

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Lupton Parish Council held at Kitriding Tea Rooms on Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 8pm.

Present were Councillors Stewart Lambert (Chairman). Alan Lambert, Robin Nicholson, Simon Nutter and Derek Wightman, and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Vicky Hughes.

24/10 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Stewart Lambert was elected Chairman for 2024-25. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

24/11 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

Councillor Derek Wightman was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2024-25.

24/12 Requests for Dispensations: None.

24/13 Declarations of Interest:

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

24/14 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/15 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Zurich Municipal	£257.60	Insurance premium
CALC	£134.84	Annual subscription
K M Price	£122.75	Salary April 2024
K M Price	£119.46	Quarterly expenses to 31st March, including us of home office and travel

b. The Interim Accounts for 2023-24 were noted, having been circulated to all Councillors.

c. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the following documents, the Clerk having supplied copies to each Councillor and explained the importance of each one: The Exemption Certificate, The Annual Governance Statement and The Accounting Statements.

d. It was resolved to make a Standing Order request, for payment of the Clerk's salary, to Lloyds Bank. Councillors Nutter and Wightman both signed the letter.

4/16 Planning: None.

24/17 Open Forum:

- a. Councillor Wightman reported that a resident had reported a strand wire that had been placed at head height across a footpath just off Puddlemire Lane, near to Newbiggin. When Councillors investigated further it was discovered that the wire had been fastened between trees in two different locations. This was reported to the police and they were left dealing with the matter. Both residents and visitors are urged to be vigilant and careful.
- b. Possible footpath extension from the bus shelter to the Plough; this has been mentioned previously and had been discussed at the Parish Meeting before this meeting. It was agreed to ask Westmorland & Furness Council for help and advice. Ideally, such a path should run from the letter box right through to the Plough.
- c. The A65 passing through Lupton requires sweeping. The Clerk will contact Westmorland & Furness Council Highways to request this.
- d. Interest was shown in obtaining a Speed Indicator Device (SID) for use in the parish. The Clerk will ask Helen Karasslan at Westmorland & Furness Council for advice.
- e. Parish defibrillators: This has been discussed a number of times in recent years. A suitable location would be in the layby, possibly connecting up to the electricity supply that served the former phone kiosk. The Clerk will make enquiries.
- f. The pothole outside the bus shelter has been reported again.
- g. Concerns were expressed at the length of time traffic lights have been operating on the A65 between Crooklands and Cow Brow. Barriers have been erected at the site of an accident that occurred some months ago. The Clerk will contact W&F Council. And no work appears to be currently taking place.

24/18 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 12th August 2024 at 7.30pm at Kitriding Tea Rooms.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed:

Dated: