

LOWCA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 19th Dec' 2018

Meeting Opened: - The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.31pm

Present: Cllrs Miss M Oliver(chair), P Todd, Mrs D Butterworth,

Copeland Borough and Cumbria County Councillors: Mrs G Troughton CBC. M Barbour (CCC)

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public, none.

684.00 Apologises for absence. Mrs J Bowman CBC, T Milligan (LPC)

685.00 Declaration of Interest.

685.01 None

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

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

687.00 Public Participation. No public present

688.00 Police Report

688.01 Clerk advised no police report.

689.00 Applications for Development.

689.01 As per minute 671.08 clerk had made a written submission to CBC Planning, circulated the document to all Lowca Cllrs and there was still a copy in the village noticeboard. Research and submission had taken 4½ hours.

689.02 Planning officer Nick Hayhurst had emailed clerk to confirm that Lowca's report had been forwarded to the applicant and their agent for consideration and comment.

690.00 County and District Councillors Reports

690.01 Cllr G.T (CBC) advised that Copeland BC had created a pest control hotline and a revised scale of charges. This was in response to the view that the system run by a commercial organisation was expensive. Rat infestations would now be a free visit with up to 2 subsequent visits, for Copeland residents at their main residence. Mice would be £55 for a first and 2 subsequent visits, Wasps a similar charge.

690.02 Fully details can be obtained from a dedicated phone line 01964 598361 or from the following email pestcontrol@copeland.gov.uk

Chair invited Cllr G.T and M.B to stay if they wished.

691.00 Clerk's contract to be revised and signed as per minute 674.03

691.01 Clerk had 2 copies of his revised contract and he and the chair Cllr M.O duly signed both copies.

692.00 To resolve that the parish council support the application the managing trustee committee are making to the National Lottery fund to refurbish the Village Hall, known as the Miners Welfare building, for the long-term benefit of the community. This may involve the parish council being the lead applicant on any funding application, due to charity status of the building.

692.01 Cllr P.T explained that he was applying to the Big Lottery fund for a grant towards the repairing the roof, re-pebble dashing the exterior of the building, refurbishment of the hall and other aspects of the building and its car park.

692.02 Clerk requested that NALC confirm that Lowca Parish Council are legally entitled to act as the lead fund applicant. Subject that confirmation he as clerk was happy to act as the individual legally responsible for the application, but that Cllr P.T plus his committee would be the primary contact.

692.03 Cllr M.O enquired if the millennium playground refurbishment could be included. As the application has not yet been submitted Cllr P.T would consider doing so.

692.04 Lowca councillors resolved that the parish council would, subject to NALC legal confirmation, be the lead applicant for the funding for such a substantial community project.

693.00 Approve precept for financial year 2019/20

693.01 Clerk advised that the current precept was £7500, he explained that if the council raised it by 2% it would be £7650 and if 3% £7725. That 3% would increase a Band D monthly payment by £1.05 and a Band A payment by 58p per month.

693.02 Lowca parish council resolved to increase the precept to £7725 for 2019/20.

694.00 Progress reports, clerk

694.01 minute 679.01 refers, clerk presented the order form he had completed and submitted to Natural England and then read an email he had received from his NE contact yesterday apologising for the monies not yet being paid.

694.02 Clerk had provided all the Lowca war memorial banks forms to Brian Ennis to arrange for the transfer of the funds to Lowca Parish Council.

694.03 The December Lowdown had been printed and distributed, it had taken him 6½ hours to compile and layout.

694.04 Clerk had attended the St Bridget's Church bell dedication service as had Cllrs T.M and chair M.O. Excellent evening.

694.05 Next Howgate Partnership meeting to be held at Moresby Rugby Club, Tuesday 15th January 2019. 7pm.

695.00 Lowca Councillors Reports

695.01 Cllr P.T confirmed that the Lowca Social Club would be signing the Occupational Licence on 1st January 2019 and making weekly payments to the Lowca Village Hall management committee every Sunday in cash.

695.02 Cllr M.O advised how impressed she was with the St Bridget's church bell dedication service. She also said that there had been a very successful litter pick in the village, which was immediately followed by Storm Deirdre, so rubbish again all over the place.

695.03 Cllr P.T advised that as a result of the storm the bus shelter in East Road had a loose glazed side panels. The glazing spacers had been rattled out by the wind. Clerk to contact Cllr T.M to get the problem inspected.

696.00 Correspondence.

696.01 Clerk had received an email of thanks from St Bridget’s church for the £100 contribution to their church bell fund.

696.02 Clerk had been advised that the December Lowdown did not mention that William Rowley had laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony. Clerk would make the appropriate apology in the next Lowdown.

696.03 Clerk had sent a thank you card to Pauline Cavanagh who had been such a major contributor for the Centenary Lowca Lowdown Memorial booklet. She thanked the councillors for their comments and advised that she was well under way with the task for completing the next War Memorial Centenary celebration due in May 2020.

696.04 Clerk had received notification that the cost of the Parish election on 2nd May 2019 would be £80 if uncontested and £1100 if contested. Lowca is usually an uncontested Poll.

696.05 Clerk had received request for hiring the hall by a charity dealing with mental health issues for a regular keep-fit session once a week. He had forwarded the details to the village hall management team.

697.00 Payments for approval

IntPay 116 M Milner, clerk, £305.69, salary £237.59p and expenses £68.10p

IntPay 117 HMRC clerks PAYE £39.80p

IntPay 118 Printpoint £415.00 Centenary Lowca Lowdown War Memorial booklet.

All approved

698.00 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 7.30pm Lowca Village Hall.

Meeting closed 8.02pm