

LOWCA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 20th June 2018

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

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

Copeland Borough and Cumbria County Councillors: J Bowman CBC, Mrs J Bowman CBC, M Barbour CCC.

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public, none

605.00 Apologises for absence. Mrs D Butterworth LPC, H Thinnesen LPC,

606.00 Declaration of Interest. None

607.00 Presentation on behalf of Age UK, Loneliness, by Diane Taylor

607.01 The chair moved the 6th Agenda item to allow Diane Taylor from Age UK to present her talk on Loneliness. The biggest problem is locating people who will admit to being lonely and then arranging transport to encompass them in activities. No councillors could think of anyone specific in Lowca who could benefit from the project.

7.40pm John Crawford joins the meeting.

PCSO Hollie Denis was in attendance but could not think of anyone across her beat but took contact details in case she came across someone. After 20 minutes chair thanked D.T for her talk and the service would be promoted in the next Lowca Lowdown.

608.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 23rd May 2018, as a true record.

608.01 The minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr P.T and seconded by Cllr A.O approved unanimously and signed by the chair.

609.00 Public Participation, no public present

610.00 Police Report

610.01 Lowca's beat officer PCSO Hollie Denis was in attendance, on her own time, her shift having finished. She read her report about a neighbours parking dispute and then explained what she and colleagues had done about parking at Ghyll Grove. There is no possibility of a special disabled parking bay for one of the residents because there are double yellow lines and Highways will not allow any change to that.

610.02 Home Group are prepared to allow a dropped kerb but the correct forms etc have to be completed and funding in place. Hollie left the meeting at 7.55pm, councillors thanked her for attending in her time.

611.00 Applications for Development.

No development applications or approved applications.

612.00 County and District Councillors Reports

612.01 Cllr M.B reported that Highways were starting the grass verge cutting schedule. He would again progress the Ghyll Grove highways problems and the gully which has still not been repaired. He had attended a school's crossings meeting and Lowca was not mentioned.

612.02 Neither of the Cllrs Bowman had anything to report.

Chair thanked all for their in-put and invited them to stay. Cllr M.B remained but the Bowman's left the meeting 8.04pm.

613.00 War memorial.

613.01 Clerk reported he had visited Brian Ennis about the war memorial funds currently held in suspension. B.E and M.M the signatories would go into the bank and transfer the funds to the parish council account. £454.10.

613.02 Cllrs agreed that Cllr T.M could use the funds towards his current project of improving the war memorial grounds, a 5-foot-wide concrete strip all around the memorial and a pathway to the gate, for wheelchair access and parking. He also advised that the cleaning of the memorial was one of his challenges, all would be done for centenary celebrations in November.

613.03 Discussions about the silhouette on the approach to Whitehaven at Penguin Garage and Lowca having something similar, but clerk pointed out they cost £750 + VAT.

614.00 Review of Lowca's Standing Orders.

614.01, clerk pointed out that due to a change of law all parish council meetings could now be recorded or photographed, filmed and S/O need to reflect that. The council agreed to the change.

615.00 Millennium Garden Play Area update.

615.01 Cllr P.T advised the council he had an appointment with another playground equipment supplier next Friday, they would quote for the same scheme for which he already had a quote and once he had both quotes he would bring them to a parish council meeting and a supplier could be chosen and funding sought. He had already got letters ready to be send to local funding sources.

616.00 Parish council to consider Hire fee for use of village hall.

616.01 Cllr P.T up dated the council on the signing of an Occupational Licence with the Lowca Social Club. Once signed the Social Club will pay £3000 per year to the management committee, but other hirers must now pay an economic fee. To this end he was asking the parish council to pay a fixed £15 hire fee a month. Whatever the length of the meeting, but heating would be always available in the winter. Management committee responsible for all maintenance. Cllrs agreed to the monthly charge.

616.02 Cllr P.T also mentioned that he was having to get solicitors involved to ensure the Occupational Licence was legally correct. He thought he would probably have a bill of £200 or £300 to pay and would the parish council be able to contribute towards the cost? Cllrs requested him to continue with the solicitors and let them know what the final bill was, for consideration at July meeting.

617.00 Lowca Lowdown

617.01 Clerk was seeking inspiration for content of the July Lowca Lowdown. Various items and topics were proposed and clerk to develop the ideas suggested.

618.00 Progress report, clerk.

618.01 All 2017/18 accounts are on the Lowca website and exemption certificate sent to PFK.

618.02 Lowca/Parton footbridge repair now completed, just awaiting invoice before seeking funding from Natural England.

618.03 Clerk had applied for reinstatement of dog poo bin on Sustrans pathway

618.04 Diane Ward of Coastal Communities has been in touch about the pathway across the top of Lowca Brow, Cllr M.O is dealing with the project.

618.05 Clerk had received an email from Arron Butterworth about the BMX track advising he would be making contact with Copeland's mayor when he was in the area in August.

618.06 Gully on the road up towards the church on the left-hand kerb has now according to Highways been cleaned. Job W1880928471 April 2018.

618.07 Clerk had heard from Cllr D.B she has been told that her dialysis treatment currently being undertaken at Carlisle 3 times a week will be transferred to West Cumberland in November and she will be able to resume her council duties then.

619.00 Lowca Councillors Reports

619.01 Cllr P.T enquired about the new warning signs on Lowca Brow and area, was it safe to continue to use the area? Advised it is an advisory sign to let folk know that they should be careful.

619.02 Cllr P.T also enquired about pot holes that had been highlighted in the village, but no further action taken. Why not repaired? Cllr M.B (CCC) to follow up and advise.

620.00 Correspondence.

620.01 Community Lincs had confirmed insurance payment received and forwarded Certificate of Employers Liability.

620.02 Further to the clerk's meeting with Trudy Harrison MP he had a letter from her with a copy letter from Natural England, confirming that on this occasion NE would reimburse Lowca parish council for the footbridge repair, but this was to be a one off exception.

620.03 Clerk had a copy of old Church History Pamphlet for Moresby. He enquired best person to pass it on to, all agreed Whitehaven Achieves Office. Clerk to deposit it there.

621.00 Payments for approval

IntPay 99 M Milner, clerk, £212.19, salary £186.99p and expenses £25.20p

IntPay 100 HMRC clerks PAYE £27.00p

All approved

**622.00 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 18th July 2018 at 7.30pm
Lowca Village Hall.**

Meeting closed 8.57pm

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