

**MINUTES OF LOWCA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th MARCH 2017
AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

Lowca Parish Councillors

Miss M J Oliver (chairman)
Mrs A Oliver
Mrs D Butterworth
Mr T Milligan
Mr J Crawford
Mr P Todd.

Parish Clerk

Mr M Milner

Copeland District and Cumbria County Councillor

John Bowman CBC
Jackie Bowman CBC

Apologies

Mr H Thinnesen
CCC Gillian Troughton

Meeting Opened:

The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm.

391.00 Apologies.

Duly noted as above.

392.00 Declaration of Interest

None

**393.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on
Wednesday 15th February 2017, as a true record.**

393.01 The minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr P.T and seconded by Cllr
D.B approved unanimously.

394.00 Public Participation

No public present

395.00 Police Report

395.01 The parish's PCSO Hollie Dennis was present with a colleague and she presented the police report. There had been a burglary involving a caravan, entry had been gained, nothing stolen and as no suspects case closed. There had been domestic violence reports, but details are not revealed. There had been reports of disturbance in both East and West Croft, but when police attended it appeared to have been noisy parties which had become quiet.

395.02 Hollie had attended Lowca school that afternoon and discussed road safety and parking outside the school. Every pupil had gone home with a letter on the parking problems and hopefully children pester power may reduce the problem.

395.03 Hollie to take up with CRASH the possibility of 20mph in the school vicinity.

395.04 Clerk mentioned parking on pavement outside the former shop just below the chicane, Hollie to tackle the vehicle owner(s) in a polite manner rather than just issue enforcement fines.

Chair thanked police for attendance and reports and observations.

396.00 Applications for Development.

None

397.00 County and District Councillors Reports

397.01 Cllr John Bowman advised that all council grants had ceased and Copeland now had a fund which businesses and parish councils could apply too if they could match fund their requests. Clerk advised that the Lowca precept application had been made with knowledge of the grant being removed.

397.02 Cllr T.M asked if the District Cllrs could help with problems with the replacement school sign size. Chairman advised that she had that afternoon spoken to Kevin Cosgrove of Highways Dept' about the sign, the one for Stamford Hill and another traffic survey. She was waiting for updates on all.

397.03 Cllr T.M then asked if the Bowmans' could help with his concerns about the escape road down Rosehill towards the A595. He was concerned that it was not fit for purpose and could cause an accident if used. The clerk advised that he was going to report on the matter later in the meeting, but with chairman's permission deal with it at this point.

397.04 Moresby PC had responded to the clerk's request about the escape lane, as far as they were concerned it was decommissioned. Clerk then read email he had sent to Better Highway Cumbria, about the lane, was it decommissioned as it still had road signage advising of its availability. If it was still a live escape lane, would the overgrown weed strewn lane be returned to a suitable condition to catch and slow a runaway vehicle. That email sent 8th March he was still awaiting a reply. He would chase Better Highways the next day to stress Cllr T.M's concerns.

Cllrs John and Jackie Bowman left the meeting 8.15pm

398.00 Lowca Lowdown March Addition.

398.01 Clerk advised that he was struggling for content ideas this quarter and could the councillors put forward ideas.

398.02 School parking, dog fouling and promote the fact Cllr P.T was entering the London Marathon on 23rd April, running for a national charity but they would concentrate on local children and provide confidence building sessions at Whinlatter Outdoor Centre. He hoped to complete the course in 3hr 10minutes and needed sponsorship of £1650 by the time of the race.

399.00 Annual Meeting May 17th 2017

399.01 Clerk confirmed that the meeting would take place on 17th May at 7.15pm and then the normal parish council meeting would take place immediately following the conclusion of the Annual meeting.

400.00 Progress Report, Clerk.

400.01 minute 381.02, clerk spoken to Nick Hayhurst in Copeland Planning and been assured that there was no application under consideration concerning the Lowca Holiday Park facility. Any change of use application would have to be considered by Lowca Parish Council.

400.02 minute 381.03, question about drainage on Church Brow was being dealt with.

400.03 minute 381.04, road signs already dealt with see 397.02 of these minutes.

400.04 minute 381.05, waste collections now been made weekly at property concerned.

400.05 minute 387.01, dog mess reported to Copeland and situation being monitored in Solway Road.

400.06 minute 387.02 already dealt with see 397.03 & .04 of these minutes.

401.00 Councillors Reports

401.01 Cllr P.T confirmed he had successfully set up a Facebook page for the parish council, Lowca Parish Council, and it had already had a few visitors. It has a link to our website www.lowcapc.ork.uk The chairman thanked him for his efforts.

402.00 Correspondence.

No correspondence of significance

403.00 Payments for approval

IntPay 54 M Milner, clerk, £145.95, salary £127.05p and expenses £18.90p

IntPay 55 HMRC clerks PAYE £12.00p

All approved.

Meeting closed 8.40pm

404.00 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 19th April 2017 at 7.30pm Lowca Village Hall.