

LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Virtual Meeting held Thursday 21 January 2021

41. Chairman opened meeting at 7.30pm

42. Present and apologies.

Councillors

Graham Sanderson (Chair)
Joanna Edmondson (Vice Chair)
Simon Bailey
Les Ingham
Bernard Mitchell

District Councillors

Ian Wharton

Cumbria County Councillor

Matt Brereton

Also present

Mike Child (Parish Clerk)
Two members of the Public.

No apologies received.

43. Adoption of minutes from 19 November 2020 meeting to be signed by Chairman.

Resolved that the minutes from the last meeting held on 19 November 2020 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr. Ingham / Seconded by Cllr. Edmondson

44. Declarations of interest.

Cllr. Edmondson declared interest in Lowick Community Hall.

No other Councillor declared any interests on items on the agenda.

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45. Public participation / report from County and District Councillors.

Report from Cllr. Brereton.

B4RN

Cllr. Brereton reported that this week B4RN have added Lowick Parish to areas where local residents can register their interest to sign up for B4RN.

He is working closely with Mike Hooper in Kirkby and other interested neighbouring parishes. They are looking to set up a Skype call with B4RN within the next couple of weeks. Both Kirkby and Lowick have already expressed an interest.

They are also considering holding a 'Public Meeting' to involve other interested local parishes, residents and Tom Hurst (B4RN) in the early evening between 5.30pm – 7pm. Idea of the meeting is that Tom Hurst can answer questions which can then go out to the wider community to promote B4RN.

See item 46(m)

SatNav sign on A5092

Confirmation that a working order has been raised and the sign should be relocated by the end of spring 2021 and within this financial year.

Highways A5092 & A595

Cllr. Brereton will be holding a meeting with his colleague Chris Whiteside and Highways England (date and time are yet to be clarified).

Looking to promote a better working relationship with Highways England and will be discussing general infrastructure, flooding, speeding, heavy vehicles, funding and problem routes.

Blueworks Taxi for Grange and Ulverston / Covid 19 vaccine rollout

Blueworks who run the X112 service has kindly volunteered to transport Parishioners (who are without access to transport) to their designated vaccine centre either at Grange or Ulverston.

Report from Cllr. Wharton.

COVID 19

Lockdown happened quickly just before New Year. Safer Lakes Team had to take quick action to ensure everything was locked down. Problems over holiday lets and Airbnb where lockdown rules were being breached and visitors staying overnight. Some of the local towns were busy and tensions existed between residents and visitors.

There are regular daily lockdown patrols within the Crake Valley, with the Police, Park Rangers and National Trust Rangers and they will be moving on and if necessary, fining overnighters, camper vans and campers.

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Residents are urged not to approach visitors themselves and report by either telephoning 101 or email addresses overnightingreports@lakedistrict.gov.uk and campers to CVAlerts.gov.uk.

The Covid 19 situation in Cumbria is critical and cases have increased daily. The Track and Trace system shows that it is being spread from Cumbrian to Cumbrian resident and not brought in by visitors.

Farmers Arms at Lowick

Purchase is going ahead (Grizedale Arts) with completion anticipated middle of February 2021. Local residents have already raised in excess of £350k for the purchase and Grizedale Arts have proof of funds to complete the required refurbishments.

Green Issues

Cllr. Wharton attended a 2- day workshop on Climate Changes and is looking for ideas / best practice to promote Multi - Parish projects.

Trail Riders

The local parishes are seeing an increase in off-road riding particularly around Coniston Lake. Parishes have set a 'Whats App' group to report and deal with infringements. The local PCSOS are also dealing with this and are building a database of where and when. Residents are urged to contact their local PCSO Paul Harris or Debbie or contact the National Park through www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/caringfor/localcommunities/rangers

46. Progress Update;

- a) Lowick Community Hall – Hall remains closed however renovation works to make the Hall Covid safe have been completed.
- b) Lowick Green Management Committee – Chairman of LGMC reported that not much has happened since the last Parish Council Meeting. There has been problems with the drainage in the middle of the Green and that this issue will be further investigated in the next couple of weeks. Also, awareness that grants are available.
- c) CC Highways – **See Item 45.**
Cllr. Edmondson advised that she would report pot holes issues to the Highways in the Parish.
- d) X112 Bus Service – update **See item 45.**

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e) Parish Plan – **Cllr. Ingham reported that he should be in a position to send the Parish Plan out (subject to Covid 19 restrictions) just after the next meeting.**

Cllr. Edmondson advised that further communication to the Parishioners via a newsletter however the practicalities of publishing and delivering newsletter to be established.

f) Lengthsman – update on Bus Shelters / local parish maintenance.

Update at next meeting.

g) Flooding on A5092 at Woodgate – **Update at next meeting.**

h) Farmers Arms, Lowick – **See item 45.**

i) Moss Wood, Blawith – **Nothing further to report.**

j) Barclays Bank.

Cllr. Edmondson suggested that the ‘ring fenced’ monies of £1,387 from CALC be transferred to the savings account.

k) Gedye & Sons Solicitors bequest to Parish Council.

Interim payment of £9,350 received on 14th December 2020 and subsequently transferred to the new savings account.

The Parish Council should consult with all Parishioners and invite suggestions for projects and / or groups to receive funds.

l) Relocation of Sat Nav sign - update. **See Item 45.**

m) B4RN Broadband

Participation in a regional meeting hosted by B4RN, attended by the majority of local Parish Councils, Cllr. Bailey reported that the Parish Councils of Lowick and Kirkby and Ireleth had already registered an interest,.

Both Blawith & Subberthwaite, and ENMO need to nominate and establish a point of contact for each Parish Council.

See item 45.

n) Off road motor bikes. **See item 45.**

47. Planning Applications

7/2020/5772

Hunda, Lowick Bridge, Ulverston. LA12 8EE

Roofs over yard and feed areas. Approved with conditions. Noted by Council.7/2020/5692

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School House, Lowick Green, Ulverston, LA12 8EB

Provision of ancillary buildings, engineering works, access track and hardstanding for business use. **Approved with conditions. Noted by Council.**

48. Precept 2021.

Parish Council to agree Precept, complete and sign forms.

SLDC require completed and signed forms no later than 25th January 2021. Forms circulated to all Councillors in advance of this meeting.

Finance meeting held 14th January 2021.

This meeting agreed that the Precept be increased to £3,200.

Proposed by Cllr. Ingham and Seconded by Cllr. Mitchell.

Clerk confirmed completed Precept forms sent and acknowledged by SLDC.

49. Correspondence

a) Parish and Town Council Elections Thursday 6th May 2021

Parish Council noted that elections are still to go to ahead on this date.

b) Email from Chris Dodsworth Ref: Dog fouling.

Clerk reported that he has recently had to respond to complaints from three different Parishioners in Lowick Parish Council Northumberland. As there is more than one 'Lowick Parish Council' in the country.

50. Finance and Clerk's report

Balance as at 19/11/2020 = £5,916.92

23/11/2020	CALC Training Course	100141 =	£40.00	
3/12/2020	Lengthsman	100146 =	£197.42	
3/12/2020	Printer ink	100143 =	£24.20	
4/12/2020	Poppy appeal	100145 =	£17.00	
4/12/2020	Zoom subscription	100147 =	£28.78	
14/12/2020	CALC Training Course	100142 =	£40.00	
14/12/2020	Gedye Solicitors			Credit = £9,350.00

Balance as at 23/12/2020 = £14,919.52

Cheques issued but not presented;

13/12/2020 No. 100148 Clerk Salary from 13/10/2020 – 12/12/2020 = £612.00

13/12/2020 No. 100149 Lowick Community Hall annual grant = £225.00

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13/12/2020 No. 100150 CALC Finance & Year end accounts Course = £15.00

Chairman closed meeting at 9.30pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 18 March 2021 at 7.30pm

Venue and format to be advised