

**MINUTES OF LOWCA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2015
AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

Lowca Parish Councillors

Mr B Ennis
Mrs A Oliver
Miss M J Oliver
Mr T Milligan
Mrs M Moore
Mrs E Walker

Parish Clerk

Mr M Milner

Copeland Borough Councillor

Gillian Troughton
Jackie Bowman
John Bowman

Member of the public present. Paul Graham

Apologies

Mr J Crawford

Meeting Opened:

The chairman declared the meeting opened at 7.30pm.

162.00 Apologies.

Duly noted as above.

163.00 Declaration of Interests

163.01 Cllr Jackie Bowman re planning matters

164.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 19th August, as a true record.

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr E.W and seconded by Cllr M.O
The vote by show of hands was unanimous for approval, by those who were at that meeting.

165.00 Police Matters.

165.01 In her absence PCSO Sarah Marshall had submitted a report which the clerk read out. No comments on report or anything too report back to her.

166.00 Planning Matters.

No planning matters

167.00 Matters concerning District and Ward Councillors.

167.01 CBC Gillian Troughton pointed out that it should really state District and County Councillors. The clerk acknowledged her comment, advised he was following precedent set by his predecessor, but would change hence forth.

167.02 CBC John Bowman advised he had 3 points to raise, firstly at a meeting he had recently attended, National Grid had implied the old 132 kV power lines would be removed when new line from Moorside erected. However North West Electric had stated the opposite, so it was something to be resolved as the project evolved.

167.03 Secondly the latest Copeland plan indicates that there is no further suitable land for wind turbines. Something to be considered if further applications were made.

167.04 Thirdly there had been a recent bike ride across Copeland along the shore coastal pathway route via all the newly installed Interpretation boards. Ending at Lowca’s board where the Mayor for Copeland had attended with press etc. A well attended event.

167.05 CBC Gillian Troughton outlined her knowledge and interpretation of Copeland’s approach to contaminated land within its boundary and how it was dealt with when sold. Cllr T.M asked for clarification on its policy and how they treated plot 38 which was a known contaminated area just outside Lowca. CBC G.T will report back at the next meeting.

No other business for District and County Councillors, CBCs Bowman left the room 7.53pm.

168.00 September Quarterly Lowca Lowdown.

168.01 The clerk circulated the mock up of the September issue, which he would get printed along with the 2 questionnaires concerning the bus shelter and the Millennium Play Area refurbishment. The councillors agreed the distribution areas and once the Lowdown was printed the clerk to insert the questionnaires and drop them off with Cllr M.M. for distribution.

169.00 Parish Councillor Co-option committee.

169.01 Cllrs B.E and T.M agreed they would arrange to interview the two applicants under consideration for co-option, Violet Stafford and Hugh Thinnesen, but holiday and shift schedules needed to be sorted so clerk to write and advise the candidates that he would contact them again early October. Cllrs M.M and E.W could sit on the interview committee if available.

170.00 Matters arising from the last minutes.

170.01 From 151.03 clerk advised he had consulted about police response policy to burglaries in their area. All rung in reports were attended by police officers.

170.02 referring to 157.02 the contact details for the individual who controls the Sellafield apprentices and their possible involvement with the war memorial fencing, Cllr M.M to contact the school headmistress as the school had used their services.

The clerk to be contacted by headmistress.

170.03 referring to 159.04 clerk had consulted with Chris Mason and a two page article in the Lowdown was the result. Mr Mason has offered to provide regular flora and fauna input for the Lowdown.

170.04 The Millennium play area will be fully explained by Cllr B.E at the October meeting. He expressed his dismay at some negative comments he had received on the proposed project. All councillors remarked how well used the current facilities were and that the children of Lowca should be part of community planning.

171.00 Matters of report

None

172.00 Correspondence

172.01 National Grid newsletter about proposed new pylon route

172.02 Copeland's Licensing proposals document concerning gambling establishments. Nothing to concern Lowca.

172.03 CISWO and Disclosure Barring Services. Further to his correspondence with DBS the clerk received a lengthy reply. After consideration of the response the clerk contacted CISWO with his assessment that Phil Scott serving as their representative on the Lowca Welfare Management Committee did not require a DBS check. Old CRB certificate. CISWO have passed the clerks findings and relevant documentation to their solicitors for a decision.

172.04 The clerk had received an email from Lowca resident Paul Graham about problems he was experiencing in Lowca however the parish council could not become involved as it was beyond its authority. The clerk read out his email reply sent to Paul Graham.

172.05 Letter about Mineral and Waste Local plan, Lowca not involved closest parish concerned Distington.

173.00 Cheques for signing

173.01 M Milner clerk, 100325. £271.71. Salary £230.35 and expenses £31.32 plus £10 addition under payment from August cheque.

173.02 HMRC Clerks PAYE, 100326. 38.00 payable to Post Office Ltd

Meeting closed 8.34pm

174.00 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 21st October 2015 at 7.30pm Lowca Village Hall.