

## **Loweswater Parish Council Meeting**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at Loweswater Village Hall.**

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

Present: Cllrs D Robinson(chair) K Leck, C Todd, P Battrick, R Thompson, L Meadley.

Cumberland Council councillor, Jill Perry

Clerk, Mike Milner.

Apologies, M Astley.

**687.00 Apologies for absence,** as noted above.

**688.00 Declarations of interest.** None

**689.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last Loweswater Parish Council held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, as a true record.**

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

**690.00 Public Participation.** No members of public present.

**691.00 Police Matters.**

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

**692.00 Applications for development.**

692.01 clerk had circulated all the documents involved with 7/2024/2124 concerning Askill Farm and its retrospective section 73a application.

692.02 there was a detailed discussion about the current application, its attached documentation and how it differed from the application that was rejected by Planning Inspectorate in February 2024. There were also concerns about noise etc from the site.

692.03 chair after listening to the numerous comments asked for a vote on the application, and the proposal accepted was that the parish council would object to the application. Clerk to prepare the objection document and circulate for councillors to inspect, prior to submission by 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**693.00 Matters concerning Cumberland Councillor.**

693.01 Cllr J P reported CC had completed a housing needs survey. Funding was available for community groups, appropriately licensed, to assist with food production, but now can be used towards pollination projects. Current funding for community projects deadline was 7<sup>th</sup> August.

693.02 chair thanked Cllr J P for her attendance and invited her to remain, which she accepted.

**694.00 Visitor management report.**

694.01 clerk was able to advise although the initial warm weather had brought lots of visitors, no real issues handling the numbers. He could report that all agencies reported that it was noticeable that visitor numbers on weekdays were higher this year. Usual issues in Buttermere with parking. Loweswater Cllrs reported busy by Loweswater both sides of the road but no obstruction of vehicles.

**695.00 UU Crummock Water weir removal.**

695.01 clerk advised that as far as he was aware, UU had finished their recent investigative works around the weir and the planning application was anticipated in September 2024. He could report that Loweswater and Lorton Cllrs had been involved with discussions with UU, NT and Natural England about the wetland area behind the current wave wall and the Bog Myrtle on the area. It has been now been officially recognised as a conservation area and NE are not concerned about the removal of the concrete wall as the area is serviced by a natural spring.

695.02 a discussion considered the removal of the wall, surely that would allow water to flow, but Cllr C T pointed out a wide compacted pathway would remain which would retain the water flow.

**696.00 Receive the Loweswater Parish Council’s first quarters accounts 2024/25. All documents circulated prior to the meeting.**

696.01 clerk confirmed that he had circulated all the documents, no questions had been raised. He therefore provided the chair with bank statement confirming the opening and closing bank balances, which confirmed the ledger bank reconciliation. Cllrs unanimously agreed that the chair sign the bank statement confirming their approval of the accounts.

**697.00 Seat refurbishment on Coffin Trail, situated on private land.**

697.01 clerk updated Cllrs on his various email exchanges with the group keen to initially repair the seat, then also the family who had supplied details of the history of the seat and images of their recent repairs. Clerk had put the various parties in touch with one another.

697.02 Cllr P B confirmed the repair was adequate as he had sat on it a few days earlier.

697.03 clerk had emailed the owner of the land who lives at Hudson Place, but had received no reply. Cllrs unanimously agreed that as the seat was on private land and the council having no jurisdiction on structures on private land, clerk and council to take no further action.

**698.00 Progress reports, clerk**

698.01 clerk confirmed all the accounts docs had been submitted to external auditor, Moore, and were as necessary displayed on the website and in the noticeboards.

**699.00 Loweswater Councillors reports.**

699.01 Cllr R T advised that there was a Melbreak Communities committee meeting next week which she would be attending and chair confirmed his attendance as well.

699.02 Cllr K L advised that Fibrus were in the process of installing the high-speed fibre cable in her area and that she and The Grange, would be receiving their supply by overhead cable. The gentleman who attended the parish council in March 2024, minute notes 659.00 refer, was definitely not being connected according to Cllr K L following conversation with the installation team. Clerk would bring that to the Buttermere chair’s attention as she is similarly marginalised.

**700.00 Correspondence.**

700.01 Highways had advised that the Hudson’s Place footbridge would be shut for repairs.

700.02 Bad Spring weather had delayed the initial cut of Mockerkin Green grass. Clerk had contacted the contractor and the first cut was completed on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

700.03 as this meeting being held on General Election polling day clerk had exchanged emails with Paul Winfindale who organises Loweswater Hall bookings and he and clerk had agreed the big hall would be available for July meeting.

700.04 Lakes Parish Council email of no confidence in LDNP circulated.  
700.05 ENW had sent their Wayleave annual cheque to clerk on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, £22.83, which clerk had banked that day at PO.  
700.06 ICO, Data Protection registration was due for renewal 4<sup>th</sup> July. Clerk had completed the online renewal registration and paid the £40 fee, reclaimed in his latest expenses for this meeting.

**701.00.00 Payments for approval.**

M Milner Intpay156, £158.56, salary June, no expenses.  
HMRC PAYE Intpay152, Clerks tax £37.20, June PAYE  
The above payments made to conform with HMRC reporting and payment legislation.  
M Milner Intpay 153, £246.16, salary £148.56 May. £97.60 expenses. May/June  
HMRC PAYE Intpay 154, £37.20 PAYE June.  
Cluran Landscape Intpay 155, £39.60. June Mockerkin cut.  
HSBC June/July monthly bank account charges of £8.00per month taken as a standing bank deduction. 80p additional charge for banking wayleave cheque.  
All approved

Meeting closed 8.17pm.

**702.00 Date and time of next meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30pm, at Loweswater Village Hall.**