership with The National Association of Local Councils to support 10,000 councils in the UK with all thing's energy.
- 10.5 GDF, MM reported that Copeland is looking at sites in Beckermest, Millom, Gosforth, Seascale and are offering a million pounds for local projects to attract consultation. Seven members are being sought to sit on a committee, next meeting is 7 April 2022 Allerdale are behind in their consultation but have ruled out the Solway Coast at Silloth.
- 10.6 National Park Boundary Changes will come into effect next year.
Copeland are changing the bin collecting system from baskets to wheely bins to bring them in line with Allerdale ahead of the unitary in 2023.
10. **Village Hall status:** MW reported that delays continue due to building materials, waiting for a quote for the termination of the old pipe to the new power supply. Progress is being made and it is hoped that the hall will be up and running late May early June and we are looking at a larger kitchen and bar area to enable events to be held. The funds to date are ok.
11. **Highways:** no issues to report.
12. **Parish website:** AM uploaded the March Agenda (No. 346) to the Website page on Sunday 13 March 2022 and will add the signed minutes of the meeting (No. 345) of 19 January 2022 to the webpage.
13. **Newsletter:** items for next issue (to MW) AM will forward January draft minutes to MW when completed but before the deadline of 23-03-2022.
14. **Queen's Platinum jubilee (2nd June 2022)** – With the Queens Platinum Jubilee sub-group set up and bank account is with Lamplugh with Ennerdale Church Council Group, MW requested for the donation to be issued to the sum of £2,000, this was a late addition to the Schedule of payments. Programme firmed up, and begins on Thursday 2nd June 2022, Pipes and Beacon lighting at 9.35, a fun day at Kirkland on the Saturday, a Classic Car Rally and entertainment along with a church service at 6.30 in Lamplugh Church on Sunday. Jubilee Platinum mugs to be handed to all children within the parish.
15. **Upcoming Meetings/Meetings attended.** Representative for Lamplugh Regeneration, North Cumbria
16. Items for the next agenda.
- AM to invite John Sloan to the May PC Meeting for presentation

To note the dates for the parish council meetings in 2022/23, start time 7pm all Kirkland Mission or Village Hall (tbc) **18th May 2022, 20th July 2022, 21st September 2022, 16th November 2022, 18th January 2023, 15 March 2023**

Meeting ended 21:20

Minutes by Angela Meek, Lamplugh Council Parish Clerk

 18.5.22