

LOWCA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 17th Oct' 2018

Meeting Opened: - The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Miss M Oliver(chair), P Todd, Mrs A Oliver, T Milligan.

Copeland Borough and Cumbria County Councillors: Mrs G Troughton (CBC)

M Barbour (CCC)

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public, none

652.00 Apologises for absence. J Crawford (LPC), Mrs D Butterworth (LPC),

H Thinnesen (LPC), J Bowman CBC, Mrs J Bowman CBC.

653.00 Declaration of Interest.

653.01 Cllr T.M declared an interest in agenda item 9.

654.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 19th September 2018, as a true record.

654.01 Prior to the minutes being resolved the clerk pointed out he, at 641.03 had corrected the church to St Bridget's and 641.08 he had amended the minute to provide for a maximum grant contribution of £100, draft minutes had no maximum figure.

654.02 Resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.

655.00 Public Participation, no public present, no outstanding reports from clerk.

656.00 Police Report

656.01, PCSO Hollie Huck had emailed to say she would attend, but obviously had to attend to a shout. Clerk read out a report that Hollie had sent.

656.02, Cllr T.M advised that a car had been damaged outside Micklam Cottages, which the police had attended but not on the report. Clerk advised he could only provide reports supplied, the police website is not known for its speed of updating.

657.00 Applications for Development. None

658.00 County and District Councillors Reports

658.01 Cllr T.M asked chair if he could request that Cllr M.B (CCC) could investigate the removal of one of the two uprights supporting the signage by the speed humps on the way to Parton/A595 junction. A cyclist had been seriously injured by colliding with the two uprights. Surely just one would suffice, less possible injuries from impact. Cllr M.B to action.

658.02 Cllr G.T advised she had attended Highgate Partnership meeting the previous night but would leave the A595 to Cllr M.B. She did advise that it was currently "Hate Crime awareness week." Copeland were running an anti-gum campaign, posters were available and stringent fixed penalty fines would be issued to offenders. Finally, council tax problems could now be dealt with online at Copeland and payments made.

658.03 Cllr M.B (CCC) provided a detailed report on the A595 embankment position at Lowca. There is a current further design project underway, that will take over a year. The Lowca relief scheme was also waiting to see if the Whitehaven east relief road would be a possible project in the next few years. He advised that the current embankment was constantly being monitored at numerous locations and these were checked monthly, but local Highways engineers were inspecting visually on a near daily basis.

658.04 Cllr A.O was concerned about the road surface degradation on the roundabout at the end of the Distington by-pass. Cllr M.B advised he was no engineer, but he was certain CCC Highways would be aware of the road surface problems.

658.05 There is to be further public consultation on the relief road between 5th Nov to 21st Dec' with a public meeting at the Beacon in Whitehaven on 17th December.

658.06 Separate to the embankment further studies were being undertaken to deal with water drainage towards Whitehaven and if necessary a pumping station could be installed as a temporary measure.

658.07 on other Highways topics affecting the area, the Gallows Lonning HGV problem was being monitored. That more enforcement officers were being trained and upper Lowca and the school area has been earmarked for special attention for officers to visit.

Both Cllrs at the end of the agenda item accepted the chairman's offer to remain.

659.00 Centennial Lowca Lowdown for end of WW1.

659.01 Clerk circulated mock up copies of what he had sent to the printers, it is A4 in size and consisted of 8 pages. It had taken him 9 hours this past month to finish the project, expressed his thanks to Pauline Cavanagh for her contribution and that he had ordered 450 copies at a cost of £275. As soon as he could collect the Lowdown he will do so and then all councillors will have to get it distributed prior to the service.

660.00 Lowca war memorial ceremony and site preparation.

660.01 minute 645.01 refers, clerk advised that Tuesday 30th October at 1pm was date and time of rededication ceremony. He had produced weatherproof laminated orders of service for all taking part. A4 size with complete service for major contributors on the day and 34 A5 for the children from the school attending. Format was as per War Memorial Trust's website and bible readings agreed with Rev Paul Kerry. Children from Lowca school to undertake the bible readings. Chair M.O agreed to drop the service sheets at school on Thursday morning.

660.02 Cllr T.M raised the issue of people raising monies for the war memorial and site having council approval. This was not an issue for next year as the appropriate procedures would be followed.

660.03 Discussion about carnations for pot by silent silhouette, Cllr T.M to get 3 large poppies for the wall by the poppy picture. Small area in front of the memorial to have florist's oasis material and topped with gravel to accept the 15 small wooden crosses. It was agreed that after the ceremony one wreath to be attached to the memorial, all year round, others to be attached to the railings as they are currently. Cllr T.M to investigate solar or battery powered uplighter for the memorial. No mains supply on the site.

661.00 Progress reports, clerk

661.01 minute 647.02 clerk still seeking the £444 bridge repair money from NE.

661.02 minute 648.03 clerk had written to United Utilities and they had responded, he read the email. The Lowca beck is not checked for water quality, there had been a contamination in 2017, but UU were responsible and the appropriate action had been taken. This was all UU were prepared to divulge under freedom of information.

661.03 Chair M.O said that she was advised there had been a badger school in 2017 and currently Dippers are feeding in the beck and they will only feed in clean water.

661.04 Parish accounts had been internally audited yesterday 16th October and he circulated copies to councillors' present for their consideration prior to November meeting.

661.05 Clerk confirmed he had attended the Howgate meeting the previous evening.

661.06 Next meeting the parish budget for 2019/20 year will be presented.

662.00 Lowca Councillors Reports

662.01 Cllr P.T requested that Cllr M.B see if Highways would consider moving the national speed limit sign at north of the village, to the other side of the entrance to the holiday park which has never been built. Parents use that as parking as they walk children down to the school. Major safety problem, would also slow vehicles sooner as they entered the village.

662.02 Cllr T.M requested that for the November meeting could 3 agenda items be added. A scarecrow week, St Bridget's Bell appeal and finally No 10 mine memorial plot. Chair agreed and clerk to ensure they were on agenda.

662.03 St Bridget's church in need of bell ringers, campanologists.

662.04 Cllr P.T advised David Gorman will shortly be selling poppies for Remembrance Day, Paul to make sure that all children at school would have a poppy for rededication service.

663.00 Correspondence.

663.01 Request from Great North Air Ambulance for a donation to their charity. Normally £50 but resolved to make a £100 donation.

663.02 next year will be Copeland council elections, if Lowca is uncontested then fee payable to Copeland will remain at £80.

663.03 Thursday 18th will be Copeland CALC AGM, chairman asked for details.

663.04 Clerk had received Sunshine Gym brochure which he passed on to Cllr P.T.

664.00 Payments for approval

IntPay 108 M Milner, clerk, £287.48, salary £251.09p and expenses £36.39p

IntPay 109 HMRC clerks PAYE £43.20p

IntPay 110 Great North Ambulance donation £100.00

All approved

665.00 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 7.30pm Lowca Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

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