

**MINUTES OF LOWCA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014  
AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:**

**Lowca Parish Councillors**

Mr B Ennis  
Mrs G Strickland  
Mr J Crawford  
Mr T Milligan  
Mrs M Moore  
Mrs A Oliver

**Copeland Borough Councillor**

Mr B Dixon

**Cumbria County Councillor**

Mrs S Hayman

**Parish Clerk**

Mr M Milner

**Apologies**

Miss M J Oliver  
Mrs E Walker

**Meeting Opened:**

The chairman declared the meeting opened at 7.36pm.

**048.00 Declaration of Interests**

None

**049.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014, as a true record.**

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr M.M and seconded by Cllr G.S. The vote by show of hands was unanimous for approval.

**050.00 Police matters.**

050.01, The clerk circulated the received written police report. C.C Sue Hayman asked if PCSO Sarah Marshall was permanently spending more time in the Millom area as her lack of availability had been noted at other parish council meetings she had attended. Chairman Cllr B E reported he had seen her that afternoon. Clerk was requested to email Sarah and establish the situation.

## **051.00 Planning Matters**

No planning matters.

## **052.00 Matters concerning District and Ward Councillors.**

052.01 The clerk distributed a copy of the reply he had received from Copeland B.C about the running costs and donations received at Distington Hall Crematorium in response to an email sent at Cllr G.S's request. The content was accepted by council.

052.02 The clerk read an email from Copeland Planning Depart which confirmed that the 3 picnic style tables which Lowca PC wished to site along the costal path, would not require planning permission. The email also advised that the planning department had an 8 week timescale when dealing with planning applications and it was the PC who would have to try and ensure that any objections should be made in that time limit, or advise the planning department if there was likely to be a delay.

052.03 The clerk had distributed Cllrs Bowman update with the November agenda. No comments other than Cllr J.C pointed out that his understanding of the National Grid document showed the preferred "green" route took the new line away from Lowca. The clerk confirmed he had written on behalf of the PC and local residents to the National Grid consultation HQ, requesting that if Moorside went ahead and the green route was finally approved, could the current Lowca pylons be dismantled.

052.04 C.B.C B.D was advised there had been another loose horse just 2 days ago, so he confirmed he would again email Copeland B.C. who had already responded on the last occasion as they had established it was their fencing that the horses were getting through.

052.05 C.B.C B.D would also check on the maintenance position on lighting behind West Croft Terrace.

052.06 Cllr J.C brought up the issue of Japanese Knotweed. There is clear visual evidence of its existence along the old rail track at the top of the rec area behind the garages. The clerk was asked to write to Copeland B.C and establish whose liability it was and what action would be taken.

052.07 C.C.C S.H confirmed that she would resolve the repair situation of 3 broken lights in the Millennium Garden so that Copeland B.C would receive the appropriate authorisation to carry out the work.

052.08 The chairman confirmed that he had been with Cllr G.S that morning to resolve an issue about the war memorial land being two pieces of land, which would be transferred from Copeland to Lowca as one piece of land. Quotes were to be obtained for the railings to be placed around the memorial on the land's transfer.

052.09 C.C.C S.H confirmed that her enquires showed the last number 22 bus was to be taken off each evening.

C.C.C S.H and C.B.C B.D left the meeting at 8.29pm

### **053.00 Matters arising from last minutes**

053.01 The clerk reported that he had on November 13<sup>th</sup> responded to Copeland B.C Rough Sleepers Count.

### **054.00 Matters of Report**

054.01. Clerk confirmed that he had attended the CALC run Finance course for Parish Councils Responsible Finance Officer's. A very professional and informative presentation.

054.02 Clerk had completed a VAT 126 claim form covering the period Dec 2011 to September 2014 and had submitted a request for a refund of £501.08p

054.03 The chairman reported that the ceremony of Remembrance held this year at the Lowca War Memorial had been very well attended and every year the numbers seemed to be greater than the previous years.

054.04 The chairman advised the council that when he and Cllr G.S had been to see Clinton Boyce, Copeland B.C's solicitor that morning Clinton Boyce pointed out that the land to be transferred was actually two plots adjoining one another. Maps to confirm the statement were produced and circulated to all Lowca councillors to view. A resolution was proposed to confirm the transfer as one piece of land.

054.05 Resolution. Lowca Parish Councillors confirm that having studied a copy of the Land Registry title plan, numbered CU275068, the rectangular area of land defined in red outline, to the north of No1 West Croft Terrace, on which the Lowca War Memorial stands, should be transferred from Copeland Borough Council to Lowca Parish Council as one plot of land.

The resolution was proposed by Cllr Ann Oliver and seconded by Cllr Gillian Strickland. The vote was unanimously in favour by all councillors present.

The chairman then requested that the clerk email Clinton Boyce at Copeland B.C and send a copy to Peter Marrs of Milburns solicitors, acting on behalf of Lowca PC, to confirm that the Lowca PC had passed a resolution agreeing to the two parcels of land being transferred to Lowca as one piece of land.

Designs for the fencing would be obtained and Cllr T.M would see if he had retained a copy of his original plans. Clerk to ensure that the War Memorial was an agenda item every month until position of land and fencing all resolved.

### **055.00 Correspondence.**

055.01 There had been request from a resident of Lowca, Paul Graham, about current War Memorial situation. The clerk had emailed a full response and the chairman had spoken directly to the gentleman, who was satisfied with the update.

055.02 Correspondence from Copeland B.C showed that to replace existing lights would now have to be the responsibility of the PC, due to budget constraints and quoted a price of £2651.85 per light. Parish finances would not allow such work.

055.03 Following last month's donation of £50 to Great North Air Ambulance Lowca had received a letter of thanks.

055.04 An email received from Copeland Borough Council advising on their budget cuts for 2015/16.

**056.00 Cheques for signing**

Cheque No 100926 payable to Brian Ennis. Reimbursement for 2 wreaths for Remembrance Service 2014. British Legion Poppy Appeal receipt provided £34.00

Cheque No 100297 Clerk. Salary one month £146.40 and expenses £96.06 which included mileage travel to and from Penrith for Finance course, total cheque value £242.46

Cheque No 100298 HMRC Clerk's Income tax on salary £36.60

**057.00 Date and time of next meeting.**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in Lowca Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.54pm

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