

**Loweswater Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on:**

**Thursday 14th May 2015 at Loweswater Village Hall**

**39.15**      **Present:** Cllrs: Coles, Mitchell, Leck, Meadley, Walker, Astley & Todd.

Also in attendance: Cllr. Annison (ABC), David Robinson & David Smith (Clerk).

**40.15**      **Apologies:** PCSO Sarah Brown.

Cllr. Mitchell, the Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**41.15**      **Declarations of Interest:**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**42.15**      **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr. Coles

Seconded: Cllr. Meadley

The Chair duly signed them.

**43.15**      **Public Participation:**

There were no members of the public present and no issues were raised by the Councillors present under this agenda item.

**44.15**      **Co-option of new Councillor:**

The Clerk informed the meeting that after the Parish council elections held on May 7th there had been one vacancy on the Council. As this was the first meeting after the election it would be possible to co-opt a new Councillor without having to advertise the vacancy.

Cllr. Coles informed the meeting that David Robinson had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. David gave a brief personal history to those present.

Cllr. Mitchell proposed that David Robinson be co-opted onto Loweswater Parish Council and this was seconded by Cllr. Meadley.

All the Councillors agreed to the co-option.

**45.15**      **The Parish Council Election:**

The Clerk took councillors through the various forms that had to be completed and signed prior to being delivered to Allerdale BC before June 4th.

**ACTION: Clerk to deliver all paperwork associated with the recent election to Allerdale BC before June 4th.**

**ACTION: Clerk to issue electronically the various documents required by new Councillors to Cllrs. Astley and Robinson**

**46.15 Clerk's Report:**

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

- 21.15: Clerk to collect all nomination forms and deliver to Allerdale BC: Done
- 22.15: Clerk to finalise details of grass cutting on Mockerkin Green: Done(See below)
- 24.15: Clerk to send out payments: Done
- 27.15: Clerk to report items of concern to Cumbria Highways and arrange visit: Done
- 27.15: Clerk to request the road sweeper visit the Parish: Done, visit by the end of May.

Richard McCree will cut The Green at Mockerkin once a month, May to October. The cost will be £60.00 per cut, £360 for the season.

There followed some discussion regarding the tethering of a horse on the village green at Mockerkin and the potential implications for the Parish Council. It was agreed to have a look at the deeds to see what, if any, conditions or restrictions there are on the use of the land. Once this has been done an appropriate letter will be delivered to Mr. Steel, the owner of the horse in question.

**ACTION: Cllr. Meadley to get the deeds from the solicitor.**

**ACTION: Clerk to read through the deeds and compose a draft letter for checking by the Chair.**

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

<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>For information</b>	<b>For action</b>
Nugen: Consultation Information	X	
LDNPA Allerdale Members Report: April	X	X
CALC Newsletter April & May	X	
Zurich Municipal Insurance Quote	X	
Precept information from Allerdale BC	X	

**47.15 Chairman's Announcements:**

There were no announcements.

**48.15 Council Finance:**

The Clerk reported that the first tranche of the precept, £1,225.01p had been received on April 1st. The balance as per the bank statement 15/04/15 for the main account was £2,772.62p. The amount in the Business Money Manager Account was £2,358.34p thus giving a total balance of £5,130.96p.

There were three payments to be agreed:

CALC Subscription 15/16:	£106.00p
Zurich Municipal Insurance cover 15/16:	£243.80p
Richard McCree Grounds Maintenance May:	£60.00p

The above payments were agreed by councillors.

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

**48.15      Planning Matters:**

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

Planning applications dealt with between meetings:

7/2015/2071: Crabtree Beck Cottage, Loweswater - remedial work to ground-floor walls and floor  
A response of 'No Objections' was sent.

WTPO/2015/0006: Grey Knotts, Mockerkin - works to trees covered by TPO  
A response of 'No Objections' was sent.

Councillors were asked to note the following:

Notice of Grant of Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent  
7/2014/2304 & 2305: Godferhead, Loweswater - convert existing bothy to a luxury holiday let.

Permitted development:

7/2015/2039: Farm land situated above Thackthwaite - installation of steel framed farm building

There followed some discussion on the best method for accessing planning applications by Councillors between meetings. It was agreed to continue with method of passing on the hard copy application from Councillor to Councillor.

**49.15      Report from the Police:**

A report from the Police had been received in which it was stated that there had been five incidents in the parish reported to the police since the March meeting.

- On 3<sup>rd</sup> April there was a 1 vehicle Road Traffic Collision on Fangs Brow, the driver had minor injuries.
- On 4<sup>th</sup> April three cars were broken into whilst parked on Fangs Brow and property stolen from the vehicles. Advice has been given to walkers, cyclists etc. who leave cars unattended.
- On 14<sup>th</sup> April 100 Gallons of heating oil was stolen from the Village Hall. The committee is to improve security.
- On 21<sup>st</sup> April there was an accident on Fangs Brow where the occupant of a vehicle suffered minor injuries.
- On 22<sup>nd</sup> April the police received reports of a suspicious male trying to sell Chainsaws and other items around Loweswater. The area was searched for his vehicle.

**50.15      Highways Matters:**

The Clerk reported that on May 7th he had met with two members of the Highways team and undertaken a tour of the Parish looking at issues of concern. These included the Thackthwaite Road,

