

LOWCA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Lowca Parish Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 17th July 2019 at 7.30pm in Lowca Village Hall.

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

Present: Cllrs Miss M Oliver(chair), Mrs A Oliver, T Milligan, H Thinnesen, Mrs D Butterworth
Copeland Borough and Cumbria County Councillors: Cllr Jackie Bowman CBC, Cllr Martin Barbour (CCC)

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public, None

791.00 Apologises for Absence. J Crawford (LPC). Cllr David Banks CBC

792.00 Declaration of Interest.

792.01 None

793.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 19th May 2019, as a true record.

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

794.00 Public Participation.

794.01 Clerk confirmed that he had clarified the position with regard to the provision of a car park at the Lowca Holiday development, if it was to proceed. Copeland planning had advised as follows, A condition was imposed on the planning permission (condition 18) which stated the following:- "No lodge shall be occupied unless and until a car park is provided and made available for community use, as indicated on the plan received by the Local Planning Authority on 16th August 2006"

794.02 If development is to proceed then Copeland must be reminded of that condition, clerk had already emailed the comments to member of the public interested.

795.00 Police Report

795.01 Clerk read out the brief report from PCSO Simon Kane. Cllr T.M reported that there were still major parking problems with the school traffic and teachers' vehicles. Clerk to report back to the police on the matter.

796.00 County and District Councillors Reports

796.01 Cllr J.B advised nothing to report but she had seen a good humourous dog fouling sign and wanted Copeland to adopt it for their next dog fouling campaign.

796.02 Cllr M.B had nothing to report from Cumbria County Council.

Both Cllrs thanked by chair and invited to stay, which they accepted.

Cllr H.T (LPC) joins the meeting 7.45pm

797.00 Applications for Development. There were no development applications

798.00 Receive accounts for April/June 2019 1st Quarter

798.01 The clerk had circulated the accounts with the agenda. He briefly explained the 3 sheets, there were no questions and the chair signed the appropriate bank statement confirming the bank balance was the same as the bank reconciliation figure.

799.00 Lowca War Memorial Centenary Celebrations April 25th 2020 at 3pm

799.01 Clerk confirmed he had placed the appropriate initial article in the Lowca Lowdown, reading out the content.

799.02 Cllr T.M had been in touch with Hubert Donnan who is responsible for organising the Armed Forces side of the annual Remembrance Day celebrations and who had been instrumental with David Gorman organising the centenary celebration of the cessation of the First World War. Plans were being made with the local TA Army group for the event.

799.03 Cllr T.M had also been in touch with Rev Paul Kerry inviting him and his family to the event and the vicar to officiate. Clerk to email the vicar. Clerk to also email clerks of Parton, Moresby and Distington inviting their councillors.

800.00 War Memorial Flag Pole

800.01 David Gorman requested that he be allowed to erect a flag pole. Clerk had confirmed that the planning department in Copeland did not require any planning permission provided it carried no advertising material and it flew only a national flag or regimental flag.

800.02 Cllr T.M had spoken to HD about the position and decided far left-hand corner where the mosaic currently is located. Also agreed with HD that for Remembrance Day it would fly the Union Jack flag, and then for 4 months, then HD's regimental flag could fly for 4 months and finally for the last 4 months of the year DG's regimental flag.

800.03 Cllr J.B (CBC) reported that siting and manner of fixing the pole was essential as thought needed to be given to maintenance and repair of the flag carrying rope if it frayed.

801.00 Scarecrow competition.

801.01 Cllr T.M was organising age groups, would contact the school after the summer holidays and was aware that the Harvest Festival Sunday is 6th October. Clerk confirmed he had placed an article about the competition in the Lowdown and read out the relevant item.

802.00 Lowca Lowdown, Summer edition.

802.01 Clerk had finished the Lowdown that morning, it was with Printpoint and he could pick it up 2pm Thursday, which he would do and drop off at chairman's property for her to insert the Bell Ringing flyers and arrange its distribution.

802.02 Clerk had brought a mock-up of the finished newsletter and went through the content and layout.

803.00 Millennium Garden Play area funding update.

803.01 Chair had seen the relevant funding person at Copeland who had confirmed that the Copeland Community Fund could match fund 50% of the cost of the project.

803.02 Chair to call at the school to establish what equipment the local children would like and she also asked councillors whether the play area in the village hall community garden should be the location, or the play area behind the bus shelter in East Road. General consensus was the area by the bus stop where there was more visibility of what was happening.

804.00 Lowca Village Hall Management Committee AGM

804.01 Clerk advised that he had audited the accounts for the current committee all was in order. He was aware that there was to be an AGM next Wednesday 24th July at 7.30pm, and reminded the parish council that they were entitled to 4 representatives on the committee. Those are currently Cllrs M.O, A.O and H.T. It was agreed that Cllr D.B would be the 4th representative. Clerk to advise current village hall management committee.

804.02 Clerk then read some of the content of the Lowdown article he had written advising the local residents of the AGM and that as possibly 5 of the current committee were standing down villagers should attend the AGM. His article explained the situation and asked whether the villagers wanted a village hall? The running of the village hall is not the parish council's responsibility. It needs a proactive committee from Lowca residents.

804.03 Clerk had been in touch with CISWO, because they supplied the building back in 1929 for the village and were entitled to two representatives on the management committee. CISWO did not have any representatives, they don't parachute people in for the task, but if any local wanted to sit as a CISWO the clerk had two application forms for completion.

805.00 Progress reports, clerk

805.01 Clerk reported that the agenda items had dealt with the majority of his reports, but he had attended the Howgate Partnership meeting on July 2nd, held at Lowca and advised that the bulk of the meeting had concerned the Emergency plan which Lowca had already dealt with in an earlier Lowdown and distributed the leaflets to each property in Lowca.

805.02 Howgate members had enquired about the renewed interest in the Lowca Holiday Park. Clerk updated about the change of legal description to "caravan" in the latest application and advised what Lowca parish council had established that Copeland planning have to approve the accommodation on each individual site.

806.00 Lowca Councillors Reports

806.01 Chair advised that on the 30mph support posts on the southerly exit from Lowca, was a sign put there by the man who on 17th July 2018 was badly injured when he came off his bike. Air ambulance had been involved. Clerk to photograph for next Lowdown.

806.02 Chair had spoken to the horse rider who queried dogs running loose on bridleways.

806.03 Chair advised all of Lowca Fest taking place on Aug 10th. Clerk advised he had received no details from the organisers so he had not put anything in the current Lowdown.

807.00 Correspondence.

807.01 Clerk had been requested by Copeland's Democratic Services Officer to obtain new declaration of interest forms from all councillors, following the latest election. Clerk had printed them off for each councillor and they proceeded to complete and return to clerk for his submission to Copeland offices on Thursday.

808.00 Payments for approval

IntPay 139 M Milner, clerk, £245.96, salary £220.76p and expenses £25.20p.

IntPay 140 HMRC clerk's PAYE £35.60p.

IntPay 141 Copeland BC, £247.31, grounds maintenance July/September

All approved

809.00 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 18th September 2019 at 7.30pm Lowca Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.32pm

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