

Lamplugh Parish Council

Parish Clerk; John Sloan, High Mill Cottage, High Lorton, Cockermouth. CA13 9UB (0190085833)

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (No 319) of Lamplugh Parish Council held on

Wednesday 20th September 2017 at 7:00 pm in Lamplugh Village Hall

Parish Councillors required to attend ;

Sandy Roberts (Chair), Roger Braithwaite (vice chair) , Philip Wilson, Richard Wilson, David Lawrence, Michael Watts, Richard Hodgson, John Sloan (Clerk).

Also Invited: John Dirom (Borough Councillor).

Present; Roger Braithwaite (vice chair), Richard Wilson, David Lawrence, Michael Watts, Richard Hodgson, John Sloan.

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1. Apologies for absence were received from Sandy Roberts, Philip Wilson and John Dirom. Pauline Benn Cross had notified the clerk that she wished to resign from her position as a councillor. The resignation was accepted and the Vice Chair noted the parish council's thanks for Pauline's contribution to the parish council. There was no declaration of conflict of interest.
2. Minutes of the last parish council meeting (318) held on 19th July were reviewed and accepted as true and signed by the Vice-Chair.
3. Tasks arising from the Council meeting (318) held on 19th July were reviewed at this meeting.
4. The main items of correspondence to 20th September 2017 were reviewed and any of significance added to this agenda.
5. Finance Matters:
 - a. The balance held in the bank as of 20/09/2017;

	19 th July 2017	20 th September 2017
Current A/C	£18,450.50	£17,324.37

Values were confirmed with a copy of the online statement. The account figures were formally accepted and agreed by the councillors.

Income and expenditure details (on spreadsheets) covering the period up to the 20th September were reviewed and data agreed by the councillors.

The clerk projected that the parish council would end the financial year with around £13.5k in the bank.

- b. Cheques (4) totalling some £269.25 were presented for approval and signature. The cheques were for; CALC Good Planning guides, CALC training course, external audit fees to BDO and Lamplugh village hall rental bill up to the end of June. Three payments had been received between meetings totalling £714.42; parish walk leaflets, wayleave payment

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and VAT reclaim for previous three years. The summary table for the schedule of payments and receipts was reviewed and duly signed by the Vice-Chair.

- c. The quarterly audit for first quarter was reviewed and duly signed by the Vice-Chair. The second quarter audit will be arranged by the Clerk.
 - d. The final report on the annual review from the external auditor (BDO) was presented and passed around the table for review and acceptance by the councillors.
 - e. Current status of banking; the clerk/RFO has had meetings with the staff of the Cockermouth branch of the Cumberland Building society (CBS) with a view to switching accounts from the Nat West bank. Based on advice from the CBS the clerk proposed that initially the parish council opens the account with four signatories and others can be added once the account is up and running. The parish council agreed that the four signatories should be the clerk (for correspondence only—not to sign cheques), Sandy Roberts, Roger Braithwaite and David Lawrence. The clerk presented the various forms for completion /signature and notified the signatories of how to provide evidence of ID to the CBS.
 - f. The VAT claim for the past three years had been completed by the clerk, as a result a BACS payment for £691.50 had been paid into the parish council account.
6. Public Participation Slot; two members of the public were present and wished to seek the parish councils opinion regarding the possible introduction of a reduced speed limit on the stretch of A5086 as it passes through the Beck (Beck Grove, Old Post Office and Starling Bank). The current limit is 60mph. The residents highlighted the number of accidents and close shaves that they had encountered whilst trying to leave their houses on foot or in a vehicle. The residents had contacted the Highways department with a request for a reduction in the speed limit and or the siting of mirrors to allow them to see traffic heading from the south. To date they have had no positive action from the Highways. When the parish council had more members there was a dedicated Highway liaison person and this same topic was the subject of much correspondence but no positive result. The clerk will look back through the correspondence to see what progress had been made previously and to contact the previous Highway man to see what stopped the introduction of a revised speed limit. The parish council were in agreement that they would support the introduction of a lowered speed limit of 40mph (?30?) stretching from the Kirkland road end to just after the Loweswater junction. It was suggested that the residents also contacted the Village hall for support and perhaps contacted the local newspapers to see if they council do a follow up story. The residents also highlighted that there was a lot of dog dirt on the path running between the Lamplugh Cross and the Village hall. Even though there were dog dirt bins in position at either end of the path. The parish council will enquire about fitting notices along the path (and on the bins) to alert dog walkers of their duty to clean up after their animals. This could also be added to the Contact magazine. Regular attendee Ian Parker (Parish Minister) was also present.
7. Lengthman scheme; The clerk will again request an invoice for work done so far this year and to check on the cost of running the service for the coming year to allow appropriate budget planning.

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8. Update on 217 bus service; David Lawrence is still awaiting contact to be a signatory for the 217 team. There had been some contact regarding a request to change the route of the service to miss out Waterloo terrace, the parish council did not think that this was a good idea.
9. Planning matters; no new items had been presented. No news had been heard about the Millfields application since the site visit. The visit was attended by the Chair, Vice chair and clerk along with the Copeland BC planning panel. The VC clearly stated the parish councils position and that of the majority of the parishioners in objecting to the proposal. The panel are not intending to discuss this item in September but may do so in October. Nothing had been heard regarding the 'calling in' of the application to the Secretary of State.
The clerk passed around a letter regarding an application to extend the use of the Frizington waste depot for an extended period of time. As there is nothing in the pipeline for an alternative site the councillors agreed that the clerk should write a letter in support of this extension. In addition it should be noted that the staff at the site are most helpful.
Councillors briefly discussed the need for an update, or development of, a community led planning strategy or new parish plan. This should be added as a future agenda item and the size of the task scoped.
10. Parish website; the clerk has been in contact with CALC to progress the development a new site for the PC. A rough cost estimate of £350 was proposed by CALC. The clerk will arrange a meeting with the developers and include Roger Braithwaite. Richard Wilson to submit invoice from the web site host company and inform them that the PC does not wish to continue after this year---and to delete/remove the old web site once the new one is available.
11. Review of standing orders; councillors had reviewed the current SOs and felt that they adequately covered the non-attendance due to illness issue. However they will be reviewed once again before the next meeting to ensure that they reflect current practice and may require updating with regard to the current planning review process and banking signatories (inclusion of clerk).
12. Newsletter; councillors felt that there was not enough time nor resource to issue a final issue of the old parish council newsletter and that it may be preferable to make sure that the PC had a section in the next Contact magazine with is due a the end of October. The clerk will send a copy of the distribution list to Michael Watts to ensure that no properties are missing from the combined distribution list. **Me to coordinate your copy prior to sending to Michael?**
13. Joint meeting with Ennerdale PC; items of mutual discussion included speeding, land registry searches and community led plans. Clerk to arrange meeting in October prior to half term.
14. **Village amenity data update; defer to next meeting.Sandy?**
15. Upcoming Meetings/Meetings attended; joint meeting with Ennerdale (all), RNEC (clerk or SR), planning panel (RB , SR, DL , clerk), 217 bus meetings (clerk).
16. Items for next agenda; banking changes, review standing orders/general update, new web site, budget setting and precept.

The next **Parish Council meeting** will be held on the **15th November 2017 in the Lamplugh Village Hall.**

Closure of Council Meeting at 9:35pm.

Dates for Council meetings in 2018;

Parish Council Meeting
Parish Council Meeting

17th Jan 2018
21st March 2018