

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

Present were Councillors Stewart Lambert (Chairman), Alan Lambert and Simon Nutter and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Robin Nicholson and Derek Wightman.

23/34 Public participation: None.

23/35 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/36 Declarations of Interest:

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

23/37 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/38 Reports: None.

23/39 Finance:

a. It was noted that the Council's bank account with Barclays had been closed without warning and a cheque for the balance is being sent to the Clerk. It was resolved to open a new account with Lloyds Bank, the signatories to be Councillors Stewart Lambert, Simon Nutter, Derek Wightman and Parish Clerk Kevin Price, any two to sign.

b. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts, once the new bank account is in place:*

T Flitcroft	£90.00	Payroll administration
T Flitcroft	£125.00	Website – annual charge
K M Price	£120.15	Quarterly expenses to 30th September, including use of home office and travel
K M Price	£115.05	Salary September
K M Price	£46.46	Holiday Pay September
K M Price	£115.05	Salary October
HMRC	Any outstanding accounts	

c. The Chairman agreed to contact HMRC and explain that the Council cannot make any payments until the new bank account is operative.

d. The Budget Report, prepared by the Clerk, was considered and it was resolved to make a Precept upon Westmorland & Furness Council in the sum of £4.500 for the financial year 2024-25. There is therefore no increase in the parish element of the Council Tax.

e. The Pay Award for Clerks, notified to the Council by CALC/NALC, was noted. This represents an increase of £1 per hour across all salary scales, backdated to 1st April 2023. The present Clerk is employed for three hours per week on the salary point 20.

23/40 Defibrillators:

Funding for defibrillators cannot be applied for until the grant for the bus shelter has been paid.

23/41 Planning: None.

23/42 Open Forum:

The Clerk will report the blocked gullies at the top of Cow Brow, above the grit box.

23/43 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 22nd January 2024 at 7.30pm at Kitriding Tea Rooms, Lupton.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed:

Dated: