

Minutes of a meeting of Lupton Parish Council held at Kitriding Tea Rooms on Monday 20th January 2025 at 7.30pm.

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

25/1 Public participation: None.

25/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

25/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

25/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2024, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25/5 Planning:

The following application was considered and approval was recommended:

2024/2382/FPA Lupton Villa Cow Brow Lupton. Conversion of detached garage with residential accommodation to the first floor into single dwelling house, including alterations to existing access, associated drainage works and hard and soft landscaping.

25/6 Finance:

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

T Flitcroft	£125.00	Website management – annual payment
K M Price	£54.39	Backpay
K M Price	£118.71	Quarterly expenses to 31 st December Including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The bus shelter roof is in need of replacing. The Chairman and Councillor Nicholson will attend to this.

d. It was resolved to make a token grant of £25.00 to the Cumbria County History Project

- e. The Budget Report was considered and it was resolved make a Precept upon Westmorland & Furness Council in the sum of £4,675 for the financial year 2025-26.
- f. The nationally agreed Pay Award for 2025-26 was noted and adopted. This equates to around a 3.9% increase in Clerk's salaries. The Clerk at Lupton is currently employed for 3 hours per week on Salary Point 20.

25/7 Parish Defibrillator:

This cannot be progressed until the grant for the bus shelter is received so it was deferred until the next meeting.

25/8 Open Forum:

- a. A new fence will be required at the Parish Field in the foreseeable future. It was thought that this would be a good use of the CIL money (Community Infrastructure Levy) when the time comes.
- b. The Clerk will report previously reported potholes that have still not been attended to.

25/9 Date and place of the next meeting:

***Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 7.30pm at The Plough Inn, Lupton.
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting)***

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:

Dated: