

Minutes of a meeting of Lupton Parish Council held at Kittridding Tea Rooms on Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Stewart Lambert (Chairman), Gordon Higton, Alan Lambert, Robin Nicholson and Simon Nutter, County and District Councillor Roger Bingham, District Councillor Brian Cooper, and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

19/1 Public participation: None.

19/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

19/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

19/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2018, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

19/5 Reports:

- a. Police. PCSO Martin Boak had sent his report by email. There had been a number of shoplifting incidents, a burglary and the passing of fake £20 notes in Kirkby Lonsdale during the past month but no incidents relating directly to this parish.
- b. **County Councillor.** Councillor Bingham reported on the problems associated with the closure of Crooklands Bridge which is owned by the Canal and Waterways Authority and an inquiry is to be set up to resolve this issue. All residents are encouraged to report blocked gullies to CCC Highways. He mentioned the likely increase in Council Tax of 3.99% including 2% for adult social care. Extra money is required for the Police and all future entrants must be graduates.

(Councillor Bingham agreed to report a number of potholes that were mentioned to him)

- c. **District Councillor.** Councillor Cooper reported on the recent Public Health Strategy meeting which had been useful, the future of the former New Road car park in Kendal, the Grange Lido and the proposed restoration of Kendal Town Hall at a cost of around £5M.

19/6 Finance:

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

HMRC	£215.55	PAYE (noted)
K M Price	£86.05	Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel
K M Price	£13.50	Additional travel costs as agreed

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The Clerk outlined recent problems, where letters had gone astray, resulting in cheques being lost that had been posted to the Chairman's address. HMRC had consequently charged the Council interest on recent payments and replacement cheques had to be issued to HMRC and A2A Advertising Limited. The Clerk was claiming the additional mileage involved in obtaining signatures on the replacement cheques, after receiving a number of letters from HMRC which stated that further action would be taken.

It was agreed that, in future, cheques for any payments due between meetings will be sent to Councillor Higton who will ask Councillor Alan Lambert to countersign, in order to avoid this problem.

19/7 Planning:

The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted:

SL/2018/0946 Kitriding, Lupton. Change of use of land to accommodate five pods and facilities block with associated treatment plant. Granted.

SL/2018/0783 The Granary, Lupton. Removal of condition 2 (approved person) attached to planning permission SL/2009/0662 (Conversion of building to dwelling with associated parking space & garden). Granted.

19/8 New notice board:

This is ongoing. Quotations are being obtained for a new notice board and for the cost of renovating the bus shelter, with lighting, seating and the new notice board. The proposed defibrillator could possibly be housed here too. The Clerk will ask the organiser of the defibrillator group how many first responders there are in the parish, although it is understood the defibrillator would be easily usable by anyone.

19/9 Standing Orders:

The new Standing Orders, as adopted by Burneside PC, had been circulated to Councillors today. These will be considered at the next meeting.

19/10 Correspondence:

- a. Parking at Lupton Church (minute 18/53f and 18/41 civ refer). The Chairman has spoken to Mr De-Robeck and the matter is in hand.
- b. Election 2019. This Council is due for an Election on 2nd May. The Clerk said the closing date for nominations to be delivered to SLDC is 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April. Election packs should be available in mid-March and he will send all present Councillors a pack unless advised not to do so. The Election will be advertised locally by mid-March and any member of the public requiring further information should contact the Clerk.
- c. Residents are concerned that HGV drivers are being directed by their satnavs to drive on lanes that are clearly not suitable, especially where there are already problems with bridges being closed/restricted.
- d. Possible merging of Councils. The Chairman did not feel that there would be sufficient interest in nearby Parish Meetings for any merging of Councils. There has not, however, yet been any formal approach made.

19/11 Date of the next meeting:

***Thursday 9th May 2019 at 7.30pm at Kitriding Tea Rooms
(This will be the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting).***

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed:

Dated: