

**Minutes of the Meeting of Lowick Parish Council held on 17 May 2018 (2018-3)  
(Deferred from 15 March. Council not quorate)**

**1. Councillors Present:**

J Longmire, J Edmondson, B Mitchell, G Sanderson, L Ingham  
District Councillor Anne Hall

**2. Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and adopted.

**3. Public Participation**

Richard Ellwood, Chairman of LGMC addressed the meeting. He was anticipating that the PC is in a position to endorse what LGMC is proposing to do. Grass cutting takes a significant proportion of funds but 90% of residents are in favour of this. The bog area is being left larger and he is applying to get a grant from Cumbria Community Foundation to have some drainage work done. He is hoping Young Farmers will help in moving the trees by the wall. The Himalayan balsam needs to be removed.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

JE is representative to LCH.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

- a. Lowick Community Hall Update:  
JE informed that they are getting quotes for re-decoration. The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration event was poorly attended, unfortunately.
- b. Lowick Green Management Committee Update:  
Richard Ellwood reported under **3 – Public Participation**. JL to talk with Young Farmers. BM raised the query again as to whether the PC should be involved with funding. JL thought some funding was available for the Group.
- c. CCC Highways  
Clerk has been in contact with Highways about a site visit to discuss issues. The last email on 02/05 informed that the issues were being passed on to the Manager.  
Anne Hall advised that County Councillor, Matt Brereton has been attending PC meetings in the area and been asking PCs to send details of traffic issues to him. She suggested that Lowick send a list of these to him; cc to her. Caravan parked on the old road near Swangs - BM ascertained that it belongs to a local resident who does not have space to park it on his frontage. It is not parked on private land. NFA.  
Eggs for sale sign near Swangs. JL made enquiries and the sign has been removed.
- d. LAP  
BM reported that progress is being made on getting broadband to Blawith following a meeting with Connecting Cumbria. It seems unlikely that the service will be available to Gawthwaite residents.

- e. X12 bus service  
Anne Hall reported that CCC are still unhelpful. Contract to bring Barrow young people to Ulverston has not been renewed. CCC has been asked for £20k and the support group would raise the rest. Anne emphasised that the service is not for Coniston, but for the valley. Still battling on.
- f. Website/Transparency Code  
Grant received - £1905.00. GS to progress purchasing a computer for the PC. This will help to comply with GDPR. Councillors personal contact details need to be removed from the website.
- g. Parish Plan  
Ongoing. Stand at Lowick Show will reach out to many residents. To be booked.
- h. Lengthsman  
Recent schedule of work sent. He suggested cleaning the signs. Agreed.

## 6. Finance

### a. General Items

Barclays 17/05/2018	£ 8114.58
Received SLDC Precept	£ 3000.00
Pay CALC Annual Subs	£ 137.00
Pay BHIB Insurance Annual renewal	£ 270.67
Pay Lengthsman	£ 70.00

- b. Cashflow sheet - circulated.

### c. AUDIT

Annual Governance Statement and supporting documentation circulated:  
Bank reconciliation; Explanation of variances; Barclays Bank transactions;  
Cash flow sheet to 31 March 2018; Risk Assessment; Register of Assets.  
[i] Section 1, Annual Governance Statement, was agreed and approved by the Parish Councillors, unanimously.  
[ii] Section 2, Accounting Statements, was agreed and approved by the Parish Councillors, unanimously.  
[iii] Clerk will ensure that the period for the exercise of public rights is advertised in relation to the Audit.

## **7. Correspondence**

Clerks and Councils Direct.

Emails circulated: LDNP seeking opinions on extending the LDNP boundary – JL to set up a meeting. GS and LI interested in attending.

16/05 information from CALC that PC need not appoint a DPO under the GDPR regulations.

SLDC – Councillors need to review their declarations of interest. All Councillors informed no changes. Clerk to advise SLDC.

Planning – no new applications. Queries on the progress by LDNPA about the pond and chalet at Lane End Farm to be made.

## **8. Complaints Procedure:**

None received.

## **9. External Meetings**

None.

## **10. Bus Shelters**

Maintenance required. Defer.

## **11. Model Standing Orders**

Email received 25/04 about changes to the Model Standing Orders. It was agreed that they be adopted by the PC. Proposed BM; seconded GS.

## **12. Kirkby Moor Wind Farm**

BM gave an update. SLDC say they have no grounds to enforce the removal of anything apart from the turbines and blades. No enforcement of the removal of the pads, transformers, or any cables. They are due to be taken down in August. This is a serious concern but Natural England do not appear prepared to do anything to support the reinstatement of the area. BM to draft a letter to SLDC expressing the concerns of the PC.

## **13. Litter Pick**

PC to encourage the community to take part in the LDNP Litter Pick, taking place on 06 July. It could start at the Green. Information required on what is provided by LDNP to support the litter pick. Needs to be advertised in the Parish Magazine, notice boards etc.

## **13. Confirmation of date of next meeting**

19 July at 7.30pm in LCH.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm