

Loweswater Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th July 2022 at Loweswater Village Hall.

Meeting opened: - The acting chair declared the parish meeting open at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs K Leck (acting chair), C Todd , M Astley, L Meadley.

Cumbria County Councillor and Allerdale District. Neither present. Cumberland Council shadow councillor Jill Perry present.

Clerk, Mike Milner.

Apologies, A Bowness, (CCC), R Thompson (LPC), D Robinson (LPC chair),

418.00 Apologies for absence, as noted above.

419.00 Declarations of interest. None

420.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last Loweswater Parish Council held on Thursday 5th May 2022, as a true record.

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

421.00 To confirm co-option of Melanie Mackay, Stone Barns, Mockerkin, CA13 0ST.

421.01 clerk confirmed that he had made appropriate checks to confirm that Melanie Mackay was qualified to be co-opted to the parish council. He had circulated a CV supplied by the lady and that the parish council chair had conducted a telephone interview and had confirmed that the candidate was a suitable individual for the vacancy.

421.02 Cllr M A proposed her co-option, seconded by Cllr L M and unanimously resolved.

422.00 Public Participation. No members of public present.

423.00 Police Matters.

423.01 No police reports. Clerk had circulated the police e-newsletters.

424.00 Planning Applications.

424.01 clerk confirmed that he had received notification that 7/2022/2084 The Vicarage had been approved. 7/2022/2089 Oakbank Farm, dwelling use approved. Low Side, Thackthwaite removal of conservatory and replace with sitting room extension, approved. Finally Oakbank Lodge 7/2022/2070 approved.

425.00 Matters concerning District and County Councillors. Neither present.

425.01 clerk had invited the new shadow Cumberland Council councillor Jill Perry to attend, and she introduced herself, but she has known the area well from childhood. Acting chair thanked her for attending and invited her to stay which she did.

426.00 Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations report and resolve the parish council's final financial outlay.

426.01 all Cllrs agreed it had been a resounding success, the weather had been perfect, and the tree planting at The Grange followed by the lunch at Loweswater Village Hall had been well attended. As Cllr M A remarked the day could not have been better.

426.02 Cllr L M advised that there had been a raffle on the day, which after the monies for the bunting etc had been taken out it left a balance of £50.00. These "proceeds of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Lunch" from all who participated on the day were passed to the clerk. Clerk advised that he had received an invoice from Cllr M A raised by the tree supplier made out to the parish council, but that Cllr M A had paid for it, so he needed to be reimbursed. Therefore, clerk proposed that he handed the £50 directly to Cllr M A, which he did and that he would then with the Cllrs approval pay the balance of £61.00 by bank transfer as an approved payment. All Cllrs resolved that action.

426.03 Cllrs noted that the parish council had allocated a £100 budget for the QPJ event, that the tree had cost the parish £61 and the brass plaque £30.95, therefore under budget.

427.00 Receive the Loweswater Parish Council's first quarter accounts 2022/23. All documents circulated prior to the meeting.

427.01 clerk had circulated the documents and asked if there were any questions. No issues raised, clerk presented a HSBC bank statement confirming the end of period bank balance, which tallied with the bank rec' document circulated, and acting chair signed the bank document to confirm the accuracy. Cllrs resolved to accept the accounts.

428.00 Reaffirm the Loweswater Parish Council Finance Code, circulated to councillors.

428.01 clerk advised the code was identical to the previous year's and was based on the Nalc official document. Cllrs resolved unanimously to reaffirm the code.

429.00 Reaffirm the Loweswater Parish Council Standing Orders, circulated to Cllrs.

429.01 clerk again confirmed that the Standing Orders were identical to the previous year's document. He advised that he had retained the emergency meeting section using Zoom or Teams, just in case. Cllrs resolved unanimously to reaffirm the code.

430.00 Progress reports, clerk.

430.01 all accounts documents where appropriate had been forwarded to PKF, which had been acknowledged, they were also all on the website and there was a notice in all the noticeboards inviting inspection if any parishioner wishes.

430.02 as per minute 412.03 clerk had obtained quotation for brass plaque for the QPJ tree planting with inscription as requested, £30.95, paid and installed.

430.03 clerk is still pursuing the Allerdale planning enforcement officer about the container and chalet located at Mockerkin Tarn.

430.04 it has been noted that there is still water pooling in the road gutter by Loweswater Hall. Clerk had contacted the UU engineer who had dealt with the issue on a previous occasion when the UU engineering team had fixed the major leak into the property. The engineer responded advising he didn't think it was a water leak from the property water supply however he had added the rider that UU would not be paying for any further repairs at the property.

431.00 Councillors reports.

431.01 Cllr K L reported that the additional approved emergency phone mast on the right as one drove up Fangs Brow was now under construction.

432.00 Correspondence.

432.01 Information Commissioners Office had advised Data Protection certificate was due for renewal. £40 annual fee paid by clerk and now valid until July 2023.

432.02 Cllr L M had forwarded to the clerk various WhatsApp messages she had received about a water main laid across a landowner's property in the Thackthwaite Road area and also HGV's problems on Scale Hill. The author of the original material was not a parish resident and the parish council have no power over utility supplies unless a specific planning application raised and traffic problems on roads is a Highways matter. No action by clerk.

432.03 A local resident had provided a weblink covering the Loweswater QPJ tree planting in the grounds of The Grange and luncheon at the village hall afterwards.

432.04 clerk had received 2 invoices from Cluran Landscaping for May and June for payment, both £37.98 the agreed contract price.

432.05 clerk had circulated Geoff Davis monthly report.

432.06 ENW has sent their annual cheque in payment of the Wayleave rent £22.83, banked 28th June. Clerk advised that he anticipated a charge of 80p for banking it. Cllr M A remarked that when ENW had paid out compensation in the last storm, they issued thousands of cheques, ENW's system cannot, as clerk confirmed, is not able to create BACs transfers.

432.07 United Utilities were in the process of contacting parish councils affected by the removal of the Crummock Water Wier and would be doing a presentation to each parish council concerned by their action before advising the public of the plans. Project planned to start 2025.

433.00.00 Payments for approval.

M Milner Intpay 86, £354.11, salary £234.96 May/June. £119.15 expenses.

HMRC PAYE Intpay 87, £58.80 PAYE 2 months.

Cluran Landscape Intpay 88, £75.96, May/June cuts Mockerkin Green.

Mark Astley Intpay 89, £61.00, reimbursement towards purchase of £111.00 QPJ tree, handed £50.00 in cash from raffle proceeds. Minute 426.02.

HSBC 2 monthly bank account charges of £8.00 taken as a standing bank deduction. £16.00.

All approved

Meeting closed 8.11pm.

434.00 Date and time of next meeting Thursday 8th September 2022 at 7.30pm, at Loweswater Village Hall.