

## **Loweswater Parish Council Meeting**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 commencing at 7.30pm in Loweswater village hall.**

Meeting opened: - The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs D Robinson (chair) K Leck, C Todd , K Mitchell, M Astley, L Meadley

Cumbria County Councillor and Allerdale District. Neither present.

Clerk: Mike Milner, no members of the public.

Apologises, Cllr R Thompson (LPC), Cllr A Bowness (CCC).

#### **358.00 Apologies for absence, as noted above.**

#### **359.00 Declarations of interest.** None

#### **360.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last Loweswater Parish Council held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021, as a true record.**

360.01 Resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.

#### **361.00 Public Participation.** No members of public present.

#### **362.00 Police Matters.**

347.01 No police reports. Clerk had circulated the police e-newsletter except last week's about flood info.

#### **363.00 Planning Applications.**

363.01 Clerk had circulated 7/2021/2313 Holme Wood a new track for NT, but it was for info only. Likewise, 7/2021/2305 a timber store on land west of Loweswater Vicarage, info only. Clerk confirmed 7/2021/2220 Hudson Place Farm, conversion of a barn to residential, discussed and no objection at last meeting, has been granted planning approval.

#### **364.00 Matters concerning District and County Councillors.** neither present.

#### **365.00 Receive internally audited 6 months parish accounts ending 30/9/2021.**

365.01 Clerk had circulated the audited accounts for the half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021, councillors raised no issues with the accounts and resolved to accept them.

#### **366.00 Budget proposals for financial year 2022/23 for precept assessment.**

366.01 Clerk had circulated current budget figures and also proposed for the next financial year 2022/23. There were no decisions to be made at this meeting but in January, the councillors would have to decide on a precept figure.

#### **367.00 Complete forms to close HSBC Bmm a/c 40-18-03 \*\*\*\*\*393 funds already transferred to HSBC current a/c.**

367.01 further to minute 351.01 clerk has transferred the £2372.26 from the above account to the current account.

367.02 The interest earned in the last 6 months amounted to 12p, an account attracting an £8 a monthly bank charge, is totally financially inappropriate. Clerk therefore recommended closing the account.

367.03 Cllrs agreed unanimously to close the savings account and two bank signatories duly signed the form downloaded from the HSBC website. Clerk to submit the form to HSBC.

### **368.00 Mockerkin Green, rewilding, grass cutting and common land ownership.**

368.01 Cllr K M reported that the first season of using a contractor to cut the 2 larger of the 3 areas of Mockerkin Green had been very successful. Cllr M A and C T would liaise to complete the harrowing and seed sowing. Cllr M A had the seed.

368.02 Clerk authorised to bring all the green ownership documentation under one portfolio.

### **369.00 Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations June 2022**

369.01 Chair Cllr D R had been talking to various organisations and Blindbothel chair, a beacon in Lorton was discussed, but nothing confirmed. Remain as ongoing agenda item.

### **370.00 Progress reports, clerk**

370.01 Mockerkin Tarn has now gained a large shipping container, which the clerk has brought to the attention of Allerdale planning office. It now has a chalet and a container; it was mentioned that the original small caravan as a very small fish food store seemed a long time ago. Planning officer had asked for ownership details of the land, but Cllrs and clerk know it was the same owner when the small caravan was the issue. Clerk had advised Cllr C B (ABC) of the request and that the information should be on ABC records.

370.02 Clerk confirmed that the extension of the road improvements and resurfacing from Fangs Brow was currently ongoing and should be finished shortly.

370.03 Cllr K L was pleased to announce that she had located and uncovered with the contractors help a road gully that had been tarmaced over.

370.04 Still no action by LDNP Planning Dept' over the 3 posh glamping pods on the Loweswater and Blindbothel boundary. Clerk circulated a recent weekend newspaper supplement that carried a promotion for the offending company. Cllr M A advised that NT had written to the company stating they are in breach of a covenant about wheeled vehicles on the land.

### **371.00 Loweswater Councillors reports.**

371.01 Cllr K M advised she had tried to join a GDF meeting run by Calc and Copeland, but the Teams link provided by email did not function.

371.02 Chair advised that at a Melbreak meeting they were discussing the success of the swift box initiative.

371.03 Cllr C T advised that the gully drain below the Kirkstile Inn was blocked. Clerk will photograph and report on HIMs when he puts the minutes in the Loweswater noticeboard.

### **372.00 Correspondence.**

372.01 Invoice received from Simone Morgan, it covers her year end accounts audit 20/21 and the latest half yearly audit, £30 for each, £60 in total.

372.02 Cluran Landscape final grounds contract invoice £96.00 as per contract.

372.03 Great North Air Ambulance annual request for a donation. Clerk confirmed £150 donated last year. Cllr M A proposed £150, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr L M and unanimously resolved.

**373.00.00 Payments for approval.**

M Milner Intpay 71, £284.46, salary £234.96 Sept/Oct. £49.50 Sept/Oct expenses

HMRC PAYE Intpay 72, £58.80 PAYE

Cluran Landscape Intpay73, £96.00 Mockerkin Green September cut.

Simone Morgan Intpay74, £60.00 audit fees.

Great North Air Ambulance Intpay75, £150.00 Donation to running costs

All approved

Meeting closed 8.23pm.

**374.00 Date and time of next meeting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm, the meeting will be held in Loweswater Village Hall.**

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