

Lamplugh Parish Council [ACM-2025]

Parish Clerk; Susan Stuart, 23 Ewanrigg Road, Maryport, CA15 8BJ

Annual Council Meeting of Lamplugh Parish Council was held on Wednesday 21st May 2025, following the APM in the Kirkland Mission

Parish Councillors summoned to attend: Roger Braithwaite (Vice Chair), Mark Maisey, Andrew Smith, Ed Surman (Chair), Michael Watts, Julie Whittaker, Paul Wilson, Linda Jones-Bulman (Cumberland Council). One member of the public was present
Susan Stuart (Clerk).

Minutes

1. Councillor Braithwaite opened the meeting

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Cllr Mark Maisey proposed and Michael Watts seconded that Roger Braithwaite would become the Chair, with Ed Surman moving to Vice Chair. A Declaration of Office form was signed by Cllr Braithwaite; with Cllr Surman signing at a later date.

3. Apologies for absence. Resignations. Co-options. Declaration of conflict of interest, dispensations of pecuniary interest of councillors.

Apologies were received from Cllr Surman, Cllr Smith; Cllr Whittaker and Cumberland Councillor Linda Jones-Bulman. It was noted that Cllr Michael Watts would be resigning from the parish council at the end of this meeting.

4. To accept and sign the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 19th March 2025

The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

5. Public Participation Slot

A member of the public checked that the meetings for 2025/26 would be held at Lamplugh Village Hall at the standard time of 7.00pm. The Clerk confirmed that this was the case.

6. Correspondence to review to 21st May 2025

- Cllr Wilson has been looking into getting a replacement dog bin, as per the email received from resident of the village. Cllr Wilson is keeping track of this and has been in touch with Enforcement at Cumberland Council.
- Cumbria LNRS May Newsletter. Receipt of this was noted, but not really relevant to LPC.
- A letter of complaint to Procast was received from a member of the public. This was outwith the remit of the Parish Council, but it was noted that this had been received.
- Corga Moss Car Park email was received, this was covered in the dog fouling point discussed previously.
- Fibrus Installation, Cllr Surman had forwarded details of the Fibrus Installation to the member of the public who was requesting it, including maps supplied by Fibrus. We had heard nothing further.
- Old Sawmill, Lamplugh email was noted, however, there is nothing for the Parish Council to do on this. The site manager had claimed that Highways had taken possession of this, but there was no proof of that at this point. Cllr Braithwaite will contact the member of the public about this.

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- Cllr Watts spoke about the Cam's Bench in the village, a member of the village asked if they could plant more daffodil bulbs as the previous bulbs have been removed. All members of the council agreed that she could do this.

7. Finance Matters: To note the balance held in the building society confirmed with statement as below:

- Statement No. 88 dated 31st March 2025 – start balance £16,167.28; end balance £13,399.44 ,no money in, money out 2,767.84. It was noted that due to a banking error the previous Clerk was paid by standing order at the end of March. This money was paid back into the account by the previous Clerk, but shows up in the April bank statement.
- Statement No. 89 dated 30th April 2025 – start balance £13,399.44, end balance £27,565.54; money in £14,166,10, no money out
- The Clerk advised that there was an error where Cumberland Council paid the precept too early, however, it was decided that this would be dealt with as a banking error.
- The accounts for 2024/25 were viewed and agreed, Cllr Braithwaite signed these.
- Discuss Schedule of Income and Expenditure, agreed and signed
- Cheques to be signed at the meeting:

Cheque No	Description	Item	Amount (£)
281	Arborscape	Tree Works	240.00
282	CALC	Annual Subscription	254.70
283	Susan Stuart	WFH Allowance	52.00

- The Councillors discussed the grant applications received at the Annual Parish Meeting. The LPC budget for 2024/25 was spent completely, however, we still had a year's reserve in the account. Donations for 2025/25 were agreed at:
 - Lamplugh Village Hall - £500.00
 - Kirkland Children's Playground - £1,500.00
 - Arlecdon and District First Responders - £250.00
 - Lamplugh with Ennerdale Parochial Church Council - £1,250.00
 - Lamplugh and District Sports Committee - £1,000.00
 These cheques were also signed to be sent to the organisations at the meeting.
- A letter to Cumberland to cancel the standing order for the previous Clerk was signed at the meeting.
- Cllr Surnam has arranged for an internal auditor for the year end accounts, Clerk to send the information to him.
- The accounts to date for 2025/26 were discussed and agreed.

8. Planning- Applications/Decisions/Appeals

- 4/25/2100/OF1 Proposed two-storey side extension, internal alterations & upgrade existing driveway, Folly Fauld, Lamplugh – no objections noted.
- 4/21/2187/OF1 Land to south of Whinnah Cottages, Lamplugh. Cllr Surnam has been corresponding with Nick Hayhurst at Cumberland Council, who felt the appeal decision by the Inspectorate was a material consideration. It has been proposed that it will be dealt with at the July meeting, but this depends on the Directorate decision.
- 7/2025/4027 Demolition of existing asbestos garage. Repositioning of existing workshop container. New build garage, Moss Side Cottage, Lamplugh, Workington, CA14 4TY. This application was received on the day of the meeting, so was not on the agenda. No objections noted at the meeting.

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- An application was put in for a slurry pit at Green Syke Farm last year, the application was never granted and it has never been implemented. The Owner now wants to change the design, Cllr Braithwaite advised that this should be done through the correct channels.

9. Parish Matters/Business

- Lake District National Park Planning Sessions. An email was received to invite people to virtual meetings regarding the changes that are upcoming. Councillors should contact if they want to attend.
- Cumberland Council Public Space Protection Order. This is a letter about changes that will apply, these were noted by the council.
- Marytn's Law document. This is in regard to new anti-terrorism laws, these were noted but they do not apply to LPC currently.
- CALC renewal 2025/26. The renewal for the upcoming year is £254.70, this was agreed by the council.
- 217 Bus Group Report. Report from Cllr Surnam, that his has now wound up with Cumberland Council taking over the bus route.

10. Contact Newsletter; due to timescales, LPC will provide information for the July edition. Cllr Braithwaite to do a summary of the minutes for this.

11. Upcoming Meetings/Meetings attended. Cllr Maisey attended the yearly update meeting on the nuclear sites in the area, he commented that there was a significant backlog of issues to be dealt with.

12. Items for the next agenda. Items to the Clerk by 11th July 2025.
Cllr Braithwaite requested that Crossgates be put on the agenda at the next meeting.

13. To note the dates for the parish council meetings in 2025/26
16th July 2025; 17th September 2025; 19th November 2025; 21st January 2026; 18th March 2026;
20th May 2026

Meeting ended at 20.18

Chair's Signature