

Loweswater Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd July 2025 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, R Thompson, L Meadley.

Cumberland Council councillor, not present.

Clerk, Mike Milner. No members of the public.

Apologies, P Battrick, L Meadley. Jill Perry(CC)

783.00 Apologies for absence, as noted above.

784.00 Declarations of interest. None

785.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last Loweswater Parish Council held on Thursday 1st May 2025, as a true record.

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

786.00 Public Participation. No members of public present.

787.00 Police Matters.

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

788.00 Applications for development.

788.01 no applications to consider, but application 7/2024/2264 Oakbank Farm, a porch, solar panels, workshop and poly tunnels, approved by LDNP Planning Department.

789.00 Matters concerning Cumberland Councillor. Not present apology.

790.00 Up date on UU and Crummock Water weir planning application.

790.01 clerk confirmed the application had not been withdrawn, just that LDNP Planning Department and UU had agreed to extend the time limit before it would be considered by committee. At time of meeting no knowledge of when extra documents would be submitted.

791.00 Receive the Loweswater Parish Council's first quarters accounts 2025/26. All documents to be circulated prior to the meeting.

791.01 clerk had circulated all relevant documents prior to the meeting. There were no questions raised. Chair confirmed the bank statement figure corresponded with the ledger balance, signing the statement to that fact and all Cllrs present unanimously resolved to accept the accounts.

792.00 Fibus timeline for completion in local area. Local issues traffic signage and overhead cables.

792.01 clerk advised that Fibus thought that they would be finished in the current installation area by November this year, but could be making connections earlier than that. Cllrs expressed their concerns about unnecessary road closures. Clerk had contacted Fibus on that issue. Action had been taken with the installation contractors to open roads up if Highway was clear. One local issue in Mockerkin, but clerk had put the resident in touch directly with Fibus management.

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792.02 Telegraph poles are considered permitted development by government to enable the speed of connecting areas with fast broadband connection.

793.00 Reaffirm the Parish Councils, Code of Conduct and also the council's Standing Orders. All circulated prior to the meeting.

793.01 Cllrs unanimously resolved to reaffirm both the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders. He pointed out the addendum for S/O had changed slightly, now orders stated chair could be he/she/their.

794.00 Confirm details of purchase of new Windows 11 laptop, jointly owned with Lorton Parish Council.

794.01 clerk displayed the new HP laptop with Windows 11 24H2. Clerk explained the cost was £339.99 plus Microsoft Word package £119.99, but with the VAT removed which he would reclaim through Lorton Parish account, the cost of the laptop to Loweswater was £191.66. Which clerk was reclaiming through his expenses this month.

795.00 Progress reports, clerk.

795.01 clerk advised cutting of Mockerkin Green had been delayed as the contractor's machine required a belt which had had to be ordered from Germany. Now resolved.

795.02 Fibrus issues dealt with under a separate agenda item.

795.03 clerk attended 2 hour LDNP planning seminar and had circulated recording to Cllrs.

795.04 clerk produced maps which showed the boundary changes being proposed by Cumberland Council. Loweswater and Blindbothel to be moved from current ward shared with Buttermere and Lorton to a new ward with Lamplugh, Dean and Workington Central and Stainburn.

795.05 Historically they shared the Melbreak community website and cannot understand the change. Clerk to make an approach to Cumberland Council to reverse the decision.

796.00 Loweswater Councillors reports. No reports of note.

797.00 Correspondence.

797.01 confirmation from Zurich Insurance all paid and cover in place for the next year.

797.02 reminder from Data Protection Registration, Information Commissioners Office, that annual renewal due. This year £52 up from £40, clerk has paid and will reclaim in his expenses.

797.03 Circulated Peter Walter's e newsletter, LDNP North Area Councillor.

797.04 Moore government auditor, confirmed all OK and accounts folder closed for last year.

797.05 Pensions Regulator has sent reminder of need to make 3 yearly reregistration. Due 26/3/2026, can be renewed from 27/10.2025, diary reminder made.

797.06 Cluran Landscape invoice £116.89 received.

797.07 Democratic Services made a request for copy of all signed declaration of office forms. Duly provided and sent copy of Code of Conduct.

797.08 HSBC advises monthly bank charge of £8 per month to cease from July.

797.09 ENW had that morning sent their Wayleave cheque via post, £22.83p. Clerk had banked at local post office.

798.00.00 Payments for approval.

M Milner Intpay185, £154.60, salary June, no expenses.

HMRC PAYE Intpay186, Clerks tax £38.60, June PAYE

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

M Milner Intpay 187, £467.63, salary £154.60 July. £313.03 expenses. July includes new laptop

HMRC PAYE Intpay 188, £38.60 PAYE July.

Cluran Landscape Intpay 189, £116.89. Grass contract Mockerkin. Both top and bottom areas.

HSBC May and June monthly bank account charges of £8.00 taken as a standing bank deduction. £16.00 total. These cease from July 2025.

All approved.

Meeting closed 8.00pm.

799.00 Date and time of next meeting Thursday 4th September 2025 at 7.30pm, at Loweswater Village Hall.

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