

Minutes of a meeting of Lupton Parish Council held by ZOOM on Monday 12th October 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

**20/14 Public participation:** None.

**20/15 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**20/16 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**20/17 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th July 2020, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**20/18 County and District Councillors:**

Councillor Bingham had given the details of his report to the Clerk by telephone, who then reported thus:

- a. Overhanging trees near Kitriding have been reported.
- b. There are 66 Covid cases in South Lakeland, compared with over 400 in the Birmingham city area.
- c. Comments were made regarding the many road closures currently taking place, including the bridge at Crooklands.
- d. Kendal Leisure Centre has re-opened for swimming - providing it does not have to be used as a Nightingale Hospital.
- e. SLDC will be operating a fortnightly collection of green waste.
- f. SLDC has been considering World Poverty and Green Energy at recent meetings.
- g. The proposed Unitary Authority for Cumbria is under discussion. SLDC wishes this to consist of South Lakeland, Lancaster and Barrow, but the government is more likely to favour an Authority for the whole of Cumbria, which does not cross county boundaries.
- h. The proposed Carlisle bypass was the subject of a recent CCC meeting, as also was the Whitehaven Colliery.
- i. 84% of children are in school in South Lakeland.
- j. There is increased funding for mental health and social services.

### **20/19 Accessibility Regulations:**

The Clerk reported that the Council's website is now compliant with the new Accessibility Regulations. A charge of only £50 had been incurred, considerably less than originally expected.

### **20/20 New notice board and Defibrillator:**

This is on hold due to the current pandemic. It will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

### **20/21 Finance:**

- a. The cash and budget statements were noted and all payments were agreed retrospectively.
- b. The 'home working' allowance paid to the Clerk was considered and the new amount agreed. (HMRC has increased the tax-free amount from £4 weekly to £6 weekly - the first increase for many years - from 1st April 2020).
- c. It was resolved to share the cost of the ZOOM licence (valid until May 2021) with Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council (total ex-VAT cost was £78.40, Lupton Parish Council's share is £3.92).
- d. The Annual Pay Award of 2.75% for Parish Clerks, as recommended by NJC/NALC, from 1st April 2020, was agreed (backdated to 1st April 2020).

### **20/22 Planning:**

- a. Only one planning application had been received since the last meeting (and no comments were made):

SL/2020/0538 Box Tree House, Lupton. Erection of stone wall with timber infill panels and timber pedestrian gate to the east garden of Box Tree House (Retrospective).

- b. The Clerk agreed to ask SLDC Planning on the 'rules' surrounding 'CU' applications, where the Parish Council is not consulted. He will circulate details of any reply received.

### **20/23 Date of next meeting:**

***Wednesday 2nd December 2020 by ZOOM at 7.30pm  
(This will be the Precept Meeting)***

*The meeting closed at 7.50pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*