

# LOWCA PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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

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

Copeland Borough and Cumbria County Councillors: J Bowman CBC, M Barbour CCC.

Clerk: Mike Milner

Members of the public, none

**623.00 Apologies for absence.** H Thinnesen LPC, Mrs A Oliver LPC, J Crawford LPC, Cllr Jackie Bowman CBC.

**624.00 Declaration of Interest.** None

**625.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018, as a true record.**

625.01 Resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record

**626.00 Public Participation,** no public present

**627.00 Police Report**

627.01 Clerk read out the report supplied by PCSO Hollie Denis. Sheep on the Lowca Harrington road and a vehicle fire caused by an electrical problem.

627.02 Cllr T.M asked the clerk to establish if there was an RTC by the school caused a vehicle parked on the double yellows would the illegally parked vehicle be prosecuted?

**628.00 Applications for Development.**

No development applications or approved applications.

**629.00 County and District Councillors Reports**

629.01 Cllr John Bowman advised that Cllr Jackie Bowman was trying to establish if there was Copeland funding for the silent silhouettes.

629.02 Cllr M.B CCC advised nothing involving Lowca to report but discussed further the traffic enforcement officers plans in and around school entrances.

At the end of the agenda item the chair invited both to stay and the invite was accepted.

**630.00 War memorial.**

630.01 Cllr T.M explained that as the silent silhouette may only be short-term loan, he would create a template for a more permanent structure, which he would position elsewhere within the war memorial area and suggested the local British Legion representatives should be photographed in their uniforms at its unveiling.

630.02 Cllr T.M also thought it should be appropriate to finally get the war memorial ground blessed by the local vicar. All agreed an appropriate action and Cllr M.O would see Rev Paul Kerry about organising that event. Promote it in the next Lowca Lowdown.

630.03 Next Lowdown to contain details of the named fallen on the war memorial and be entitled Lowca Lowdown, End of First World War Centenary Commemorative Issue.

### **631.00 Receive accounts for April to June 2018**

631.01 Clerk circulated 3 account sheets to all the Cllrs. One showed the income, expenditure and the bank reconciliation, the other two sheets provided details of the expenditure and the sundry expenses expenditure.

631.02 The bank reconciliation figures confirmed the bank balance on statement 316, of £15144.17 and the chair signed the statement to confirm the fact, after it was resolved to accept the clerks accounts for the period.

### **632.00 Millennium Garden Play Area update.**

632.01 Cllr P.T advised the council that he had another successful meeting with a playground equipment supplier. He was expecting a quote within the next two weeks and would be able to put forward 2 quotations at the September meeting. He also pointed out that the project would probably not be completed until late 2019 as he sought funding.

### **633.00 Progress reports, clerk**

633.01 Clerk confirmed that he had registered the parish council with the Information Commissioner's Office as required by the new data protection legislation at a cost of £40 for the first year. He showed the certificate No ZA442626 to the council.

633.02 Clerk had completed the Lowca Lowdown and had the 400 printed copies with him for Cllrs to distribute

633.03 Clerk asked if all Cllrs had the chair's new mobile number.

633.04 Silent silhouette cost £250, minute 630.01 refers to council action.

633.05 Clerk apologised for misleading Cllrs about a gully repair minute 618.06 refers, actual location Ghyll Grove.

### **634.00 Lowca Councillors Reports**

634.01 Cllr T.M advised Cllr M.B CCC that his request to repair a gully on Lowca Top Rd had resulted in Highways doing the gully directly opposite the one discussed at the last meeting. Could Cllr M.B ask Highways to return and repair the damaged gully. 2 lower down by the school also in need of attention.

634.02 Cllr D.B raised the issue of the shrubs around the war memorial. Cllr T.M has some pots and he would organise their floral content.

634.03 Cllr P.T confirmed that the Welfare management committee had taken the occupational licence to a solicitor for finalising and he was confident that Lowca Social Club would be signing the licence for implementation from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

634.04 Cllr M.O had been involved with Alan Clement from Copeland's Open Spaces team about the over hanging trees at Meadow View. Trees were the responsibility of Home Group and they have put the pruning of them into their winter maintenance schedule.

634.05 Cllr M.O had met with Diana Wade about the pathway across Lowca Brow towards Micklam Brick Works. Funding was to be sought to repair the area.

634.06 Again the council discussed the two warning signs on the Brow about acting responsibility. There is no problem with being on the Brow folk should stay to the pathways, not scramble around on the edge and faces. Newly worded signs are to replace the existing signs. The basic advice to all is that if you remain on the official pathways you will be fine.

634.07 Cllr T.M advised about the accident by the speed humps just below Stamford Hill. The road had been closed for hours and the ambulance service and air ambulance had attended the injured cyclist, plus 2 members of the local community. Clerk to write to both ambulance service and air ambulance thanking them for their dedication in such circumstances.

**635.00 Correspondence.**

635.01 June newsletter received from the Great North Ambulance service.

635.02 Copeland email notifying winners of the school children's "Pupils join fight against dog fouling," competition.

635.03 Email from Cllr Gillian Troughton advising of St Bridget Church's dedication of its new bells on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am.

635.04 Calc notification of their AGM to be held Sat 10<sup>th</sup> November at Newbiggin Village Hall, Penrith.

**636.00 Payments for approval**

IntPay 101 M Milner, clerk, £254.22, salary £156.93p and expenses £97.29p

IntPay 102 HMRC clerks PAYE £19.60p

IntPay 103 Printpoint £155.00 Summer edition Lowca Lowdown.

All approved

**637.00 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm Lowca Village Hall.**

Meeting closed 8.25pm

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