

sLoveswater Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th September 2025 at Loveswater Village Hall.

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

Present: Cllrs D Robinson(chair) K Leck, P Battrick, R Thompson (vice-chair),
L Meadley. M Astley.

Cumberland Councillor, Jill Perry.

Clerk, Mike Milner. No members of the public.

Apologies. Cllr C Todd (LPC)

800.00 Apologies for absence, as noted above none.

801.00 Declarations of interest. None

802.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last Loveswater Parish Council held on Thursday 3rd July 2025, as a true record.

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

803.00 Public Participation. No members of public present.

804.00 Police Matters.

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

805.00 Applications for development.

805.01 application HOU/2025/0136, Crummock, Mockekin, application for a balcony at the property. Councillors unanimously agreed no objection to the proposal, clerk to advise planning.

806.00 Matters concerning Cumberland Councillor.

806.01 Cllr J.P CC detailed latest waste disposal collection arrangements being introduced and advised that fuller details on Cumberland website. Cllrs pointed out various issues with current collections and no collection made that day, due to Fibrus road closure at Fangs Brow. Cllr J.P to report back with answers. No other queries chair invited her to remain which she accepted.

807.00 Adopt the two new policy documents: Loveswater Parish Council Complaints and Vexatious Complaints Policy and the Loveswater Parish Council Disciplinary Procedures, to replace existing 2015 policy. Documents attached.

807.01 clerk explained not up dated since 2015 and legislation changed, after discussion Cllrs unanimously resolved their adoption.

808.00 Resolve to amend clerk's salary at LC2 level 19, nationally approved by NALC and back date the award to 1st April 2025. As recommended by NALC and Calc.

808.01 clerk advised it was a 52p/hr increase at that grade. All councillors unanimously agreed the increase and payment of arrears to 1st April 2025.

809.00 Visitor management issues over the summer to report?

809.01 Cllr agreed that in general not a bad summer for visitor numbers. Occasional issues according to Cllr M.A whose job most affected by troublesome tourists, but generally OK.

810.00 Consider request from Community Chaplain, Lois Sparling, to attend and discuss supporting the community, within her duties.

810.01 after a discussion on involvement with the church of any denomination, Cllrs agreed that they were a secular organisation and the Community Chaplain should engage with groups more directly involved with community and its members.

811.00 Complete and sign the approved bank mandate form by Cllr P Battrick.

811.01 Cllr P.B had provided the clerk with necessary personal details to enable clerk to start the appropriate online procedure to commence.

812.00 Consider the ramifications of adopting our own domain name (for example www.loweswater.gov.uk) its use for email addresses of councillors and clerk and how it would affect current Melbreak Communities website use. New website set up cost and annual maintenance costs. Relevant email circulated.

812.01 clerk and chair explained the necessity for the parish to have its own domain name ending gov.uk, but org.uk or .com could be considered. However, all councillors and the clerk must have personal email addresses relevant to the new website, not use their own personal emails for parish business.

812.02 Clerk advised that one of the questions on the AGAR form at the year-end will concern the parish website, use of emails and conforming to WCAG 2.2 accessibility and GDPR compliance. Cllrs unanimously agreed to the clerk investigating options and costs and report back.

813.00 Progress reports, clerk

813.01 after reporting the water leakage in the Highway by Loweswater Hall property, clerk could confirm that UU had investigated, established the leak source within the property boundary and it was repaired.

813.02 clerk advised Crummock Water weir, UU now considering 3 alternative solutions, public consultations by end of year and then a revised planning submission Spring 2026.

814.00 Cllrs reports.

814.01 Cllr R.T reported she had attended a Melbreak Communities meeting, but content as normal and preparing for the Loweswater Show.

814.02 Chair Cllr D.R confirmed nothing extra to add to that report. However, he advised that he had been in discussions with the chair of Buttermere Parish Council about a possibility of combining the two parishes. The current criteria for forming a parish council is 150 registered voters, Buttermere has 79 and Loweswater has 187. Perhaps combining now without being put under duress rather than perhaps being forced into an amalgamation in the future was an option to be considered.

814.03 Cllrs could see that from a financial aspect both sharing the same clerk, who was their by far largest expenditure, was a commonsense move. It was agreed that without committing to the possibility of amalgamation, the clerk should along with the two relevant chairs, explore the amalgamation route with Cumberland Council and then report back.

815.00 Correspondence.

815.01 all newsletters from Cllr Peter Walter circulated.

815.02 clerk had received emails from a local resident concerning Fibrus high-speed supply disruptions to his property. All now resolved and supply functioning and the property to have FTTP supply, originally not on the proposed list. There are an additional 21000 properties added to the system in Cumberland.

815.03 invoice from Cluran Landscape for Mockerkin July top cut £43.84p.

815.04 clerk has received the Pensions Regulator update, reminder.

815.05 invoice from Cluran Landscape for Mockerkin August top cut £43.84p.

816.00.00 Payments for approval.

M Milner Intpay 190, £154.60, salary August, no expenses.

HMRC PAYE Intpay191, Clerks tax £38.60, August PAYE

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

Cluran Landscape Intpay 192, £43.84, July Mockerkin top cut

M Milner Intpay 193, £242.04, salary £184.44 Sept'. £57.60 expenses.

HMRC PAYE Intpay 194, £46.20 PAYE Sept.

Cluran Intpay 195, £43.84. Grass contract August Mockerkin.

All approved.

Meeting closed 8.07pm.

817.00 Date and time of next meeting Thursday 6th November 2025 at 7.30pm, at Loweswater Village Hall.

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