

# Loweswater Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th January 2016 in Loweswater Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs. Mitchell (Chair), Leck, Meadley, Walker, Todd, Astley and Robinson.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Annison (ABC)

**Also in attendance:** David Smith (Clerk).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **01.16 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **02.16 Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of the November meeting were accepted as an accurate record by the councillors present:

Proposed: Cllr. Astley

Seconded: Cllr. Meadley

The Chair duly signed them.

### **03.16 Public Participation:**

There were no members of the public in attendance and no issues were raised under this agenda item.

### **04.16 The Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk reported that after the November meeting he had undertaken the following actions:

88.15: Clerk and Cllr. Meadley to make further enquiries re: land at Thackthwaite: see below

89.15: Clerk to write to National Grid re: new power lines: Done but no response received.

90.15: Clerk to write to MP re: police funding cuts: Done & response received

91.15: Clerk to develop notice-board proposal and sent to Cllr. Annison: Not Done (see below)

93.15: Clerk to send out all payments: Done

94.15: Clerk to inform the LDNPA of the views of the council: Done.

96.15: Clerk to report street-light problem and wheelie-bin issue to Allerdale BC: Done, see below.

**Mockerkin street-lights:** Further emails have been sent to ABC since the last meeting but there is still one street-light without a replacement bulb and the new pole has not yet been connected by ENW.

**ACTION: Clerk to chase up the replacement bulbs and the connection for the new pole.**

**Land at Thackthwaite:** Following information from Ann Hayton a request has now been made to the Land Registry Office in Durham to see if they can identify the owner of the land.

A list of correspondence received, as below, was read out and duly noted by councillors.

<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>For information</b>	<b>For action</b>
LDNPA Allerdale Members Report: Nov & Dec	X	
CALC Newsletter: Dec/Jan	X	
LDNPA: Notice of Refusal of Planning	X	
Various letters from ABC re: Precept and Council Tax	X	
Letter from Great North Air Ambulance seeking donation	X	X

After some discussion, Councillors agreed that a donation of £50.00 should be made to the Great North Air Ambulance.

**05.16: Chairman's Announcements:**

Cllr. Mitchell informed the meeting that she was increasingly concerned about the state of Mockerkin Hall, which now has a hole in the roof and several roof tiles have fallen to the ground, where they could have injured passersby. The continued deterioration of the attached barn is also a real cause for concern.

**ACTION: Clerk to inform ABC and Cllr. Annison.**

The bench on Mockerkin Green has now been inspected and there is a loose arm. Cllr. Astley offered to see if he could repair the bench.

**ACTION: Cllr. Astley to inspect the bench and see if he can repair the loose arm.**

**06.16: Update from Borough Councillor:**

Cllr. Annison had sent his apologies for not being able to attend due to ill health.

**07.16: Parish Notice-boards Project:**

The Clerk hand round a breakdown of potential costs for the purchase and installation of four new notice-boards for the Parish. The total predicted cost was approximately £2,800. If funding was forthcoming from Allerdale Borough Council (see previous minutes) the clerk suggested that match funding in the region of £800 could be available from Awards for All, The Melbreak Communities local grants fund and Loweswater Parish Council reserve funds.

**ACTION: Clerk to forward the breakdown of costs to Cllr. Annison.**

**08.16 Planning:**

There were no new planning applications to consider.

One Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission had been received:

7/2015/2223: Lowpark, Loweswater - conversion and part re-build of byre to create one dwelling.

The Clerk read out the particulars of the decision which were duly noted by Councillors.

**09.16 Report from the Police:**

A written report had been received in which it was stated that there had been two incidents reported since the last meeting detailed as below:

- On the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 Police received a call regarding two males in high visibility jackets acting suspiciously around a residential garage.
- On the 30<sup>th</sup> December the Police received a report of a tree down near to Loweswater Village Hall. Highways attended the area and closed the road whilst they made the area safe. This happened at around 8am.

Councillors noted the above.

**10.16 Highways issues:**

The councillors present reported the following concerns:

1. All the roads in the Parish need sweeping
2. The drains in the Scale Bridge area need cleaning out

3. The drains at the bottom of Fangs Brow along to Loweswater Hall need cleaning out.
4. The drains between Church Bridge and Kirkgate Farm need cleaning out.
5. There are pot holes at the top of Fangs Brow and half way down Fangs Brow.
6. There are pot holes by Netherclose on the minor road.
7. There are pot holes by Thrushbank,
8. There are pot holes along Maggie Lonning.
9. There is a sunken stretch of tarmac to the NE of Scale Hill Bridge

**ACTION: Clerk to request that the road sweeper (ABC) pay a visit to the Parish.**

**ACTION: Clerk to report the above to Cumbria Highways.**

**11.16 Melbreak Communities Update:**

The Clerk informed the meeting that Ian and Cheryl Aitken had decided to step back from the running of the Coffee and Cake mornings and that new volunteers were being sought to ensure the continuation of these fund-raising sessions.

**12.16 Finance:**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the balance of the main account as of the most recent bank statement dated 15th December 2015 was £2,464.77p with all payments agreed at the last meeting having cleared through the account. The balance of the reserve account was £2,359.98p thus giving a total balance of £4,824.75p

The Clerk reported that following payments were outstanding:

i: Loweswater Village Hall Rent 2015:	£90.00p
ii: D. Smith Salary Qtr 3:	£252.35p
iii: HMRC PAYE Qtr 3:	£53.00p
iv: D. Smith expenses Qtr 3:	£33.00p

All councillors present agreed to these payments.

Taking the above payments into account, the reconciled balance of the main PC account as of 7th January 2016 is £2,036.42p, giving a total reconciled balance of £4,396.40p.

**ACTION: Clerk to send out all payments.**

**13.16 Date of next meeting:**

**Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 8.00pm in Loweswater Village Hall.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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