

LOWCA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 21st March 2018

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

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

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

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public, none

556.00 Apologises for absence. P Todd LPC, Mrs D Butterworth LPC, H Thinnesen LPC,
Cllr Mrs G Troughton CBC

557.00 Declaration of Interest. None

558.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 21st February 2018, as a true record.

558.01 The minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr A.O and seconded by Cllr M.O, approved unanimously and signed by the chair.

559.00 Public Participation

No public participation

560.00 Police Report

560.01 PCSO Hollie Dennis had sent a report which clerk read out. A loose horse on the road and the problem with a vehicle parking on the blind bend by the school. She also sent a report about the yellow lines and red taxi flex by the school. All residents in Ghyll Grove had received a police letter about the parking problems.

Cllr John Crawford joined the meeting 7.42pm

560.02 Cllr T.M provided the registration No of one badly parked vehicle and clerk to advise police of that vehicle in particular.

561.00 Applications for Development.

No development applications or approved applications.

562.00 County and District Councillors Reports

562.01 Cllr John Bowman advised about the ongoing discussions concerning storage of radioactive waste in the area. Cllr Jackie Bowman advised about a pet crematorium proposal, but clerk advised as a private commercial enterprise not a parish council topic.

562.02 Cllr M.B CCC asked that the parish council bear with Highways Department who following the second spell of serious bad weather were dealing with an inordinate number of pot hole notifications. There was a discussion about the large pot hole in Meadow View. Cllr M.O to establish with Copeland who owns the road and so be responsible for the pot hole. Highways have been to investigate but it is not their responsibility.

562.03 Cllr M.B CCC to tackle Cumbria and Natural England about the funding problems for the repair of the footbridge between Parton and Lowca.

At the end of the session, Chair Cllr M.O invited county and district Cllrs to stay but Cllrs Bowman left the meeting at 7.58pm. Cllr M.B CCC remained.

563.00 War memorial working group and project costs.

563.01 Clerk produced the history of the war memorial and pointed out that this year Remembrance Sunday fell on 11th November so the village would be able to celebrate the centenary of the end of the First World War properly and involve the village folk. Chair' of parish council to contact the interested parties and see what thoughts they had.

564.02 Clerk confirmed that the centenary of the unveiling and dedication of the War Memorial was 25th April 2020 which happened to fall on a Saturday, so again there could be a ceremony to celebrate that event at 3pm on the day and he had found a copy of the original service sheet. Cllr M.O to sound out local interested parties. Both events to be included in the next edition of the Lowca Lowdown asking for residents to provide details if they know them of those fallen, named on the memorial.

564.03 Cllr T.M to tackle the task of cleaning the memorial. Clerk circulated photos of the memorial when it was relocated to its current position. Spotless condition. Cllr T.M to also sort out extending the fencing to encompass all the parish council land allocated for the memorial.

564.04. Cllr A.O to supply two established shrubs for planting when appropriate. Discussion about solar lighting for the two main celebrations.

564.05. The working party group would need access to the £454.10 currently held in a Lowca War Memorial Fund account, it was agreed that the clerk who currently receives the bank statements to change the account for him to sign cheques and also the chair, Mercia Oliver.

565.00 Millennium Garden Play Area.

565.01 As Cllr P.T had sent his apologies and this item was his project; chair moved it forward to the next meeting agenda.

566.00 Reinstatement of the BMX track

566.01 The clerk read out an email that he had already circulated to members of the parish council. It covered the possible redevelopment of Lowca's old BMX track which had recently been cleaned up and fenced by Copeland BC. Cllr T.M pointed out that the project due to its size and the land being owned by Copeland should be referred to Copeland themselves as they would have the manpower and appropriate knowledge to undertake such a large development.

566.02 Clerk requested to forward all the details to Copeland and involve them and report back to Lowca parish council.

567.00 Progress report, clerk.

567.01 Clerk advised that he was still waiting for some councillors "declaration of interest" forms and would expect all outstanding forms by the next meeting. Cllr M.B CCC reinforced the need for parish councillors to complete the forms and that its detailed questions only referred to councillors or their spouse/partners interests in Lowca parish.

567.02 Following this meeting the clerk would put together the Lowca Lowdown. He had a contribution from the school, he had photographed the new bus shelter and also Cllr G.T CBC, acknowledging her funding contribution in the content he had already written.

567.03 Clerk still involved with the data protection act which comes into force on 28th May 2018. He advised that he would have to register the parish council and that would be £35.

567.04 Clerk also involved with new legislation about the change of external government auditors, to PFK from BDO. They were changing the whole reporting procedures and by the 11th June 2018 he would have to complete an exemption certificate, as Lowca will be below the £25,000 limit for income or expenditure.

567.05 Clerk advised about the footbridge funding saga and alternatives to repair and the costs of the said repairs. All Cllrs approved that if the repair was approx. £500 and Parton would split the costs with Lowca then get it done as it was an important item of local community use, not too mention part of the coastal pathway route.

568.00 Lowca Councillors Reports

568.01 All matters covered in previous agenda items.

569.00 Correspondence.

569.01 Email from the head of Lowca school. Asking for assistance to either purchase land opposite the school for parking or extending the pathway up to the turning point above the school, which would mean moving the 30mph limit signs.

569.02 Clerk requested to email the head and advise that there would be no parish funding for the purchase of any land for parking, it did not have such funds. The turning circle referred to is in fact the entrance to the holiday park project and its installation was critical to the planning application of the holiday park being operative for perpetuity, it is not a turning or parking point but the access for the development project. The clerk to point out that there is a walk way and school access via Ghyll Grove and that according to the school there are only 11 pupils not resident in Lowca, so it's the parents of Lowca pupils who perhaps should look at how they get to school without redress to using cars. A walking school crocodile?

570.00 Payments for approval

IntPay 90 M Milner, clerk, £173.59, salary £136.71p and expenses £36.88p

IntPay 91 HMRC clerks PAYE £14.60p

All approved.

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

Meeting closed 8.51pm