

Minutes of a meeting of Lupton Parish Council held at Kitriding Tea Rooms on Monday 13th February 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Stewart Lambert (Chairman), Robin Nicholson, Simon Nutter and Derek Wightman, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alan Lambert.

23/1 Public participation:

The possibility of sharing celebratory events for the Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May with nearby parishes was mentioned. Nothing was known, at this stage, of any very local events being planned.

23/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

23/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2022, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/5 Reports:

County and District Councillor Roger Bingham said this was his last meeting, prior to the new Unitary Authority, Westmorland and Furness, coming into being on 1st April 2023. The present County Council and the District Councils will then cease to exist.

Councillor Bingham reflected on his many years serving the community through both County and District Council work and the way in which local government has changed much during this period.

The Council wishes to place on record its gratitude to Councillor Bingham for his support and, especially, for his regular attendance at this Parish Council.

23/6 Finance:

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

K M Price	£23.40	Pay Award (unpaid by bank)
K M Price	£120.21	Quarterly expense to 31 st December, Including use of home office and travel

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

- c. The Bank Mandate has still not been updated; the bank will not speak to the Clerk as he is not a signatory to the account. The Chairman has tried to deal with this and will try again.
- d. Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council has recently purchased new computer equipment for the Clerk, at a cost, including installation and training, of £1,000. The Clerk suggested a contribution of £50 towards this would be appropriate. Upon being put to the vote, three Councillors voted for it; Councillor Nicholson wished it to be recorded in the minutes that he had voted against.

23/7 New notice board:

This is still in hand. The Chairman hopes to deal with it shortly.

23/8 Defibrillators:

This cannot be progressed until the new notice board is in place, as a further grant will not be made until the previous one (for the notice board) is used. The matter was therefore deferred until the next meeting.

23/9 Parish Elections 2023:

The Clerk outlined the procedures for the Parish Elections to be held on 4th May 2023. As soon as the timetable is issued, he will contact all present Councillors and arrange for them to receive an Election Pack, unless advised to the contrary.

23/10 Planning:

- a. *The Council resolved to recommend approval to the following application:*

SL/2022/0804 3 Thompson Fold, Lupton. Replacement windows and doors with UPVC

- b. The Chairman continues to be in correspondence with the Planning Authority regarding the granting of planning applications SL/2020/0538 and SL/2018/0602 (Box Tree House, Lupton) and awaits a reply to recent correspondence.

23/11 Open Forum:

- a. The Clerk will report the damaged road sign at Meadowside to CCC Highways.
- b. The footpath from the layby on the A65 to Lupton Tower is very overgrown and full of debris, thus making it difficult to walk on. The Clerk will report this to CCC Highways.

23/12 Date of the next meeting:

***Wednesday 31st May 2023 at 7.30pm at Kitriding Tea Rooms
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting)***

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed:

Dated: