

Loweswater Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2026 at Loweswater Village Hall.

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

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

Cumberland Councillor, Not Present.

Clerk, Mike Milner. No members of the public.

Apologies. Cllr Jill Perry, CC.

901.00 Apologies for absence, as noted above none.

902.00 Declarations of interest. None

**903.00 To approve and accept the minutes of the last Loweswater Parish Council
held on Thursday 2nd July 2026, as a true record.**

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

904.00 Public Participation. No members of public present.

905.00 Police Matters.

804.01 clerk had circulated the police e-newsletters. Also attended the latest police TEAMS meeting on 5th August. Nothing important to report other than Inspector John Bradley is now hosting all the meetings, not the beat bobby. Clerk is still trying to ascertain what is classified as a parking hazard with parked cars on the Lake District's narrow roads. Badly parked cars, a long line of them. A definition has been promised.

906.00 Applications for development.

906.01 there were no application to consider, but clerk advised he had contacted the UU team about when the next Crummock Water weir planning application could be expected. There had been Project Steering Group meeting in July, but no arrangements or dates to meet the consultee parish councils, or make arrangements for public meetings. Basically, wait and see.

907.00 Matters concerning Cumberland Councillor.

907.01 Cllr J.P not present and no written report.

908.01 I.T Policy. This may be carried forward to next meeting.

908.01 there are issues unresolved so no policy presented to council.

**909.00 Resolve to amend clerk's salary at LC2 level 19, nationally approved by
NALC and back date the award to 1st April 2026. As recommended by NALC and
Calc.**

909.01 cllrs unanimously resolved the salary increase and arrears payment.

**910.00 Adoption of domain www.loweswater-pc.gov.uk, emails addresses for all
councillors for official use and continued use of Melbreak Communities website
for web presence.**

910.01 clerk confirmed that the parish had registered www.loweswater-pc.gov.uk and he was now using clerk@loweswater-pc.com.uk for email and would eventually issue all councillors with official gov.uk email boxes. Currently sorting the website situation with Melbreak Communities.

911.00 Visitor management including New Lake District Parish & Town Council Forum.

911.01 clerk explained the new Forum was made up of parish council chair, or their delegated representative and that forum would select a chair to undertake at a meeting with the LDNP visitor management team. A direct report from the parishes to the management planning committee. The chair confirmed he was already for the first forum on 6th October.

912.00 Flood equipment, provided by Melbreak Communities, available in Mockerkin.

912.01 clerk was able to report that Melbreak Communities Emergency Plan officer, Steve Irlam, had been in touch with the current holder of the Mockerkin reserve equipment and that had been relocated to Lorton. The original equipment in the box at Mockerkin under the parish noticeboard, has been checked for its continued suitability, all fit for purpose and would remain in its current location.

913.00 Thackthwaite new noticeboard, access criteria for notices.

913.01 clerk confirmed an excellent installation by Cllr M.A assisted by Cllr C.T. Cllrs P.B confirmed that the immediate neighbours of the board, directly opposite from the location were happy with the new installation.

913.02 the new board is locked and has a couple of locking units that require a special Allen Key to operate the locks. Cllr P.B has a key and the clerk has put local users of the board for community services and events, directly in touch with that councillor. He seems to have established a very efficient system with most of the usual users, but he requested the clerk put a notice in the board advising that for appropriate local community projects please contact the clerk about insertion. Clerk acknowledged the request.

913.02 clerk had 2 spare keys he would retain one and the other one was given to Cllr M.A in case an urgent issue occurred.

914.00 High Speed Fibre update to the area.

914.01 clerk confirmed that the Fibrus installation manager had rung him and advised that the local installation, down towards Watergate was just awaiting a wayleave approval from NT. As an aside Buttermere is to now be supplied from the north via Cockermouth, Lanthwaite and Rannerdale, ensuring those areas which had been excluded from the initial installation would now be provided with a High Speed facility.

915.00 Progress reports, clerk.

915.01 clerk pointed out that at the end of year the current ground maintenance contract with the contractor would expire at the end of its current 3-year period. At the November meeting an agenda item would cover the Mockerkin Green cutting regime. Currently there is a wild meadow on the lower section and a cut and drop regime for the upper section. Was this what the Mockerkin residents want? However, the important issue is that whatever is decided a contract must be issued and the contractor duly awarded the contract must follow the regime of the contract and locals must not undertake random cuts as there was a concern about insurance cover.

916.00 Cllrs reports.

916.01 No reports.

917.00 Correspondence.

917.01 Invoice received from Cluran Landscapes for July cut, £44.90.

917.02 e-newsletters from Peter Walter forwarded to all cllrs.

917.03 ENW had sent the usual Wayleave payment to the clerk, £22.83, it was banked at local PO after trying to upload a photograph using banking app had failed. Bank charge £2.

918.00.00 Payments for approval.

M Milner Intpay 225, £159.44, salary August, no expenses.

HMRC PAYE Intpay 226, Clerks tax £44.00, August PAYE

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

M Milner Intpay 227, £302.78, salary £191.24 Sept'. £111.54 expenses.

HMRC PAYE Intpay 228, £47.80 PAYE Sept.

Cluran Intpay 229, £44.90. Grass contract July Mockerkkin.

All approved.

Meeting closed 8.12pm.

919.00 Date and time of next meeting Thursday 5th November 2026 at 7.30pm, at Loweswater Village Hall.

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