

Lowside Quarter Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2013 at 7.00pm at TARNSIDE, BRAYSTONES

Present: Cllrs S Clague (in chair), G Mossop, J Brereton, S Gannon, and the Clerk.

Also present: Mrs L Gardener

10/13.1. Apologies for absence: A.Sharp, B.Stephenson

10/13.2. Declarations of interest: None

10/13.3. Minutes of the meeting on 20th August 2013: It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of Lowside Quarter Parish Council held on the 20th August 2013 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed by Cllr Mossop and seconded by Cllr Brereton.**

10/13.4. Chair's Announcements: The Chairman reported that the work carried out by Cumbria Borough Council Waste Service, regarding the removal of the soil and grass/weeds surrounding the wall at Ashley Barn Middletown is of an excellent standard.

Mrs L Gardener was introduced by the Chairman and was attending the meeting with a view of becoming a future councillor.

10/13.5. Actions Arising:

08/13.3.1 Cllr Stephenson to contact Mr&Mrs Kirby to obtain their approval prior to cutting verge at Kellhead. **Complete**

Clerk to provide a copy of the Parish boundaries for all councillors. The Clerk handed out four different scale versions of Ordinance Survey maps of the Lowside Quarter Parish boundaries.

Complete

The Clerk asked which would be the preferred version. It was requested that all four versions were provided to each of the Cllrs in A3 size. **Action - Clerk**

08/13.8.1 Cllr Clague to order second bench. **Ongoing**

Cllr Mossop and Cllr Clague to contact Murphy's Contractors with regards to acquiring two concrete railway sleepers. Cllr Clague proposed that Cllr Sharp is approached and asked if he would be willing to dig out the area and fill with concrete.

The details of plaque inscription to be mounted on the second bench. This item is to be added to next agenda. **Action – Clerk**

08/13.6.1.1 The Clerk to forward the concerns raised regarding planning application REF:CH/4/13/2302/0F1 **Erect Agricultural General Purpose Building, provide new access & close off existing access. (Resubmission). Part Field, East of High Rigg, Caulderton, Egremont.** . These were passed to the planning department. **Complete**

08/13.8.2 The Clerk to contact Mr Kevin Cosgrove and local MP with regards to the results of the traffic monitoring carried out in June. **Ongoing**

08/13.9.1 The Chair and Clerk to look at draft asset register and fully populate. **Ongoing**
Progress update of the jobs identified for the Lengthsman. The Clerk reported that the notice board at Middletown had been repaired and stained and the surrounding hedge had been cutback. The fingerpost at Gill Cottage junction to Caulderton had been repaired. **Complete**

08/13.9.2 The Clerk to provide a breakdown of the agreement with Jack Towers regarding the Website. **Ongoing**

08/13.10 The Clerk was requested to contact planning and highways with regards to the height of the surrounding wall and the unstable stones at Middletown barn conversion. **Ongoing**
The Clerk was requested to enquire as to the how often the road sweeper was scheduled to visit the Parish. The Clerk contacted Janice Carroll from Waste services. There is no program for the road sweeper to visit the area as it is an on request service only. **Complete**

08/13.11.1 The Clerk was requested to enquire as to the possibility of the community payback team litter picking in the area. **Ongoing.**

10/13.6 Public Participation

10/13.6.1 To receive comments and representations from members of the public. None were received.

10/13.7 Bench

10/13.7.1 To discuss details of plaque inscription for second bench. The Clerk was requested to add this to the agenda next meeting. **Action - Clerk**

10/13.8. Planning

10/13.8.1. To consider any new applications:

10/13.8.1.1 CH/4/13/2341/0F1: Proposed boathouse, The Mount, Braystones beach, Beckermert. Cllr Clague discussed the application and identified that there was no design and access statement included. The Clerk was requested to contact planning to request one. **Action Clerk**

The council members discussed the requirement for the boat house as a garage already exists at the property. The following comments to be passed to the planning department were:

- Is the boat house for commercial use?
- What is the size of the boat to be stored in the boat house?

Action - Clerk

10/13.8.1.2. CH/4/13/2357/0F1: Demolish and rebuild dilapidated section of farmhouse and link, re roof attached outbuilding. Low Ehenside Farm, Braystones, Beckermert. No issues were raised.

10/13.8.2 To note decisions received:

10/13.8.2.1 CH/4/13/2302/0F1: Erect Agricultural General Purpose Building, provide new access & close off existing access. (Resubmission). Part Field, East of High Rigg, Caulderton, Egremont. It was noted that planning was **GRANTED.**

10/13.9 Finance

10/13.9.1 Payment of accounts. There were no payments made.

10/13.9.2 To receive report on payments made since last meeting. No payments had been made.

10/13.10. Highway Issues

10/13.10.1. Treatment of Japanese Knotweed at Anchor loring. Due to Cllr Stephenson's absence an update regarding the Treatment of the Japanese Knotweed remain on the agenda to discuss at the next meeting.

10/13.10.2. Other Highway issues Due to Cllr Stephenson's absence an update regarding the highway issues remain on the agenda to discuss at the next meeting. The Clerk had contacted Mr Cosgrove with regards to an update but was awaiting a reply.

The following issues require attention by the Highways:

1. The sewer at Townend farm Nethertown requires attention.
2. The drain at Grandview Middletown is full and requires attention.
3. There is a land drain blocked under the road at Rothersyke near Holm farm.

Action – Clerk to contact Highways.

10/13.11.1 Goodwill payment for Mrs Donaldson – Acting Clerk. No progress had been made regarding this item. The item is to remain on the agenda to discuss at the next meeting. **Action - Clerk**

10/13.12.1 Community Payback Scheme. No progress had been made on this item. The item is to remain on the agenda to discuss at the next meeting. **Action - Clerk**

10/13.13 Clerk's report of on-going matters.

10/13.13.1 Draft asset register. No progress had been made on this item. The item is to remain on the agenda to discuss at the next meeting. **Action – Clerk**

10/13.13.2 Website updates/improvements. No progress had been made on this item. The item is to remain on the agenda to discuss at the next meeting. **Action – Clerk**

The Chairman noted displeasure regarding the website this was seconded by Cllr Mossop. He stated that if there were any further issues regarding the website and the service provider, then the Clerk was to write a letter to Mr J Towers.

10/13.14 Correspondence

10/13.14.1. To note any correspondence received.

- A letter had been received from Mr Singleton with regards to using Good Companions as a new meeting venue. It was agreed that future meeting take place on a Thursday evenings from 1830 until 2000 at Good Companions this was proposed by Cllr Mossop and seconded by Cllr Gannon. The Clerk was requested to confirm the agreed time and date with Mr Singleton and arrange the next meeting date. The Clerk will inform all Cllrs with regards to the date of the next meeting.
- The Clerk informed members of the minutes from the last Partnership Forum Meeting. The Chair requested the date for the next meeting and that one member would attend. The Clerk was requested to identify the PCSO for the Lowside Quarter Parish as there were a number of motorbikes being used on the beach at Middletown and Braystones. Mrs Gardener informed the council that she would monitor the beaches and record the times and day's that motorbikes were used at Middletown and Braystones. This information will then be passed to the PCSO.
- The Clerk informed the members of correspondence received regarding the WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 SECTION 53. APPLICATION TO ADD A PUBLIC FOOTPATH AT NETHERTOWN IN THE PARISH OF LOWSIDE QUARTER, DISTRICT OF COPELAND. It was agreed that the item would be added to the agenda

for discussion the next meeting; this would also give members of the public the opportunity to attend the meeting and discuss their views. Cllr Mossop declared a personal interest in this item and left the room whilst the matter was discussed.

- Mr Ted Little joined the meeting to provide the Cllrs with some background to the proposed route. He stated that the access was to his land only and that he had previously closed the route on occasions to prevent access to the public as there was no liability cover. Three members of the parish council admitted that they had used the footpath in the past. Mr Ted Little left room and Cllr Mossop re entered the room. It was proposed that the hedges in the Lowside Quarter area are cut at the end of October. This was proposed by Cllr Mossop and seconded by Cllr Gannon.
- Mrs Gardener expressed her interest in becoming a member of the parish council. This was proposed by Cllr Gannon and seconded by Cllr Brereton.

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10/13.15. Items for next agenda

- River Ehen erosion issues.
- Nethertown bus timetable

10/13.16 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be at 6:30pm on Thursday the 7th November 2013 at Good Companions, Singletons Garden Centre, Nethertown.

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

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