

Loweswater Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2015 at Loweswater Village Hall

30.15: Present: Cllrs: Coles, Leck, Mitchell, Meadley, Todd, Walker and Astley.

Also in attendance: Cllr. Annison (ABC), David Robinson and David Smith (Clerk).

31.15: Apologies: PCSO Sarah Brown.

The Chair, Cllr. Coles, welcomed everyone to the meeting and suggested a round of introductions.

32.15: Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest.

33.15: Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2014:

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on May 8th 2013 were accepted as an accurate record:

Proposed: Cllr. Meadley

Seconded: Cllr. Leck

The Chair duly signed the minutes.

34.15: Chairman's Report:

Cllr. Coles commenced his report by reminding those present of the loss of John Hayton in December.

"John had been a Parish Councillor for 21 years and had also spent over 17 years as a Member of the Lake District National Park Authority. He had a passion for Loweswater and he will be missed by everyone concerned with Loweswater Parish Council.

Roads and Highways related issues have continued to take up much of the time of the Parish Council during the past year. There are occasional successes but our dealings with Cumbria Highways can be very frustrating. We continue to complain and on many occasions we don't appear to be listened to. However, you must continue to try and get them to listen and to work with the Parish Council.

We have dealt with a number of planning applications during the last twelve months, some of which were complex and needed careful consideration, and I have been really pleased with the response from my fellow councillors. We haven't missed any deadlines and I would like to thank everyone for their involvement.

As you are all aware this is my last Parish Council meeting and I shall be stepping down from this evening. I have been a Parish Councillor since 2008 and have enjoyed my time working with the rest of you immensely. You need to be dedicated to be a good councillor but I think that listening is the most important attribute. We need to listen to what the people in the Parish are telling us. I would like to thank Kath Leck, Lorna Meadley, Kathryn Mitchell, Chris Todd and Geoff Walker for all the support they have given me in my role as Chair. It has been much appreciated. I'd like to wish the

two new councillors all the very best in their new roles. I'm certain that you will enjoy your time on the Council. I'd also like to thank David Smith, our Clerk for all the work he does and for keeping the Council on track".

All those present thanked Cllr Coles for the work he has done for both the Council and the wider community and stated that he would be much missed when he stepped down.

35.15: Election of Chairman:

Cllr. Coles proposed Cllr. Mitchell for the position of Chair. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Meadley and was unanimously supported by all those present.

Cllr. Mitchell accepted the position as chair of the Council and took control of the meeting.

36.15: Election of Vice Chair:

Cllr. Mitchell proposed Cllr. Leck for the position of Vice Chair. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Walker and supported unanimously by all those present.

37.15: The End of Year Accounts:

The Clerk presented the End of Year Accounts and talked those present through the figures. Total income during the year was £2,222.25p. Total expenditure was £2,075.20p. Together with the balance brought forward from the previous financial year, the balance of the Parish Council account on March 31st 2013 was £1,547.61p. In the Business Money Manager Account there was £2,358.34p giving a total balance of £3,905.95p as of March 31st 2015. The figures had been checked and agreed by Mr. D. Walmsley, the internal auditor. There were no questions from those present. The End of Year accounts were formally agreed by the councillors present, together with the annual governance statement contained within the external audit form as completed by the Chair and the Clerk.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Walmsley was happy to act as the Internal auditor for another year.

38.15: Public Participation:

Tim Anison, the recently elected Borough Councillor for Crummock Ward, was invited by the Chair to address the meeting. Cllr. Anison explained that he had recently attended the Blindbothel Parish Council meeting and had been made aware of the concerns that Loweswater had regarding the Mosser Road. Following some discussion on this issue Cllr. Anison said he would look into the concerns expressed with Cumbria Highways and look at the possibility of access only signs being installed. Other issues discussed included superfast broadband in Loweswater, the condition of Mockerkin Hall and the recurring problem of gully cleaning. Cllr. Anison said that he intended to be an active Councillor and he looked forward to working with the six Parish councils in his Ward.

The Chair thanked Cllr. Anison and brought the Annual Parish Meeting to a close.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date