

Minutes of a meeting of Lupton Parish Council held at Kittridding Tea Rooms on Monday 9th August 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Stewart Lambert (Chairman), Alan Lambert and Robin Nicholson, County and District Councillor Roger Bingham District Councillor Brian Cooper and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Simon Nutter.

21/21 Public participation: None.

21/22 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/23 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest in respect of any matters on the agenda.

21/24 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

21/25 Co-option of new Councillor:

A resident has come forward and is willing to be co-opted to fill the vacant seat so this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

21/26 Reports from County and District Councillors:

Councillors Bingham and Cooper each gave a report - the one from Councillor Bingham had been circulated beforehand and will be appended to these minutes in the file.

'The Bay' option for a Unitary Authority in Cumbria from 2023 has been rejected by the government, in favour of an Authority where South Lakeland will join with Barrow and Eden. Plans for the implementation of this new structure will no doubt be revealed in due course.

Discussion took place on outstanding highways issues, especially potholes in the parish and surrounding areas. Councillor Bingham agreed to follow these reports up.

21/27 Finance:

a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

Notice Board Company Cumbria Ltd	£1104.00	Notice Board
Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council	£5.99	Share of ZOOM licence

b. The report from the Internal Auditor was noted. There were no issues or concerns to be brought to the Council's attention.

- c. The cash and budget statements were noted and all payments listed were authorised.
- d. Councillor Alan Lambert tendered a cheque for £300.00 in respect of the rent of the Parish Field for 2021-22.
- e. It was resolved, as recommended at the time of last year's Pay Award, to increase the Clerk's annual leave entitlement from 5.6 weeks to 7 weeks per annum, backdated to 1st April 2020. His Contract of Employment will be updated and signed at the next meeting by the Chairman and Clerk.
- f. The Clerk had been unable to add Councillor Nutter to the Bank Mandate as he is not a signatory to the account. The Chairman agreed to visit Barclays Bank in Kirkby Lonsdale to deal with this.

21/28 New notice board:

The new notice board is now ready and the Chairman was thanked for his work in arranging for this. A seat has also been obtained and the Council will reimburse the Chairman for it.

21/29 Defibrillator:

The Chairman will contact the Plough Hotel in order to enquire about permission to connect a defibrillator there.

21/30 Planning: None.

21/31 Open Forum: None.

21/32 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 22nd November 2021 at Kitriding Tea Rooms at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed:

Dated: