

LOWCA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 18th October 2017

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

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

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

Clerk Mike Milner

Members of the public, one.

480.00 Apologises for absence. Cllr Mrs G Troughton CBC, Cllr P Todd LPC,
Cllr J Crawford LPC, Cllr D Butterworth LPC

481.00 Declaration of Interest. None

482.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 16th August 2017, as a true record.

482.01 The minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr A. O who was the only Cllr present at the present meeting who attended in August.

482.02 Cllr T M advised the clerk and the meeting that at minute 468.00 Cllr P T should have declared an interest as school governor and at minute 474.00 Cllr P.T should not have proposed the motion to grant the funding, and Cllr T M requested the return of the grant awarded to the school.

482.03 Clerk understood the observation, however considered the minutes were correct, but would seek clarification from CALC and other sources, reporting back at the next meeting.

483.00 Public Participation

No public participation

484.00 Report on meeting with CISWO and Action in Cumbria (ACTs) regarding Miners Welfare Building. Parish Council are Custodian Trustees.

484.01 Clerk explained there had been a meeting Tuesday 17th October at 2pm with Ian Lally CISWO Northern Area Manager, Rose Lord (ACTs), Brian Ennis chairman of Village Hall Management Committee, Cllr P T and the clerk. Cllrs M O, H T and the Lowca social club representative M Johnston had been invited but were unable to attend.

484.02 Clerk outlined the history of the relationship of the social club and the building and its management committee over the years. Twice, 1990 and 2005, advice had been sought to formalise the relationship between the social club and management committee. Never successfully. The need for extensive building repairs, which require substantial outside funding, had resulted in contacting CISWO and ACTs. Before any funding could be sought it was made clear to those present on 17th Oct' that Lowca social club must have and sign an Occupational Licence. The chair of the social club understood the urgency for that licence and under section 15 of the trustee document had used his power to call an Emergency Committee meeting on Friday 27th October. A letter and agenda had been sent to all management committee trustee members.

484.03 Cllr H T agreed that the situation did need resolving but he understood that the Miners Welfare Club was no longer affiliated to CISWO so doubted the legality of the chairman as CISWO trustee representative to call the meeting. The meeting will continue as planned and clarification on that point would be sought by clerk.

485.00 Police Report

485.01 No police presence, clerk read the report.

486.00 Applications for Development.

486.01 Application CH/4/17/2284/0F1 Conversion of Chapel to dwelling with new detached garage. No objections

487.00 County and District Councillors Reports

487.01 Cllr J.B (CBC) reported on public consultation on the Boundary Commission report. Cllr Mrs J.B (CBC) mentioned population should be considered not just those registered to vote.

487.02 Cllr M.B (CCC) advised local MP was available on 25th Nov' and 16th Dec for local residents to meet her.

488.00 Howgate meeting report and A595 proposals

488.01 Clerk advised on talk given by Copeland BC employee about the housing document Issues and Options.

488.02 Clerk updated on A595 embankment scheme, proposed public drop in scheduled for 26th October cancelled, but a Howgate Partnership being organised for 22nd Nov'. There is to be a A595 Liaison Group being formed and Lowca PC asked that local parish councillors could be included, not just Howgate partnership representation.

488.03 Rose Lord from Action in Cumbria had given a talk on Community Led Housing.

489.00 Progress Report, Clerk.

489.01 Minute 470.01, clerk had visited Lowca school on one of its open days.

489.02 Clerk advised that Copeland wanted to know if Lowca to take on BMX track, said more in jest than seriousness. Council thought track belonged to Lowca Rugby Club.

489.03 minute 475.02, Solway grass cut and large play area cut to standard.

489.04 minute 475.05 bridge between Parton and Lowca on coastal pathway repaired. Cost £320 + VAT. Clerk has billed Parton for £160 and contacted Natural England, requesting a funding donation of 70%.

489.05 Clerk produced Emergency Plan leaflet for local residents to complete and retain for personal use. To be inserted into December Lowdown.

490.00 Councillors Reports

490.01 Cllr T M reported that light out on Millennium Garden. Clerk to contact Copeland as it is not Highways responsibility.

490.02 Cllr T M circulated photo of assembled bus shelter. Site visit with contractor on Saturday morning to discuss installation. Glazier organised once in situ.

490.03 Cllr P T has site visit organised with Sovereign Playgrounds 21st November at 8.30am to discuss Millennium playground area refurbishment.

491.00 Correspondence.

491.01 Issues and Options Letter from Copeland, discussed 488.01

491.02 Insurance for 2017/18 received. Premium same as last year, but IPT now 12% not 9.5%. Includes the footbridge over Lowca Beck and Parton PC have been invoiced £148.15

491.03 Annual request from Great North Air Ambulance. £50 donation approved

491.04 Request for 2 wreaths for Remembrance Day, £34 total

491.05 Letter about Frizington Household Waste & Yeathouse Quarry about renewal of the planning approval in March 2018. Clerk to write and confirm agreement to facility's extended use.

492.00 Payments for approval

IntPay 73 A/B Community Lincs £725.45 Parish Council Annual Insurance renewal

IntPay 74 M Milner, clerk, £266.35, salary £207.50p and expenses £58.85p

IntPay 75 Great North Air Ambulance £50.00 Donation

IntPay 76 HMRC clerks PAYE £32.20p

IntPay 77 Steve Brown Fencing £384.00 Lowca/Parton footbridge repair.

All approved.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

493.00 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 15th November 2017 at 7.30pm Lowca Village Hall.

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