

LOWCA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Lowca Parish Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 19th June 2019 at 7.30pm in Lowca Village Hall.

Meeting Opened: - The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.34pm.

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

Copeland Borough and Cumbria County Councillors: Cllr David Banks CBC, Cllr Jackie Bowman CBC, Cllr Martin Barbour (CCC)

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public, 3.

Cliff Walker, Copeland BC, Deputy Community Services Manager

774.00 Apologises for Absence. H Thinnesen, Mrs D Butterworth, J Crawford (LPC).

775.00 Presentation by Cliff Walker, fly tipping and dog fouling.

775.01 C.W advised that he had 5 enforcement officers to cover a very large area that extended as far as Keswick. One of those had to permanently based in Whitehaven to control traffic there so not a big team. With regard to dog fouling and nuisance his team of wardens preferred to be pro-active, if advised of problem areas they can send targeted letters to specific property's or a street, pointing out they are aware of problems and warning of £80 fine. Also advised that for nuisance noise dogs there was now available a downloadable app which could record noise, date time and importantly a GPS position.

775.02 Also responsible for Fly-tipping and again wanted to be pro-active to deter the action. Keen to get communities to organise litter picks, will supply the bags, pickers and gloves and arrange for collection of the bags after the pick.

775.03 During a Q&A session he advised that bridle paths and dogs was a grey area. A professional dog walker should walk no more than 13 dogs per day with a recommended 4 dogs at a time. They should be under control, so being on a lead would be the ideal situation, but not enforceable. If there are problems on bridleways they will investigate. C.W confirmed he would organise new dog fouling warning signs at the bottom of Stamford Hill. New dog waste collection bins are approx £130 and then a monthly clearance fee. At the end of a very informative session Chair M.O thanked C.W for his contribution. He left the meeting at 8pm

Chairman resumed the meeting as per the agenda.

776.00 Declaration of Interest.

776.01 None

777.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2019, as a true record.

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

778.00 Public Participation.

778.01 Two members of the public wished to discuss the Lowca Holiday Park development.

778.02 They accepted that the planning was approved but they were concerned about a paragraph of the approval that concerned a car park. Clerk to contact Nick Hayhurst, Copeland Planning Officer and confirm the position.

779.00 Police Report

779.01 Clerk read out the brief report from PCSO Simon Kane. No councillor had anything to feed back to the police.

780.00 County and District Councillors Reports

780.01 Both Cllrs J.B and D.B CBC advised what committees they were on but nothing else to report back.

780.02 Cllr M.B advised that Highways were currently starting the verge cutting, commencing with the 60mph areas, followed by 40 and 30mph.

781.00 Applications for Development

781.00 Clerk had circulated a development CH/4/19/2179/0F1 Eden Gardens, Stamford Hill. No Cllr had raised any objections.

782.00 Lowca War Memorial Centenary Celebrations May 2020.

782.01 Clerk read an email he had received from the lady who had researched the WW1 booklet for Lowca in Nov 2018, and now doing a similar booklet to celebrate Lowca's Memorial's centenary celebration on Saturday 25th April 2020 at 3pm.

782.02 Council impressed with the historical material in the email. It was resolved that Cllr T.M would take responsibility for overseeing the liaison between the parish council, church, school and ex-forces personnel who need to be involved with the celebration. Clerk to provide confirmation of the date to Cllr T.M and also start a promotion of the event in the July Lowdown.

783.00 Councillor training at Lowca village hall with Parton PC.

783.01 After a short discussion there were no takers to attend councillor training. Clerk to advise Parton clerk accordingly.

784.00 Lowca village hall parish councillor representatives and AGM

784.01 Clerk advised the council that there were numerous resignations to take effect at the AGM. The parish council are the custodian trustees and entitled to 4 members on the management committee who are the managing trustees. Clerk concerned that through apathy the village hall which is a village asset may be lost to the community.

784.02 After discussion the council agreed that the July Lowdown should contain an item about the need for new committee members, the need to clarify the position that the Lowca Social Club was not the committee that is responsible for running the building, they are only tenants. They only have an annual Occupational Licence. The importance of the building to the parish.

785.00 Lowca Lowdown, Summer edition, content.

785.01 Council agreed that items would include the importance of retaining the Lowca Village Hall, the War Memorial centenary celebration, speed hump evasion by Stamford Hill, Harvest Festival Scarecrow competition, Harvest Festival is 6th October. Clerk to write the necessary copy.

786.00 Progress reports, clerk

786.01 A595 resurfacing, minute 769.01, work is progressing well.

786.02 HGV traffic through the village, minute 769.04/05, appears to have ceased as the work location has moved.

786.03 Playground material collected from Paul Todd minute 769.11 refers.
786.04 minute note 769.12 about village hall covered by minute 784.00 earlier.
786.05 Bridleway question 771.03 covered by 775.03 earlier.
786.06 Clerk had put on display as demanded by legislation all the accounts materials and also on the website, on display from 17th June to mid-July.

787.00 Lowca Councillors Reports

787.01 Queried the use of Cllrs names in minutes where specific issue could highlight a Cllrs issue to a specific situation. Clerk noted his comments and apologised for his error.
787.02 Chair M.O raised the issue of a food bank in Lowca. Cllrs all agreed that using the village hall was not an option. If Parton wished to provide such a facility then Lowca would promote it.
787.03 Chair has meeting with Ann Broom from Copeland on Friday about play park and funding.
787.04 Chair had taken up the issue of parking on the approach to Lowca in an area that has a solid double white line. If it happens again clerk to forward pictures to Cllr M.B for him to get appropriate action taken.

788.00 Correspondence.

788.01 Email from Data Protection authority, renewal £40, clerk has paid and will reclaim in expenses. He had new certificate.
788.02 A request from CISWO to display Cumbria Miners Christmas Party flyer. Clerk had put copy on hall's noticeboard and also in the village noticeboard.
788.03 Letter from Copeland about polling districts and polling stations. As requested now on display in village noticeboard.
788.04 Letter from Copelands Open Spaces team with a survey about standards and quality. Clerk to complete and return.
788.05 Email from PKF-Littlejohn, government auditors, all paperwork received and no problems so audit for year 2018/19 complete.
788.06 Letter from Copeland about councillor's election expenses forms. 3 councillors have not returned them so clerk requested to chase and point out urgency.
788.07 Email received about a possible Memorial Seat on Lowca Brow, clerk had advised the originator to contact Copeland as it is their land.

789.00 Payments for approval

IntPay 137 M Milner, clerk, £212.31, salary £153.41p and expenses £58.90p.
IntPay 138 HMRC clerk's PAYE £18.60p.
All approved

790.00 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 17th July 2019 at 7.30pm Lowca Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm