

**MINUTES OF LOWCA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016  
AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:**

**Lowca Parish Councillors**

Miss M J Oliver (chairman)

Mr J Crawford

Mr P Todd.

Mr H Thinnesen

Mrs A Oliver

Mrs D Butterworth

**Parish Clerk**

Mr M Milner

**Copeland District and Cumbria County Councillor**

John Bowman CBC

Jackie Bowman CBC

**Apologises**

Gillian Troughton CBC & CCC

Mr T Milligan

**Meeting Opened:**

The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm.

**332.00 Apologises.**

Duly noted as above.

**333.00 Declaration of Interest**

None

**334.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 20th April, as a true record.**

334.01 The minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr P.T and seconded by Cllr A.O The vote by show of hands was unanimous for approval.

As there was one member of the public present and he wished to discuss a police matter the chairman confirmed there would be no public participation, but the member of the public present could speak during police report.

Cllr H.T joined the meeting at 7.33pm

### **335.00 Police Report**

335.01 The member of the public advised that he and his wife had been subject to problems with local youths, 11 – 14 year olds involving vegetables from the school garden, youngsters knocking on his door and on the previous Friday evening putting ice cream on his doorstep. These actions have caused distress and others in the area are not troubled by such actions.

Cllr J.C joined the meeting 7.36pm

335.02 Lowca's local PCSO Hollie Dennis was in attendance and advised what actions the police could take and would definitely step up visible patrols in the area. She advised the individual was within his rights to take photographs where possible. To consider personal CCTV installation and that a 999 call would be appropriate if made during such actions. Thankfully to date no criminal damage has occurred.

335.03. The chairman pointed out that the council could not get involved as it was a civil matter. However, she would try to establish who the culprits were and advise the police, but her actions were those as a private individual not representing the parish council. The member of the public thanked the council for their time and left 7.45pm.

335.04 Hollie continued with her report and explained why the parish council would no longer get a monthly report generated by her, but that the clerk would have to use the new police website facility. This could save her a shift a month of her time when done by all PC's across her beat.

335.05 Clerk confirmed he had looked at the new facility, once he had mastered its access the system was good and very informative, but 2 months out of date. That issued needed to be resolved and he requested that she report his comment back to her Inspector. Hollie left the meeting and was thanked for her attendance.

### **336.00 Applications for Development.**

None

### **337.00 County and District Councillors Reports**

337.01 Cllr Jackie Bowman, wanted to draw the council's attention to the Consultation document concerning Health Care in Cumbria. There is a lengthy document online with a questionnaire at the end. She wanted to encourage as many local people to complete the form. It was agreed that the clerk would put a notice in the parish noticeboard requesting folk to participate. The website can be found at <http://www.wnecumbria.nhs.uk/> and public have until 5pm on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to respond. Cllr J.B pointed out there were potential three large employers in the area, the new mining project, NuGen and the National Grid.

337.02 Cllr John Bowman reported that Copeland were still having response meetings to the NHS Success Regime document.  
The chair thanked Cllrs Bowman for the contribution and asked if they wished to continue at the meeting, they did.

**338.00 Approve half yearly accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and budget for 2016/17 and proposed budget for 2017/18**

338.01 The clerk had previously circulated all the accounts documents by post and went through them. No questions were raised and the accounts were proposed for acceptance by Cllr D.B and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr A.O. Passed unanimously.

338.02 The council viewed the current year's budget and the proposed 2017/18 budget. Cllr J.C suggested that ideas for village should be discussed at the Nov PC meeting. Once that had been discussed thoughts for a parish precept figure could be more properly established.

**339.00 War memorial and bus shelter progress reports.**

339.01 Clerk reported that the bus shelter licence in place for use of land in East Road, the shelter had been ordered, approx. 4 weeks' delivery and a haulage contractor sorted to collect the item in kit form from London and that Mr Carruthers at Lowca Cottage Farm has kindly offered to unload the pallet using his fork lift equipment.

339.02 Cllr T.M in his absence had sent a war memorial report to say installation of the posts and fencing was in hand.

**340.00 Progress Report, Clerk.**

340.01 Minute 325.01 it was agreed that signage should be installed in the problem areas, the problem been highlighted in the September 2016 Lowca Lowdown. The chair has got an agreement with the waste Services team that they would do a monthly sweep of the area and that she had personally cleared one bag of rubbish reported by a Lowca resident.

340.02 Minute 327.04 the clerk was still awaiting a reply from Highways about a further traffic survey, but councillors all reported large HGV vehicles using East Rd and Stamford Hill.

340.03 Minute 328.02 clerk thanked Cllr J.B CBC, for his contact at Home Group because following an email about 50 Ghyll Grove being empty, within 3 days Home Group confirmed repairs to start shortly and a tenant was waiting to move in.

**341.00 Councillors Reports.**

341.01 Cllr J.C raised the issue of Gallows Lonning, which although not in Lowca parish seemed to be one-way traffic but not for residents or works traffic once inside the road. Clerk to establish the position.

341.02 Cllr H.T understands that a housing development at Moresby, again not in the parish, but reports say all water drainage in the way of run-off water will be into Lowca beck. Concerns about road flooding at Lowca. Clerk to investigate.

**342.00 Correspondence.**

- 342.01 Clerk read out National Grid consultation dates for councillors to attend.
- 342.02 Resident has complained about speeding in Lowca in general and Vale View. The matter has been reported to the police.
- 342.03 Copeland are using a company, David Adamson & Partners to do a survey of private housing stock, could all councillors encourage those who get the questionnaires to respond.
- 342.04 Jenny Barwise new reporter for Whitehaven News/Times and Star
- 342.05 resident complained of black rubbish sack in Vale View and street light not working, the PC Chair had been and removed sack and reported the light.
- 342.06 Damage has been reported to the bridge over Lowca Beck between Parton and Lowca. Clerk has been at request of Cumbria Ranger to view and photograph and email copies to them. It is part of the coastal pathway and Natural Heritage will be approached for funding to repair the bridge.
- 342.07 Report from Chris Shaw on the last Howgate meeting.

**343.00 Payments approved for payment via internet banking.**

- IntPay 37 Shelterstore. £1800.00, 3 Bay Bus shelter
  - IntPay 38 M Milner, clerk, £250.85, salary £215.25p and expenses £35.60p
  - IntPay 39 HMRC clerks PAYE £34.20
  - IntPay 40 Simone Morgan £30.00. Half yearly parish internal audit.
  - IntPay 41 Printpoint £186.00. 400 copies September Lowca Lowdown.
  - IntPay 42 Stan Robinson Haulage. £480.00 Bus shelter collection/delivery
- All approved for payment

Meeting closed 8.55pm

**344.00 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm Lowca Village Hall.**