

Minutes of a meeting of Lupton Parish Council held at Kittridding Tea Rooms on Monday 5th February 2018, at 7.30pm.

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

18/1 Public participation: None.

18/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

18/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

18/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2017, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

18/5 Reports:

- a. Police. There had been 21 incidents reported in the wider area, two of which related to the parish. One had culminated in an arrest for possession with intent to supply controlled drugs. Four other crimes with community impact were also recorded locally.
- b. County Councillor. Councillor Bingham said the likely increases in Council Tax for CCC would be around 3.99%, including 2% for adult social care. Some potholes have been repaired but a number are still outstanding. The lack of repairs to various bridges in the parish was again noted as was the drainage problems on Cow Brow. Flooding problems in the parish have been reported again.
- c. District Councillor. Councillor Cooper said that the three-member Wards for SLDC will come into effect in May, and this parish will be part of the Burton and Crooklands Ward. SLDC has £500,000 in reserves at present. Housing for older people is a priority this year.

18/6 Finance:

- a. *It was resolved to pay the following account:*

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| K M Price | £94.60 | Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel. |
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- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

18/7 Parish Council website:

The Clerk has found a volunteer to put the legally required information on the website, for the agreed honorarium of £100 per annum. The Council resolved to accept this arrangement.

18/8 Outstanding Parish Council requirements:

The proposed Publication Scheme, under the Freedom of Information Act, was agreed and this will be added to the documents on the website.

18/9 New Audit arrangements:

The Clerk explained that, from 1st April 2018, the Council will be able to declare itself exempt from the requirement for an External Audit. Under the Transparency requirements, further financial details will be available on the website and the Internal Audit of the Council's accounts will continue as at present. Further details will be available at the next meeting.

18/10 Parish notice board:

Councillor Nutter agreed to obtain a quotation for a new notice board and improvements to the bus shelter and the Chairman will apply for a grant from the Armistead Fund.

18/11 General Data Protection Regulation:

There is still not a lot of information available regarding this but the new regulation will affect all Parish Councils. A Data Protection Officer will need to be appointed and further details are awaited shortly from CALC. A training course is being arranged on 7th and 8th March for Councillors and Clerks.

18/12 Planning:

There had only been one application since the last meeting and the Chairman had considered it non-contentious, so no comments had been submitted:

SL/2017/1142 Lupton Tower, Lupton. Change of use of land to provide additional 25 car parking spaces.

18/13 Correspondence:

- a. It was reported that the bus service from Kirkby Lonsdale into Kendal calls at the Westmorland General Hospital but on the return journey it only picks passengers up from the A65. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries about this.

18/14 Agenda items for the next meeting:

Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Any others may be sent to the Clerk 14 days before date of the next meeting.

18/15 Open Forum: None.

18/16 Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at 7.30pm at Kitriding Tea Rooms, Lupton (This will be the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting).

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed:

Dated: