

Loweswater Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2014 at Loweswater Village Hall

38.14 **Present:** Cllrs: Coles, Leck & Hayton.

39.14 **Apologies:** Cllrs. Todd, Mitchell & Meadley & Walker.

Cllr. Coles, the Chair for the meeting, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

40.14 **Declarations of Interest:**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

41.14 **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2014 were accepted as a true and accurate record by all the councillors present.

The Chair duly signed them.

42.14 **Public Participation:**

There were no issues were raised under the agenda item.

43.14 **Clerk's Report:**

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

- 23.14: Clerk to send out payments: Done.
- 25.14: Clerk to invite Sarah Brown, the new PCSO for Loweswater, to the May meeting: Done.
- 26.14: Clerk to report issues highlighted to the Highways Hotline

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received since the last meeting:

| Correspondence | For information | For action |
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| CALC April & May Newsletters | X | |
| CCC: Go Cumbria Bus Timetables | X | |

44.14 **Chairman's Announcements:**

Cllr. Coles reported that he had received two planning applications from Allerdale BC but would deal with them under the agenda item below.

He had sent a letter to the owners of Thrushbank regarding the flow of water onto the adjacent road but had not yet received a response.

A letter had also been received from Cllr. Hayton thanking the Council for the book that was sent to him.

45.14 Mockerkin Village Green:

Further to this issue being discussed at the January and March meetings, it would appear that no progress has been made with regard to getting the grass cut on the greens.

In the absence of Cllr. Walker and Cllr. Mitchell, the two Mockerkin Councillors, and after some discussion, it was agreed that Cllr. Leck should contact Cllr. Walker to see if a local volunteer had been found. If this has not happened then the Clerk is to be informed and he is to approach Richard McCree, a grounds maintenance contractor, to obtain a price for a 'on-off' cut.

ACTION: Cllr. Leck to contact Cllr. Walker to see if a suitable volunteer has been found and contact Cllr. Coles with the information.

46.14 Council Finance:

The Clerk reported that the balance as per the bank statement 20/04/14 for the main account was £2,500.56p, this including the first half of the precept at £1,100.00p. The amount in the Business Money Manager Account was £2,356.70p thus giving a total balance of £4,857.26p.

There were three payments to be agreed at the May meeting:

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| CALC Annual Subscription: | £102.00p |
| Zurich Municipal Insurance: | £243.80p |
| T.W. Airey Grounds maintenance: | £135.00p |

The above payments were agreed by councillors.

Taking all the above payments into account, the reconciled balance for the main account, as of May 8th 2014, is £2,019.76p, which together with the reserve account balance gives a total balance and a total balance of £4,376.46p

ACTION: Clerk to send out payments.

47.14 Planning Matters:

There were one new planning application to discuss:

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| Ref: | 7/2014/2103 |
| Location: | High Park, Loweswater, Cockermouth CA13 0RU |
| Proposal: | New extension to house, en-suite bathroom and conversion of existing lean-to offshoot to provide guest accommodation. |
| Reply by: | 29/05/2014 |

Councillors decided to take the application away with them for further consideration.

ACTION: Cllr. Coles to inform the Clerk of the views of Councillors before the 29th May and the Clerk is to relay these views to the Planning Authority.

An application had been dealt with by councillors between meetings:

Ref: 2/2014/1037
Location: Merrighyll, Mockerkin
Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and creation of new extension to include garage space.

Councillors had 'No Objections' to this application.

48.14 Report from the Police:

No report had been received and no apologies for absence despite the PCSO, Sarah Brown, being invited to the meeting. Cllr. Leck reported that some hay bales had been stolen from a farm within the parish since the last meeting and that the incident had been reported to the police.

49.14 Highways Matters:

Cllr. Coles reported that there were three pot holes on the Netherclose Road that needed attention. Cllr. Leck reported that some works had been undertaken on the main road through the valley filling pot holes.

Prior to leaving the meeting, Cllr. Bowness (CCC) had informed the meeting that Cumbria Highways were keen to work with Parish Councils on identifying all the drains and gullies in their parish as much of this information appears to have been lost.

ACTION: Clerk and councillors to contact Highways Hotline, 0845 609 6609, and inform Cumbria Highways of the above issues.

50.14 New Financial Regulations:

The Clerk suggested postponing this agenda item until the July meeting when, hopefully, there would be more councillors in attendance.

51.14 Melbreak Communities Update:

Provided during the Annual Parish Meeting.

52.14 Date of next meeting:

Thursday 3rd July 2014 in Loweswater Village Hall at 8.00pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date

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