

# Loweswater Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th September 2017 in Loweswater Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs. Mitchell (Chair), Leck, Robinson, Astley, Todd, & Thompson

**Apologies:** Cllrs. Meadley, Annison (ABC) & Cllr. Bowness (CCC).

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **60.17 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

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

Proposed: Cllr. Thompson

Seconded: Cllr. Leck

The Chair duly signed them.

### **62.17 Public Participation:**

No issues were raised under this agenda item.

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

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

50.17: Clerk to meet up with the contractor at Thackthwaite Green: Not done (see below)

52.17: Cllr. Annison to chase up the missing wheelie bin from the Waterend lay-by: Cllr. Annison not in attendance.

53.17: Clerk to send out all payments: Done

54.17: Clerk to inform the LDNPA of the views of the Council: Done

55.17: Clerk to complete and return the CALC survey: Done

57.17: Clerk to report concerns to highways Hotline: Done and ref numbers received

58.17: Cllr. Thompson to put together a list of Mockerkin contacts for Melbreak Communities: Done

58.17: Cllr. Mitchell to see if it will be possible to store hydro snakes and sacks at the village hall: Ongoing

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>
CALC Newsletter July/August	X	
Report from Allerdale Parishes LDNPA member: July & August	X	
BDO End of audit Report	X	
Email from Allerdale Planning re: Tarn Banks app withdrawal	X	

All relevant emails were forwarded to Councillors.

**Thackthwaite Green:** a meeting was held on August 23rd on site with two local residents, Cllr. Mitchell and the Clerk. The issues raised at the meeting will be discussed under a separate agenda item (see below).

**The Notice-boards Project:** The notice-boards are now in place and Cllr. Annison is to arrange for an opening ceremony with the Leader of Allerdale BC in attendance. The three old notice-boards that are to be re-used have been left at The Grange.

**ACTION: Cllr. Annison to arrange a date for the official opening of the boards.**

**64.17: Chairman's Announcements:**

Cllr. Mitchell explained that she and the Clerk had attended two meetings on site at Thackthwaite Green, one at which the contractor failed to turn up and one with two local residents. She went on to explain that the local residents had expressed some concerns about the overgrown state of the site and in particular the condition of two large larch trees on the site. The Chair also explained that the two local residents had been maintaining the front of the site for some time.

Cllr. Astley stated that he had been to have a look at the site and his main concern was the state of the fence and the wooden bench by the road-side. He felt that both the fence and the bench were unsound and ideally should be removed. He further stated that the two larch trees had not struck him as being unsafe and he felt that if a tree was healthy then it should be left well alone.

Cllr. Astley explained that in his role as National Trust warden for the area he quite often undertook environmental work with local school children and volunteers and he felt that this site might benefit from such a work party. Those present agreed that this was a good idea.

After some discussion it was agreed that the following actions should be undertaken:

**ACTION: Cllr. Astley to arrange for a site visit with a work party of school children.**

**ACTION: Cllr. Mitchell to contact local residents and explain what was discussed and what was agreed at the meeting.**

**ACTION: Cllr. Astley to assess the condition of the two larch trees.**

**ACTION: Those Cllrs who had not been able to visit the site before the meeting are to do so in the coming weeks.**

**65.17: Update from the Borough Councillor:**

Cllr. Annison was unable to attend the meeting.

**66.17: Finance:**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the balance of the main account as of the most recent bank statement dated 15th August 2017 was £4,933.18p with all payments agreed at the last meeting having cleared through the account. The balance of the reserve account was £2,361.97p thus giving a total balance of £7,295.15p

The Clerk reported that the following payments were outstanding:

i. D. Smith - Clerk's salary Qtr2 17/18:	£293.20p
ii. HMRC PAYE Qtr2 17/18:	£63.20p
iii. D.Smith Expenses Qtr2 17/18:	£88.00p
iv: CALC Training Course:	£35.00p
v: W.S. Reid - notice-boards:	£2,784.00p
vi: Loweswater Village Hall - rent 2017:	£90.00p

Councillors agreed to these payments. Taking the above payments into account, the total reconciled balance of the two accounts as of 7th September 2017 was £3,940.75p.

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

**67.17: Planning:**

There were no new planning applications to consider.

It was noted that the following planning application had been withdrawn:

Ref: 2/2017/0240  
Applicant: Mr. Peter Brown  
Proposal: Conversion and extension of former barn to form 4 bed residential dwelling.  
Location: Tarn Banks, Mockerkin

Allerdale BC Planning Dept. has contacted the Clerk regarding the pontoon on Mockerkin Tarn stating that no planning regulations have been broken but officers will keep an eye on the situation.

Cllr. Astley asked that the Parish Council contact United Utilities and ask them what their plans are for Crummock Water once the new pipeline is fully operational.

**ACTION: Clerk to write to United Utilities re: Crummock Water.**

**68.17: Report from the Police:**

The Clerk reported that, according to the police website there had been no reported incidents in the parish, though the website had not been updated since the end of June.

**69.17: Highways issues:**

The Clerk provided Councillors with an update on the issues raised at previous meetings:

1. The pothole at Fangs Brow has been dealt with.
2. The second salt bin for Mockerkin will be delivered shortly.
3. The resurfacing of the road from the Kirkstile to Muncaster House is currently being assessed.

Highways concerns raised by Councillors:

- Drains by Loweswater Hall blocked
- Water running off the field by Miresyke
- Brambles etc. requiring cutting back along the road side at the northern end of Loweswater.
- Culvert under the road blocked down from Thrushbank.
- Drains either side of Midtown, on Sosgill Road blocked.
- Drains by the wall at Beechcroft Farm, Mockerkin, need cleaning.
- Blocked culvert under the road to Barrowgate, on Sosgill Raod.
- Cutting back of the vegetation along the road side up to Fangs Brow required.

One other issue was raised and that concerned the sometimes inconsiderate parking of people who are visiting the Kirkstile Inn. It was agreed that a letter should be written to the owners of the Kirkstile asking them to highlight this issue with their customers.

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

**ACTION: Cllr. Mitchell to provide Clerk with map of drains requiring attention in Mockerkin.**

**ACTION: Clerk to write to the Kirkstile Inn.**

**70.17: Melbreak Communities Update:**

Cllr. Thompson informed the meeting that the Emergency Plan leaflets had now been delivered to Mockerkin where a local meeting had been arranged to discuss the formation of a Mockerkin specific

telephone tree. Cllr. Mitchell had been informed that there would probably be no room at the Village Hall to store some of the hydro sacks and snakes. The next meeting is to be held in October.

**71.17: Date of next meeting:**

**Thursday 2nd November 2017 at 8.00pm.**

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

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