

## LOWCA PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Mar' 2019

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

Present: Cllrs Miss M Oliver(chair), Mrs D Butterworth, T Milligan, Mrs A Oliver, H Thinnesen

Copeland Borough and Cumbria County Councillors: Mrs J Bowman, Mrs G Troughton.

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public, none.

**731.00 Apologises for absence.** P Todd, Mr M Barbour (CCC).

**732.00 Declaration of Interest.**

716.01 None

Cllr T.M joined meeting 7.32pm

**733.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019, as a true record.**

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

**734.00 Public Participation.** No public present

**735.00 Police Report**

735.01 Clerk read police report, vehicle blocking a driveway on Vale View, but departed when officers attended. No report from councillors to provide feedback.

**736.00 Applications for Development**

736.01 No applications

**737.00 County and District Councillors Reports**

737.01 Cllr J B (CBC) confirmed that CBC budget had been approved and asked if the new collection bin timetables had been received, which was confirmed. As elections were approaching 2<sup>nd</sup> May, not much else to report.

Chair thanked J B for her report and invited her to stay, which she accepted.

**738.00 A595 Issues for Howgate meeting with H.E on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.**

738.01 clerk read out a list of 7 items that had already been raised by other parishes in the Howgate Partnership. Lowca councillors agreed that the issues mentioned covered their concerns and there was nothing to add to the list.

Cllr G.T (CBC) joined the meeting 7.38pm

**739.00 Lowdown for end of March.**

739.01 Clerk ran through a list of articles already agreed and councillors agreed that a piece on dog fouling and the lengths Copeland were now going to deal with and reduce the anti-social behaviour by Lowca dog owners would be appropriate.

**740.00 Progress reports, clerk**

740.01 Clerk and Cllr P T had met the Copeland team and confirmed all areas cut by the contract. Price was agreed at £824.36 for coming season and clerk had signed contract.

740.02 When meeting the Copeland team, they had discussed the overgrown hedge and trees at Millennium garden. Quote had been received for £211.40 + Vat, which clerk had authorised and the work had been completed.

740.03 Clerk had underpaid an old Copeland invoice by £30. Paid £744.46 not the approved figure of £774.46, as figure was approved and clerk's error, he had made the payment. He apologised for making the error. IntPay124 £30.

740.04 Cllr P T had raised three issues at the last meeting. The first concerned allotments but clerk had received no feedback on that yet.

740.05 Second issue concerned siting of rubbish bins. Clerk read response from Alison Miller, Copelands neighbourhood Services Officer. It is assumed that all residents will keep the bins on their respective property in a safe place, only putting them outside the evening before at the earliest, but available from 7am on morning of collection. Returning the bin to the confines of the property at soonest convenience. Clerk had advised Cllr P T of the advice received and that bins left outside permanently, if they are blown by the wind against vehicles, photos should be taken and police called, to support the complaint and Copeland could then take appropriate action.

740.06 Third question concerned dog fouling on public highway/pavements. Clerk had had a lengthy conversation with the dog warden and his manager. Dog warden has made himself known in problem areas, visible presence in van plus done a leaflet drop through letterboxes. As was pointed out no one puts a dog in a car and drives 5 or 10 minutes to walk it in Lowca, all problem dogs are local. It requires members of the public to report the dogs and owners and wardens will act. They can start early in the morning and work later into evening to deal with persistent offenders, if that action required.

740.07 Dog Warden manager to be invited to the next parish council meeting.

740.08 Clerk concluded his report advising he had attended the pre-election seminar at Copeland on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb' and had all the nomination forms for completion after the meeting.

#### **741.00 Lowca Councillors Reports**

741.01 Cllr T M reported that a local resident had been spotted fly tipping a three-piece suite at the large lay-by located by the Lowca holiday park entrance. The actions had been reported to Copeland's waste control team and appropriate retribution would obviously follow. All Cllrs agreed to promote the success of pursuing and punishing such mindless actions in the next Lowdown.

741.02 Cllr M O raised concerns of the large lorries going through the village via the main road through the chicane to Park House Farm. It is 12 lorry movements per hour for 7 hours a day and it is proposed to continue until Dec' 2019. Cllrs acknowledged the necessity to repair the land slips on the coast, but the wagons should use the by-pass and come in and out via the northerly access to Lowca from A597.

741.03 Cllr M O to take the issue up with Highways requesting a temporary weight restriction on the road through Lowca to stop the wagons using the village as a rat run.

#### **742.00 Correspondence.**

742.01 Letter from Community Lincs, advising Zurich Insurance were taking all parish council business back in house. Clerk waiting for further correspondence on the matter.

742.02 Invoice from Copeland for 2018 season grass cutting, £951.19 inc Vat.

742.03 Invoice from Copeland for Millennium Garden hedge trimming £253.68 inc Vat.

742.04 Clerk read email from Copeland planning about receiving development plans as electronic message or paper. Unanimously agreed continue with paper notification.

742.05 Clerk read an email received from a Lowca resident concerning a fall on a pathway and that the writer had required hospital treatment and an operation. Photos had accompanied the original email. Clerk advised that he had promptly forwarded the email to Copeland BC, who had contacted the writer directly and put him in touch with their insurers. Clerk said matter closed as far as council concerned.

742.06 Clerk advised that there is a Howgate Partnership meeting at Distington youth club on 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm. Enquired if any councillors interested in attending, he would go. Johnathan Reade of Highways England attending.

742.07 Clerk had received an email a couple of days ago from West Croft resident, which he read out. The email raised various issues about the West Croft housing stock and state of the road in the area. Clerk advised to respond and make appropriate contact with agencies where appropriate.

### **743.00 Payments for approval**

IntPay124 Copeland BC £30 underpayment error 740.03 refers.

IntPay125A Copeland BC £499.00 part of £951.19 grounds maintenance 2018.

IntPay125B Copeland BC £452.00 balance of £951.19 invoice.

Intpay126 Copeland BC £253.68 Millennium Garden tree trimming.

IntPay 127 M Milner, clerk, £226.28, salary £182.47p and expenses £43.81p.

IntPay 128 HMRC clerks PAYE £26.00p.

All approved

### **744.00 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm Lowca Village Hall.**

Meeting closed 8.14pm

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