

LORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 7th Nov' 2018

Meeting opened: - The chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs C Poate (chair), P Deeks, N Young, J Cruickshank, S Irlam. P Jaques
Cumbria County Councillor and Allerdale District. T. Annison (ABC)
Clerk, Mike Milner and 7 members of the public.

98.00 United Utilities Project Team presentation, an update on West Cumbria Supplies Project and how next phase will affect Lorton.

98.01 Chair Cllr C P advised councillors and members of the public that agenda item 8 would be the first priority of the evening and introduced the UU team, Ian Tomlinson, Project Construction Manager, Ian McCoy, Stakeholder Manager Cumbria and Sarah Little, Environmental Planner.

98.02 I T took the lead on behalf of the team and with the aid of a slide show provided a history of the project. He explained that UU had to cease abstraction of water supply from Ennerdale and Crummock water by 2022 and source water from Thirlmere. This involved the installation of new pipelines, the relining of some existing pipework, which was the situation in the majority of the Lorton area, or abandoning underground some old asbestos cement pipework. The project has a timeline for completion of March 2022, but they were aiming for March 2021. I M then explained his involvement with the project for over 10 years and explained the Legacy Fund which was available for community projects, up to approx. £10k per community. At the end of the presentation there was a short Q&A session and questions about Crummock Water were raised. The whole project for the area is still at impact assessment stage and the UU team reassured those asking questions that there would be full public consultation and they would happily return to a meeting in Lorton to provide more detailed information as it was available, stressing that the parish council had the contact details for the project team. The session concluded at 8.10pm, the chair thanked them for their attendance and then resumed the parish council meeting.

Apologises, Mrs G Postlethwaite (vice chair) LPC

99.00 Apologises for absence

99.01 Apologises as noted above.

100.00 Declarations of interest. None

101.00 To read and approve the minutes of the last meeting of Lorton parish council held on Wednesday 5th September 2018.

101.01 Resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.

102.00 Co-option of Pamela Jaques, approved, September minute 82.03 refers

102.01, Councillors welcomed P J who duly signed the acceptance declaration and was given a copy of the 2018 Good Councillor's Guide as were all other councillors present.

103.00 Public Participation.

103.01 Clerk first advised minute 79.02 as the PC had resolved to grant Yew Tree Hall a £200 grant for WW1 their celebrations, he had obtained the appropriate bank details to make the payment and would be seeking payment approval later in the meeting.

103.02 Clerk reminded that at the last meeting minute 79.03 there had been a question about a blocked gully, clerk read email from Highways confirming the issue had been resolved and completed 5th Jan 2018.

103.03 Clerk, minute 79.04 refers, read email from Highways Senior Bridge Technician confirming Boon Beck Bridge was passed as a 40ton load bearing structure. Signage would have to sort from other officers of Highways but supporting evidence to show that bridge was subject to collision reports would be provided. Clerk to continue chasing the notices.

103.04 minute 79.05 village Pound Wall has been repaired and clerk in receipt of invoice from Bigfoot for the work and that Axa Insurance company had reimbursed Lorton PC for the repair.

103.05, clerk requested if members of public had further questions, but none received.

104.00 Police Matters.

104.01 No PCSO present but clerk read a report provided. No reports to send back to police.

105.00 Planning Applications.

105.01 7/2018/2298 High Mill Barn, High Lorton. Cllr P D had printed off copies of the drgs. After discussion the parish councillors resolved to raise no objections.

105.02 7/2018/2293 High Gilbrea, High Lorton. This had only been received by the clerk late that afternoon but circulated. Cllr P D had again printed off the drgs. After a discussion Cllrs to consider the development and let clerk have their views by 21st November.

105.03 Clerk confirmed the following applications had been approved since the last meeting. 2/2018/2196 Corner House and 2/2018/2225 Harrot Hill Farm.

106.00 Matters concerning District and County Councillors.

106.01 Cllr T A was present and provided a general update on aspects in parts of Allerdale, but nothing directly concerning Lorton. If local issues he confirmed his willingness to help or assist with funding applications.

107.00 Receive internally audited 6-month parish accounts ending 30/9/2018.

107.01 Clerk had circulated accounts prior to the meeting via email. He circulated hard copies to those requiring. He showed the auditors signed bank reconciliation and accounts document. No questions, Cllr N Y asked about budgets for community projects. Clerk asked to deal that at the next agenda item.

108.00 Receive proposed budget for financial year 2019/20

108.01 Clerk had circulated the current budget up date for first 6 months of the current year financial year and he had then extended the expenditure forecast to the end of the year and was forecasting there would be a deficit £166.96 but due to extra income not accounted for he forecast a surplus of £583.04.

108.02 Clerk stated that this would be the first budget he had done for Lorton and that he had to submit a figure for the precept by 18th January 2019. He explained to Cllr N Y that projects which required funding by parish and therefore an increase in the precept would result in local residents council tax charge being increased.

108.03 Cllrs then discussed the size of its surplus funds, the clerk advised 30-60% should be a guide as a ratio of annual precept, plus any allocated project funds held in reserve. It was agreed that the Christmas edition of Lorton Newsletter should carry an article seeking residents feed back on what projects they would like to see.

109.00 Lorton Newsletter December content.

109.01 Clerk read a list of topics that chair had suggested, the content was decided upon plus Cllr J C would write the article on seeking residents views on future projects, Cllr N Y would be subject of "I am the new councillor" item.

110.00 Progress reports, clerk

110.01 Village Pound wall repaired, and insurance monies received 8th October.

110.02 minute 88.05 Cllrs N Y and J C had attended new councillors course in Whitehaven and Cllr J C and clerk had attended a planning course in Cockermouth.

110.03 all Government Gateway issues resolved as per 88.07 and all payment and submissions now up to date.

110.04 Tenters minute 88.03 the owners were in talks with LDNP planning so no 215 notice would be issued.

110.05 Overhanging trees at bottom of Meadow Bank minute 89.03, clerk read out email from Allerdale indicating property owners responsibilities and which laws could be used to get action taken. Clerk did point out that evening he had driven to YTH past that area and it was very evident that some serious pruning has been done as the street light is now clearly visible. Cllrs agreed no further action at this time.

110.06 Brackenrigg minute 89.02 following last meeting clerk studied the planning conditions and then contacted LDNP planning, he read out the planners response. They would contact the contractor.

110.07 Good Councillor Guides distributed had cost £3.50 each

110.08 Clerk had organised the UU visit and flyers in noticeboards and local shop.

110.09 A cheque 100432 issued in 2016 for £25 had never been presented, parish records showed cheque destroyed, but clerk had it in his possession, so he requested that he could pay the funds to the original payee. Cllrs resolved to make that payment.

110.10 Clerk has now got a picture of temporary "Cyclist dismount" signs on the road from Boon Beck bridge to Whinlatter Pass and he would again request that Highways remove them, or clarify why they would remain in situ.

111.00 Lorton Councillors reports.

111.01 Cllr S I provided an up date on the Melbreak Communities Renewable Energy project. They had surveyed 10 watercourses for a hydroelectric power source. They had narrowed the project down to 3 potential sites and secured a £20k grant to pursue the schemes viability. It was anticipated that to be a success they needed to produce 100/150kw of power. That power though has to be split across a community it cannot just go to one user source. The next stage of the survey is to carryout the viability study over a 4 month window.

111.02 Cllr S I concluded his report by advising of two important facts, firstly the one site chosen has in the past been part of a similar exercise and finally deemed unsuitable. Secondly there is a current system where by electricity produced can at present be sold to the National Grid through "feeder" agreements. It is thought that such agreements will soon be abandoned. He would report back at a later date.

112.00 Correspondence.

- 112.01 Invoice received from YTH treasurer for hall hire 12 months to 31/3/19 £200
- 112.02 Details of YTH bank for grant payment £200 minute 79.02 refers
- 112.03 Invoice from Simone Morgan internal audit fee £30
- 112.04 Request from Great North Air Ambulance for annual grant, normally £100 Cllr P D proposed £200 and council resolved that proposal.
- 112.05 Derwent Fells History Society booklet, *They Lie in Foreign Fields*
- 112.06 Calc AGM details 10th Nov 2018 at Newbiggin Parish Hall.
- 112.07 Cumbria County Council "Working Together" email. Lengthsman/volunteer groups
- 112.08 Allerdale BC advise payment of final part of precept, it had been received
- 112.09 Axa Insurance confirmed payment of £400 Pound wall repair. Received £6th Oct 2018
- 112.10 Calc invoice for planning course, J C & M M £76, £19 back charged to Loweswater.
- 112.11 Calc invoice for Effective Cllr Course J C & N Y, £150
- 112.12 Calc invoice £28 for 8 Good Councillors Guide's
- 112.13 Bigfoot 2 invoices for wall repair £400 and grass maintenance plus leaves £430
- 112.14 Allerdale BC statement of Parish Precept for 2019/20 by 18th Jan' 2019
- 112.15 Calc have forwarded request for projector for planning display to LDNP.

113.00 Payments for Approval

- M Milner Intpay11 £305.40, salary £265.10 exp £40.30
 - HMRC PAYE Intpay12 Clerks tax £66.40
 - Simone Morgan Intpay13 £30, internal audit charge
 - Phil Hartley Intpay14 £25, to cover cancelled cheque 2016.
 - Bigfoot Intpay15 £400, repair to Lorton Village Pound wall
 - Bigfoot Intpay16 £430, Sept/Oct grass maintenance £350 & £80 Conker Corner leaves
 - Calc Interpay17 £254, Planning course £76, Cllrs course £150, £28 Cllr Guide Booklets
 - Great North Air Ambulance Intpay18 £200, annual charity donation
 - Yew Tree Hall Intpay19 £400, £200 annual hall hire, £200 Remembrance Day grant
- All approved.

Meeting closed 9.27pm

**114.00 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm
Please note 2nd Wednesday of month not, for this meeting only, first Wednesday**