

# **Loweswater Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th July 2016 in Loweswater Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs. Leck (Vice-Chair), Todd, Meadley and Astley.

**Apologies:** Cllrs. Robinson, Mitchell and Walker.

**Also in attendance:** Cllr. Annison (ABC) & David Smith (Clerk).

The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **47.16 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **48.16 Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as an accurate record by the councillors present:

Proposed: Cllr. Astley

Seconded: Cllr. Todd

The Vice-Chair duly signed them.

### **49.16 Public Participation:**

There were no items raised under this agenda item.

### **50.16 The Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk reported that after the May meeting he had undertaken the following actions:

- 38.16: Clerk to respond to Phillip Groom re: additional wording for Mosser Road sign: Done but no response received.
- 38.16: Clerk to report the streetlight opposite Dancing Pastures : Done
- 39.16: Clerk to contact Connecting Cumbria with regard to Superfast Broadband for Parish: Done
- 43.16: Clerk to report issues to Cumbria Highways: Done
- 44.16: Clerk to circulate dates of Melbreak communities group meetings: Done (see below)
- 45.15: Clerk to send out all payments: Done

### **Superfast Broadband:**

**Coverage in Loweswater:** No plans for coverage in Phase 1 of the rollout, but areas around Loweswater are currently in plan for the next phase. It can't be confirmed yet until full planning and costings are done but it's looking good.

**Coverage in Mockerkin:** served by the Lamplugh exchange. There is a lot of work currently going on to upgrade the Lamplugh area, but it is not expected this work will cover Mockerkin in Phase 1. However Ullock (and additional areas served by the exchange) are currently in scope for Phase 2, as is Loweswater. The current plan is to add new cabinets and do what's called copper rearrangement (effectively "rewiring" of exchange lines to improve coverage), but there is still a lot of planning and costing to be done and confirmed. It is suggested that people register their interest in Superfast Broadband via the Connecting Cumbria website and they will receive regular updates.

### **Mockerkin Update:**

The green is being cut on a regular basis, The bench is still awaiting repairs. Light opposite Dancing Pastures still out of action. Good feedback on the new light.

**ACTION: Clerk to report light at Dancing Pastures again.**

A list of correspondence received, as below, was read out and duly noted by councillors.

Correspondence	For information	For action
LDNPA Allerdale Members Report: May	X	
CALC Newsletter: May & June	X	
LDNPA: Local Plan Review	X	Agenda Item 9
LDNPA: Local Development Scheme	X	
LDNPA: Statement of Community Involvement	X	

**51.16: Chairman's Announcements:**

Cllr. Leck reported that she had attended the North Distinctive Area Tour Meeting, based at Braithwaite Institute. Everyone had been greeted by Geoff Davies the Northern Area parishes rep. The main topic of the tour was the December floods and the response of various organisations to them. A local farmer, whose land bordered Bassenthwaite Lake, was visited and he was very unhappy with the response of the Environment agency amongst others. He explained that he had eventually been given permission to dredge the watercourse that ran through his land but his neighbour, further upstream, had not been given permission to dredge, thus defeating the whole object. Richard Leafe, the LDNPA CEO gave a talk on the importance of the various organisations concerned working with each other and local communities.

In the afternoon there was a walk along a beck that had re-routed itself into Derwent Water which was seen as a good thing by the Environment Agency but had resulted in the farmer losing land. There followed a slide show on the floods in Braithwaite and presentations from the Foundation of Common Land and the Environment Agency who informed the meeting that they were working on Flood Plans for individual areas that would cover the next 25 years. Plans were already in place for Glenridding and Staveley.

**52.16: Update from Borough Councillor:**

Cllr. Annison informed the meeting that as a member of the ABC Development Control Committee he had ensured that there would be no parking charges at the new Lidil store in Cockermouth. He was also continuing to raise the concerns of rural communities within the council.

Cllr. Annison is keeping in close contact with Allerdale BC officers with regard to the situation at Mockerkin Hall and he will provide an update shortly.

The Clerk informed Cllr. Annison that he had sent details on the Notice-board Project to the Allerdale Council Leader, Cllr. Smith, asking how to actually apply for the funding from ABC towards the project. As yet ne has had no response. Until it has been confirmed that Allerdale will financially support this project there is little point in applying for match-funding.

**ACTION: Cllr. Annison to speak to Cllr. Smith.**

**ACTION: Clerk to follow up the original email with a reminder.**

**53.16 Planning:**

There were no new planning applications to consider.

**54.16 Report from the Police:**

A written report had been received in which it was stated that there had been one incident reported since the last meeting.

- On 15th May it was reported that a theft from a vehicle had taken place in the area of Loweswater. Details were taken in order for enquiries to be conducted.

Councillors noted the report.

**55.16 Highways issues:**

Councillors noted that Cumbria Highways workmen had been working in the area since the last meeting both on pot-holing and drain cleaning.

The councillors present reported the following new concerns:

1. Pot hole has re-emerged at the top of Fangs Brow.

**ACTION: Clerk to report the above to Cumbria Highways.**

**56.16 Melbreak Communities Update:**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Melbreak Communities Group were really pleased that there are now representatives from both Buttermere and Loweswater Parish Councils who will be attending the Melbreak meetings. It was agreed that the following councillors will attend the upcoming Melbreak Communities meetings:

July 19th: Cllr. Mitchell

October 18th: Cllrs Leck & Meadley

January 17th: Cllr. Robinson

**57.16 Finance:**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the balance of the main account as of the most recent bank statement dated 15th June 2016 was £2,307.22p with all payments agreed at the last meeting having cleared through the account. The balance of the reserve account was £2,360.80p thus giving a total balance of £4,668.02p

The Clerk reported that following payments were outstanding:

i: D. Smith Salary Qtr 1 16/17:	£293.20p
ii: HMRC PAYE Qtr 1 16/17:	£63.20p
iii: D. Smith Expenses Qtr 1 16/17:	£24.00p

All councillors present agreed to these payments.

Taking the above payments into account, the reconciled balance of the main PC account as of 7th July 2016 is £1,926.82p, giving a total reconciled balance of £4,287.62p.

**ACTION: Clerk to send out all payments.**

**58.16 Date of next meeting:**

**Thursday 1st September 2016 at 8.00pm.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_