

Loweswater Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th November 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 (vice-chair),
L Meadley.

Cumberland Councillor, not present

Clerk, Mike Milner.

Apologies. J Perry, Cumberland Cllr.

717.00 Apologies for absence, as noted above.

718.00 Declarations of interest. None

719.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last Loweswater Parish Council held on Thursday 5th September 2024, as a true record.

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

720.00 Public Participation. No members of public present.

721.00 Police Matters.

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

722.00 Applications for development.

722.01 clerk had received 2 planning applications since September meeting. FUL/2024/0074, Kilndale Farm, Mockerkin, installation of a slurry store, no councillors raised any objections and planning office confirmed approved. The second application HOU/2024/0155 Parkside, Mockerkin, addition of a conservatory on the front of the bungalow, no objections by councillors, but planning office decision still awaited.

723.00 Matters concerning Cumberland Councillor. Cllr not present.

724.00 Receive externally audited 6 months parish accounts ending 30/9/2024. Documents circulated prior to meeting.

724.01 The clerk had circulated all the ledger documents, the bank rec' etc prior to the meeting and invited questions from Cllrs. None made via email and none at this meeting so accounts, audited by external auditor were unanimously approved.

725.00 Receive proposed budget for financial year 2025/26.

725.01 clerk advised that he was not requesting a precept figure this evening that would be for the January, he ran through the various headings and figures. The parish council's biggest expenditure is the clerk. He had allowed a 7% salary increase, when questioned by Cllr PB, but until the local government pay scales were agreed that was a pure estimate based on other public service pay awards. Precept decision to be made at January meeting.

726.00 Report by Cllr Peter Battrick on meeting with Cllr Peter Walter, LDNP North Area Representative, held 11th September email report circulated.

726.01 Cllr PB had circulated a report of his attendance at the meeting; however, he again ran through the salient points discussed on the evening. At the conclusion of his report the chair thanked him for his attendance on behalf of Loweswater Parish Council.

727.00 Progress reports, clerk.

727.01 clerk advised that Buttermere parish council was still awaiting the delivery of the planning application from United Utilities concerning the removal of the Crummock Water Weir.

727.02 no other progress reports although there were constant requests for road closures by Fibrus in respect of their broadband installation project.

728.00 Councillors reports.

728.01 Cllr RT advised that she was unable to attend the last Melbreak community committee meeting, however the clerk was able to report that from his attendance at Lorton parish council the previous evening the most important report had been at the success of the Lorton apple day festival.

728.02 the chair was able to report on behalf of the Loweswater church parochial council that they had received various plans from United Utilities concerning the temporary car park to be installed during the Crummock water Weir project works. Obviously at the car park would be a long-term benefit to the church once the project was completed.

728.03 Cllr C T advised the meeting that following the installation by EE of mobile signal equipment on the Fangs Brow mobile telephones signal mast, members of the public on the EE network now had a very usable telephoned signal.

729.00 Correspondence.

729.01 the parish council have received notification of payment of the second instalment of the precept it was received on 30th September £1637.50p.

729.02 the clerk had circulated e newsletter from Peter Walter's.

729.03 Calc had advised that their proposed subscription charge for 2025/26 was to be £155.52, this was to assist the clerk when proposing the precept for next year.

729.04 the parish council had received an invite to meet the new Lake District National Park CEO on 11th November at the Braithwaite institute on the A66, and Cllr P B has volunteered to represent the parish council at the meeting and report back to his fellow councillors.

730.00.00 Payments for approval.

M Milner Intpay162, £148.56, salary October, no expenses claimed.

HMRC PAYE Intpay163, Clerks tax £37.20, October PAYE

The above payments made to conform with HMRC reporting and payment legislation.

M Milner Intpay 164, £218.15, salary £148.56 Nov'. £69.59 expenses. Oct'/Nov'.

HMRC PAYE Intpay 165, £37.20 PAYE November.

HSBC October/November monthly bank account charges of £8.00 per month taken as a standing bank deduction.

All approved

Meeting closed 8.03pm.

731.00 Date and time of next meeting Thursday 2nd January 2025 at 7.30pm, at Loweswater Village Hall.

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