

LOWCA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 17th Apr' 2019

Meeting Opened: - The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.44pm immediately after the Lowca Annual Parish meeting.

Present: Cllrs Miss M Oliver(chair), Mrs D Butterworth, Mrs A Oliver, H Thinnesen

Copeland Borough and Cumbria County Councillors: Mrs G Troughton.

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public, none.

745.00 Apologises for absence. P Todd, T Milligan, Mrs J Bowman (CBC) M Barbour CCC

746.00 Declaration of Interest.

746.01 None

747.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 20th March 2019, as a true record.

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

748.00 Public Participation. No public present

749.00 Police Report No police report

750.00 Applications for Development

750.01 No applications

751.00 County and District Councillors Reports

751.01 Cllr G.T reported that CBC was quiet as it was entering the purdah time prior to the May 2nd elections. It was the last time she would be attending a Lowca meeting as a councillor as she was not standing for re-election at the May elections.

751.02 The chair, on behalf of Lowca parish council, thanked her for her services over the period of time she had attended the Lowca parish council, both as a county councillor and latterly as a borough councillor.

752.00 District and Parish elections 2nd May 2019.

752.01 Clerk advised that all appropriate notice about elections were in the noticeboard, Lowca councillors had received confirmation of their re-election at an uncontested poll.

752.02 Clerk advised all councillors that the forms they had received about election expenses, even though they had none must be completed showing NIL and signed and dated and returned by 30th May. Failure to do so would mean Copeland would chase them for them as it is a legal requirement.

753.00 Progress reports, clerk

753.01 Clerk confirmed he had attended the Howgate meeting on 2nd April. The majority of the meeting had concerned the A595 in the area. He provided a quick report advising that the meeting had not revealed anything new, other than in May 2019 the roundabouts were to be resurfaced.

753.02 The front page of the Easter version of the Lowca Lowdown had a report for the local residents.

753.03 Clerk produced the latest edition of the Lowdown, he explained he had swapped format to A4 size, 4 pages, full colour, which enabled picture content to be full colour on all pages not just the front and back. The new size meant a reduced price of £120/400 instead of £155/400.

753.04 Clerk had agreed with Copeland that the parish council would pay its ground maintenance contract quarterly rather than one end of year payment.

753.05 As per minute 741.02 clerk had contacted Highways about the lorries using the village as a rat run. Vehicle measuring statistics were in place following the conversation and that once they had completed clerk to contact the main contractor Network Rail about the problem. Clerk requested photographic evidence of the vehicles going through the chicane in the centre of the village.

753.06. further to minute 742.07, clerk could confirm that unlike East Croft Terrace, the road at the end of West Croft Terrace was unadopted so no requirement for Highways to make good any pot holes or damaged drains.

753.07 Clerk had completed the year end accounts for the parish 2018/19 and circulated copies to all councillors' present. He was going to see the internal auditor in the morning to get them audited and the PKF Littlejohn accounts forms signed.

753.08 Clerk has arranged for Cliff Walker, Copeland's deputy community service manager to attend the June meeting and up date the council on the dog fouling issues and Copeland's plans.

754.00 Lowca Councillors Reports

754.01 Cllr D.B had received complaints about dogs being a nuisance at 2 properties in Meadow View. She had reported the matter. Clerk would have a talk to the landlord of one of the properties involved. Both complaints involved dogs being in the properties whilst owners out at work all day, from early morning. Cllr H.T also had received complaints about one of the properties involved.

754.02 Cllr M.O wished to organise a litter pick. It was agreed that at the May meeting a date would be confirmed, after consultation with the school.

754.03 Cllr M.O also still greatly concerned by the lorry traffic, but minute 753.05 refers.

754.04 Cllr M.O had contacted the Lowca rugby league club about the state of the BMX track, it had still not been cleaned up after the November 5th 2018 bonfire. Within 4 days the club had responded and the area was now cleared.

755.00 Correspondence.

755.01 Clerk had received a letter for the coming year's Calc subscription. It was £183.48, down as promised from last year's £225.00

755.02 Correspondence from the Seafarers UK charity asking for support to fly a Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September. Chair Cllr M.O to consider the options. The village does not have a flag pole.

755.03 Numerous emails from Copeland about the forth coming elections on May 2nd. All duly dealt with in an appropriate manner.

755.04 Finally on 28th March the government's nominated auditors had provided all the details for the year end 31st March 2019 documentation. As already mentioned, accounts ready for internal audit in the morning, 18th April.

755.05 Clerk had received the invoice from Copeland for the first quarterly ground maintenance contract April-June 2019 £247.31.

755.06 Clerk received that afternoon, Printpoint, when he collected the Lowca Lowdown the invoice for the Easter edition. £120.00.

756.00 Payments for approval

IntPay 129 M Milner, clerk, £256.88, salary £216.78p and expenses £40.10p.

IntPay 130 HMRC clerks PAYE £34.60p.

IntPay131 Calc annual subscription £183.48.

IntPay132 Copeland BC £247.31 first quarterly grounds maintenance contract.

IntPay133 Printpoint £120.00 Easter 2019 Lowca Lowdown

All approved

**757.00 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 7.30pm
Lowca Village Hall.**

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

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