

LOWCA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 20th December 2017

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

Present: Cllrs Miss M Oliver(chair), T Milligan, Mrs A Oliver, P Todd, Cllr 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, none

510.00 Apologises for absence. Cllr J Crawford LPC, Mrs D Butterworth LPC, Cllr Mrs G Troughton CBC

511.00 Declaration of Interest. Cllr J B CBC, planning matters

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

512.01 The minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr T.M and seconded by Cllr A.O, approved unanimously and signed by the chair.

513.00 Public Participation

No public participation

514.00 Police Report

514.01 Lowca's PCSO Hollie Dennis and PCSO Mark Fishpool were in attendance at the specific request of the clerk as Cllrs had brought to his attention a local fundraising project that potentially involved the parish council. The fund raising and how it was being carried out and whether it was a registered charity, was fully discussed and explained. It was finally decided by the parish council that Cllr P.T would speak to the individual concerned and explain the situation and that the parish council had a separate fund and bank account for a similar project.

515.00 Applications for Development.

515.01 Clerk had received no new development applications, but advised that there were site visits as requested by the parish council to visit application 4/17/2360 for the dwelling opposite Seagrove and 4/17/2289 retrospective app for 6 static caravans. Visits were 10th Jan 2018 and the clerk would attend.

516.00 County and District Councillors Reports

516.00 No specific reports from either district or the county councillors present, holiday period was delaying information and also both public bodies have been subject to an internet virus and it would be end of March 2018 before all equipment is cleaned up. All Cllrs excepted chair's invite to remain for the rest of the meeting.

517.00 Approve precept for financial year 2018/19

517.01 The budget had been discussed at the November meeting and after a brief discussion Cllr T.M proposed that the precept remains as last year £7500 and this was seconded by Cllr P.T and approved by all present.

518.00 A595 Relief Road report.

518.01 The clerk and Cllr M.B (CCC) with the aid of a large scale local area map explained to the parish council the discussions at the meeting and temporary route being proposed to bypass the Lowca Embankment landslip, which had taken place at a Howgate Partnership meeting between the partnership group and Highways England. Hopefully by spring 2018 HE should be in a position to put forward more firm proposals and hold another public drop in meeting.

519.00 Progress Report, Clerk.

519.01 Clerk confirmed that he had as acting secretary for the village hall management committee organised a reconvened AGM meeting for Jan 16th 2018 at 7.30pm and a management committee meeting for Thursday 15th Feb 2018 with an explanation of the occupational licence prior to that meeting. Cllr H.T raised concerns about how CISWO representation was organised and clerk confirmed that he would ask the question of CISWO.

519.02 Clerk had received an email from Natural England that his request for a retrospective funding grant to cover part of the repair to the footbridge between Parton and Lowca on the coastal pathway had been disallowed. Cllr M.B (CCC) to ask why Cumbria had not sought funding for the project.

519.03 Lowca Lowdown for December 2017 were printed and clerk had inserted all the Emergency Plan leaflets.

519.04 BMX track had been cleared of the debris after the bonfire and now had a gate which was locked to stop unauthorised vehicle traffic and potential fly tippers.

519.05 Clerk suggested to the meeting that as next year commemorated 100 years since the end of the Great War and 2020 would celebrate 100 years since the installation of the original war memorial at the old chapel, a sub-committee to be formed but involving local residents not just parish councillors.

520.00 Lowca Councillors Reports

520.01 Cllr P.T thanked the clerk for his intervention with Home Group and the removal of the builders' rubble behind the flats in Ghyll Grove. The removal had highlighted the existence of rats, but problem now resolved and refurbishment work being undertaken.

520.02 Cllr T.M hoped to have the bus shelter glazed this coming week-end and handed over the costs of the installation so far for payment.

521.00 Correspondence.

521.01 PFK are to be the new government external auditors and clerk has signed up for webinar session on 23rd January 2018.

522.00 Payments for approval

IntPay 81 Tom Milligan £630.99, bus shelter groundworks expenses

IntPay 82 M Milner, clerk, £311.40, salary £207.81p and expenses £103.59p

IntPay 79 HMRC clerks PAYE £32.20p

All approved.

Meeting closed 8.49pm

523.00 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 7.30pm Lowca Village Hall.