

Lamplugh Parish Council [354-Sep]

Parish Clerk; Angela Meek, Newlands Lane, Workington, Cumbria CA14 3NF (01900 65360)

General Meeting of Lamplugh Parish Council was held on Wednesday 27th September 2023, 7pm, in Lamplugh Village Hall.

Parish Councillors summoned to attend: Roger Braithwaite (Vice Chair), Mark Maisey, Ed Surman (Chair), Michael Watts, Julie Whittaker, Paul Wilson, Linda Jones-Bulman (Cumberland Council). Angela Meek (Clerk).

Minutes (354-Sep)

Attendees: Cllr Roger Braithwaite (Vice Chair), Cllr Mark Maisey, Cllr Ed Surman (Chair), Cllr Michael Watts, Cllr Julie Whittaker, Cllr Paul Wilson, A Meek (Clerk).

1. There were no apologies for absence received and no resignations. A declaration of conflict of Interest, dispensations of pecuniary interest of councillors was given by RB on a planning application. no co-options to note.
2. Discussed were the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2023. All agreed they were of a true record and the Chair signed. There were no matters arising from the minutes to note.
3. Public participation, there were five members of the general public in attendance which include:
 - two committee members of the 217 Bus Group, Gillian Moore, and former representative Copeland Councillor for Lamplugh Gwyneth Everett who requested a Parish Councillor Member to become a signatory for their bank account, councillors discussed, and Cllr Surman put his name forward, all agreed, and forms were signed at the end of the meeting.
 - Andrew Smith addressed the council relaying his interest in becoming a parish councillor, he was a former LP councillor some years ago, but other commitments led to his resignation, now he is interested in rejoining. Andrew said that his province would be footpaths as some public footpaths are either closed or unusable due to overgrown foliage. Councillors agreed to the co-option - **Proposed Cllr Surman, seconded Cllr Watts, Andrew accepted**, the clerk will forward the declaration of acceptance of office form and notification of pecuniary and other registerable interests' form.
 - Chris Abbott, first responder said of cases of people not ringing 999 in the first instance of an emergency but looking for a nearby defibrillator, he asks to highlight that in an emergency 999 should always be the first instance.
4. Correspondence to note was a detailed email from a parish resident with Cumberland Council using the FOI Act with regards to the management of the temporary three-way traffic lights system at Fitze Bridge. The length of time recorded as being late December 2020 to mid-July 2023, a 27-month period at a cost of £34,560 both working and not working. The repair is still to be done at a cost of £45,00 and the work is expected to be completed within the financial year (i.e. by 5th April 2024). Traffic cones are currently in place. This has been a long running annoyance to both residents and road users and councillors agreed that this was an absurd amount of money, and the road still requires the repair work. Councillors thanked the resident for his diligence in his reporting to the PC. **[A]** Cllr Wilson was asked if he could follow this up with a further meeting with Cumberland Council.

5. Review of Finance Matters to note was:

- BS no. 68 and dated 31st July 2023, start balance £20,056.20, end balance £18,327.95, money in was £27.75, and money out £1,756.00.
- BS no. 69 and dated 31st August 2023, start balance was £18,327.95, end balance £17,734.01, money in was £0, and money out £593.94.
- Schedule of Income and Expenditure was discussed and agreed.

Company	Description	Net	Vat	Total
• CN.193 Arborscape	Inv.LPC-Q2&3-23	£660	£162	£792.00
• CN.194 LEPCC	Contact Magazine Sept Issue	£12.50		£12.50
• A Meek 127.63	Home Working 2 nd / expenses	£127.63		£127.63

TOTAL	£932.13
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- There were no cheques signed between meetings, and the above cheques were signed at the meeting.
- Cllr Watts returned cheque number 189 for the sum of £50 to the clerk as there was an error in the name, a new cheque was signed at the end of the meeting.
- Insurance Settlement of the stone bus shelter - LPC insurers have offered a settlement of £2645 net of the £100 excess to cover the cost of incurred in making safe, clearing the site and a potential replacement shelter. Councillors agreed to accept this offer having thus far incurred costs of £624. [A] AM to confirm acceptance of offer to insurers.
- The finance report was discussed and accepted as a true record.

6. **Planning- Applications**

- 4/21/2187/0F1 - Land to South of Whinnah Cottages, Lamplugh.

Change of use from an agricultural shed to mixed use comprising a food distribution facility and agricultural storage.

Cllr Surman has had no response to correspondence submitted to Nick Hayhurst and others. Councillors are unhappy that LPC's concerns relating to road safety issues are being ignored. Councillors agreed that the application be '**called in**' until a meeting can be organised with Nick Hayhurst, representatives from the Highways Department, Cumberland Council Chief Executive Andrew Seekings, and the Leader of the Council Mark Fryer so that parish councillors can explain their concerns in detail.

[A] Cllr Surman to draw up a letter and send to all mentioned.

It is noted that since the unitary Cumberland Council take over in April the parish council has had no representative councillor for Lamplugh at its meetings. [A] the clerk to request that the representative councillor attend the November meeting.

- 4/23/2208/TPO – Works to various trees protected by a tree preservation order. Barn Cottage, Frizington to Copeland Boundary via Rowrah, Lamplugh. Councillors had no objections.
- 4/23/2200/001 - SQUIRREL COTTAGE, ROWRAH – Outline Application with all matters reserved for a single dwelling. Cllr Braithwaite had spoken to Simon Blacker from Copeland Councils planning regarding the development of the area, type of build and lack of a 5yr gap [A] Cllr Braithwaite will re-check.

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7. Parish Matters/Business

- Defibrillator Box – Cllr Watts is waiting for the electrician to attach the box side of the village hall, the clerk has purchased a plaque and handed it over to Cllr Watts at the meeting.
- Telephone Box - BT engineers advise they are still waiting for a power disconnection date from ENWL. Cllr Watts will continue to monitor the situation.
- LPPC Kirkland Noticeboard - Rev Ian Parker informed councillors that the Church Council has given permission for the notice board to be sited on their land, Cllrs thanked Rev Parker and the Church Council. Discussed and agreed was the purchase of a new larger notice board for the site [A] the clerk to look at costs of a notice board [A] Cllr Surman to relay the decision of the council to Mr Gough that no planning or cost of reciting the old notice board will be required from himself.
- Poppy/Remembrance Day will be observed on Sunday 12 November 2023 the clerk will purchase a poppy wreath – Cllr Watts will present the wreath at the memorial at St Michael's Church Lamplugh.
- Letter from the Pageant master for UK Towns and Parish Councils – Cumbria & D-DAY 80 - 6TH June 2024 – councillors discussed whether to get involved in this event but agreed that Town and County Councils would be best placed to plan events.
- Communities invited to set priorities for investment – clerk forwarded the email for locals to get involved and complete the survey – discussed was that the survey was not well drafted and didn't make much sense of what information they were seeking, yes and no answers just don't work.
- Defibrillator at Crossgates – Cllr Surman has approached a homeowner for consent to one being attached to the side of their home, unfortunately this was declined. [A] Cllr Surman will approach other homeowners at Crossgates.

8. **Village Hall status:** Cllr Watts has received the lockable box for the defib and is waiting for the electrician to set up. This item will be removed from the future minutes.

9. **Contact Newsletter:** items for next issue, Cllr Braithwaite to provide a statement for the next issue due before 23 October 2023.

10. **Upcoming Meetings/Meetings attended** – there was nothing to note.

11. **Items for the next agenda** – there was nothing to note.

12. **To note the dates for the parish council meetings in 2023/24**, start time 7pm in the Village Hall

To note change to the November meeting: 22 November from (15 November 2023).

(17 January 2024), (20 March 2024) remain unchanged.

Meeting closed at 20:30

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