

Lamplugh Parish Council [354-Sep]

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**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).
5 Members of the General Public.

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 was 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 Abbot 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 Watson was asked if he could follow this up with a further meeting with Cumberland Council.


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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 Arboscape	Inv.LPC-Q2&3-23	£660	162	792.00
• CN.194 LEPCC	Contact Magazine Sept Issue	12.50		12.50
• A Meek	Home Working 2 nd / expenses	127.63		127.63
TOTAL				932.13

- 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 will be signed at the end of the meeting.
- Insurance Settlement of the stone bus shelter - The overall cost to the parish council stands at £624.00, this was to make safe and then demolition. The insurance has put forward a sum of for the settlement AM will also check to see if they could still claim for a new shelter should the parish council be requested to have a replacement.
- 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 his letter to Nick Hayhurst and it would seem that Cumberland Councils Planning Department are generally ignoring the parish council's concerns over the implications of the planning application to residents and road users should the new junction be allowed. Councillors agreed that the application be 'called in' until a site meeting can be organised with Nick Hayhurst, representatives from the Highways Department, Cumberland Councils Chief Executive Andrew Seekings and the Leader of the Council Mark Fryer will also be asked to attend at the site where 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 say they are still waiting of a power disconnection date from ENWL. This removal is on the DCT BAU sheet for urgent removals. but the electricians need to be plugged, Cllr Watts will be kept informed of the situation.
- The Kirkland Mission grounds on the site opposite and owned by the Church - Rev Ian Parker informed councillors that the Church 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 site a 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 the need to contribute to this event when Town and County Councils would be best placed to put on a much larger program of events. All agreed that the parish leave it to the larger authorities.
- 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 enquired if a homeowner would give consent to one being attached to the side of her home, this was declined in favour of a nearby telephone box, but this would be too expensive for the upkeep.
- Potential collaboration between Ennerdale and Kinniside Parish Council could work well, the Chair and the Vice Chair will alternate attendance at their meetings.

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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