

# Loweswater Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st September 2016 in Loweswater Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs. Mitchell, Leck, Todd, Meadley and Robinson.

**Apologies:** Cllrs. Walker and Astley.

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **59.16 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

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

Proposed: Cllr. Meadley

Seconded: Cllr. Leck

The Vice-Chair, Cllr. Leck, duly signed them.

### **61.16 Public Participation:**

Some concerns had been raised with councillors regarding developments at Jenkinson Place. Some land adjacent to Jenkinson Place was recently levelled and over the last week-end a Scout camp was based on this land. There were some issues with noise but the main concern of the immediate neighbours was the number of vehicles using the bridleway to access the site. Further concerns have been raised with regard to the use of both the cottage and the main farm house at Jenkinson Place for holiday lets as this has also increased the amount of traffic using the bridleway and accessing the properties through Iredale Place farm-yard. There has also been mention made of the possibility that Cumbria Highways are going to tarmac/re-surface the bridleway.

**ACTION: Clerk to speak to the LDNPA Enforcement Officer about the situation.**

**ACTION: Clerk to contact Cumbria Highways re: resurfacing of bridleway.**

*(NOTES from meeting with Julie Birkett - LDNPA Enforcement Officer. JB confirmed that she had been made aware of the works undertaken at Jenkinson Place and had visited the site. She felt that the owners should have applied for planning permission to undertake the works and suggested to the owners that they apply for retrospective planning permission. The owner explained that the site would rarely be used, and only by the Scouts, and as such he was not intending to apply for retrospective planning permission. JB stated that what had happened was 'on the verge' of illegality but it is doubtful that the LDNPA will take any further action. The change of use of the farmhouse from a residential dwelling to holiday let did not require planning permission.)*

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

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

- 50.16: Clerk to report the streetlight opposite Dancing Pastures : Done
- 52.16: Clerk to contact to Cllr. Smith again re: Notice-board project funding: Done
- 55.16: Clerk to report issues to Cumbria Highways: Done
- 57.16: Clerk to send out all payments: Done

**The Notice-board Project:**

The Clerk reported that he had re-submitted an outline of the project, as below, to the Leader of Allerdale BC but had as yet not received a reply.

*Loweswater Parish Council covers a geographically large area and, in order to communicate effectively with a sparse and widespread population, has four notice-boards which are used, together with the website, to keep local residents informed of both Parish Council and community activities and services.*

*The four notice-boards are situated at:*

1. *Loweswater Village Hall: the SE end of the valley*
2. *Thackthwaite*
3. *The Grange: the NW end of the valley*
4. *Mockerkin*

*All the notice-boards are now showing their age, they were installed over 20 years ago and becoming more difficult to use. At the Parish Council meeting held in January 2016 councillors agreed to look into the possibility of pulling together a funding package to purchase and install a set of new notice-boards. As the council has a small precept of a little over £2,000 pa it was agreed to look at raising funds externally.*

Breakdown of Costs:

4 x Oak Notice-boards (single door):	£2,000
2 x Pair of oak posts:	£200
4 x Engraved Header Board:	£360
Delivery costs:	£150
Installation costs:	£100
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£2,810</b>

Funding sought:

Loweswater Parish Council:	£210
Melbreak Communities:	£200
Awards for All:	£400
Allerdale BC:	£2,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£2,810</b>

**ACTION: Cllr. Annison to chase up a response from Cllr. Smith.**  
**ACTION: Clerk to pull together application forms for match-funding bids.**

**Mockerkin Update:**

Cllr. Mitchell reported that the bulb in the light opposite Dancing Pastures had been removed. The Clerk noted that the telegraph pole on which the light is situated is leaning badly.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact Allerdale BC and find out what is happening with this particular street-light.**

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

Correspondence	For information	For action
LDNPA Allerdale Members Report: June & July	X	
CALC Newsletter: July/August	X	
BDO: End of Audit Report	X	X
The Pensions Regulator	X	

**63.16: Chairman's Announcements:**

Cllr. Mitchell reported back from the Melbreak Communities meeting held on 29th July. A number of items were covered at the meeting including an update on the successful Coffee and Cakes events which have now been devolved to local organisations to allow them to raise funds directly from the sessions and feedback from a meeting with the Cumbria Action for Sustainability group on potential energy saving initiatives.

Following an email from the Cumbria messaging service in which communities with emergency plans were encouraged to apply for Public Liability cover by registering as Neighbourhood Watch groups, there was a discussion about whether this cover was needed or would the insurance cover that each of the Parish Councils have be able to be extended to cover the Melbreak Communities group. (The Clerk will follow this issue up with Lorton Parish Council).

A letter from a local resident had been received by Cllr. Mitchell in which it was pointed out that the 'SLOW' signs painted on the road in the vicinity of Waterend were almost invisible and required re-painting.

**ACTION: Clerk to ask Cumbria Highways to re-paint the signs on the road.**

**64.16: Update from Borough Councillor:**

Cllr. Annison informed the meeting that he was now the Leader of the conservative Group on the Council and as such had been involved in the discussions with the Boundary commissioners who are looking at reducing the number of Borough councillors by eight.

As a member of the ABC Licensing Panel Cllr. Annison had been involved in the problems highlighted by the Police with regard to licensing issues at Solfest. These had been addressed in time for the festival to go ahead and the promoters have agreed that there should be an event management Plan in place for next year.

Cllr. Annison continues to keep in close contact with Allerdale BC officers with regard to the situation at Mockerkin Hall. It was noted that a local firm of Architects had been seen on the site recently.

**65.16 Planning:**

There were two new planning applications to consider.

Ref: 7/2016/2196  
Location: High Nook, Loweswater CA13 0RU  
Proposal: Rebuilding of the gable elevation to Bank Barn, High Nook Farm  
Reply by: 13th September 2016

Councillors had viewed the plans prior to the meeting and agreed that they had 'No Objections' to the application.

**ACTION: Clerk to inform the LDNPA of the views of the Council.**

Ref: 2/2016/0540  
Location: Chestnut Grove, Mockerkin  
Proposal: Erection of detached dwelling with detached garage  
Reply by: 2nd September 2016

Further enquiries had been made regarding this application and officers from Allerdale BC confirmed that this application was viewed as 'infill' rather than as an extension to the village. With this clarification, Councillors agreed that they had 'No Objections' to the application.

**ACTION: Clerk to inform Allerdale BC of the views of the Council.**

#### **66.16 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 the 1<sup>st</sup> August an incident of sheep worrying was reported to the police in the area of Loweswater

Councillors noted the report.

#### **67.16 Highways issues:**

The councillors present reported the following new concerns:

1. Pot hole has re-emerged at the top of Fangs Brow.
2. 'Slow' signs on the road in the Waterend area need to be re-painted.
3. The gully under the road in the Pinfold area needs to be cleared.
4. Gullies in the vicinity of Church Bridge and the Kirkstile need to be cleared.
5. Despite a number of requests, the wheelie bin that was placed in the car park/layby between Waterend and Loweswater Hall has not been returned. Allerdale BC to be contacted.

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

**ACTION: Clerk to contact cleansing at Allerdale BC and request the return of the bin.**

#### **68.16 Melbreak Communities Update:**

See the report above under agenda item 63.16.

Upcoming meetings are:

October 18th: Cllrs Leck & Meadley

January 17th: Cllr. Robinson

#### **69.16 Finance:**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the balance of the main account as of the most recent bank statement dated 15th August 2016 was £1,949.65p 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 £4,310.45p

The Clerk reported that following payments were outstanding:

i: D. Smith Salary Qtr 2 16/17:	£293.20p
ii: HMRC PAYE Qtr 2 16/17:	£63.20p
iii: D. Smith Expenses Qtr 2 16/17:	£56.00p

All councillors present agreed to these payments.

Taking the above payments into account, the reconciled balance of the main PC account as of 1st September 2016 is £1,537.25p, giving a total reconciled balance of £3,898.05p.

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

**70.16 Date of next meeting:**

**Thursday 3rd November 2016 at 8.00pm.**

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

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