

Lowside Quarter Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD APRIL 2014 at 6.30pm at GOOD COMPANIONS, NETHERTOWN

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

03/14.1. Apologies for absence: L Gardener

03/14.2. Declarations of interest: None

03/14.3. Minutes of the meeting on 27th February 2014: The minutes were circulated and the following amendments agreed:

Mrs Stephenson noted she was in attendance at the meeting although her name was not listed as present.

02/14.8 Mr Singleton total payment was £46.13.

It was **RESOLVED** that the meeting of Lowside Quarter Parish Council held on 27th February 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. This was **proposed by G Mossop and Seconded by B Stephenson**

03/14.4. Chair's Announcements: The Chair began the meeting by stating that the unacceptable and inappropriate behaviour of a council member at the last meeting would not be tolerated. He apologised to every councillor that he did not intervene earlier and prevent further comments being made. The Chair reminded all councillors of the Code of Conduct and emphasised particularly that all councillors must ensure they make their apologies prior to the meeting as the Clerk maintains a record of attendance for each Councillor and the reason for non attendance.

The Chair made referenced to the Good Councillors Guide and highlighted a number of points:

- Treat others with respect
- No bullying
- No improper purposes

03/14.5. Code of Conduct

The Chair requested the Clerk to send out the current version of the Code of Conduct to all Councillors.

Action: Clerk

03/14.6. Actions Arising:

	Minute Number	Action	Action on	Status
1	08/13.8.1	To mount bench	G Mossop, S Clague	Ongoing. Clerk to contact Highways to enquire about land at Caulderton.
2	08/13.10	Contact planning and highways with regards to surrounding wall at Ashley Barn	Clerk	Ongoing. Clerk to contact Senior personnel within highways
3	11/13.10.1	Contact Shaun Sykes re: Japanese knotweed	Clerk	Ongoing. Clerk to contact Scott Armstrong Parks Department
4	11/13.17.1	Meet with J.Brough regarding Buggy bridge	S.Clague	Ongoing Write to Highways Engineer. The sandstone blocks have been washed away, there is now no support under the bridge. Photos are to be sent to the Highways Engineer.
5	11/13.17.1	Contact Highways regarding red plastic on braystones bridge	Clerk	It was RESOLVED that the bridge has been repaired.
6	11/13.17.1	Correspondance to Middletown septic tank users	Clerk	Ongoing. Jim Kirkpatrick was contacted but no further progress has occurred. Clerk to follow up.

03/14.7 Public Participation

03/14.7.1 To receive comments and representations from members of the public.

None were received.

03/14.8 Planning

03/14.8.1. To consider any new applications: REF:CH/4/14/2088/0F1: Lawful development certificate for an existing use of unrestricted residential property.

Crakesdale, Black Ling, Egremont.

There were no concerns with regards to the application.

03/14.8.2 To note decisions received: None were received

03/14.9 Finance

03/14.9.1 Payment of accounts.

To whom paid	Particulars of payment	Total Payment	Proposed	Seconded
Clerk	Wage	£65.39	S.Gannon	B Stephenson

03/14.9.2 To receive report on payments made since last meeting. No payments had been made.

03/14.10. Highway Issues

03/14.10.1. Flooding at Grandview Middle town and Meadow View Cottage

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she had received a draft copy of a number of Flood reports within the Parish. One of the reports was specifically for Middletown in particularly the flooding event which occurred in 2012 which affected Grandview and adjoining properties.

It was **RESOLVED** that the outcome from the report identified improvements to be made by Cumbria Highways Team and Land owners. No further action is required from the Parish Council.

03/14.11 Litter Issue on Caulderton Nethertown and Braystones Beach.

Councillor Gannon informed everyone that the Community Payback team had carried out a beach clean last month on Nethertown and Braystones beaches where they had filled numerous bags with litter. Members of the Parish expressed their delight with the work that had been carried out. **Councillor Gannon proposed** that the Community Payback team was contacted to carry out the same work on Caulderton beach which was **seconded by Councillor Stephenson**. The Clerk was asked to contact the community payback team to carryout a beach clean at Caulderton beach. **Action Clerk**

03/14.12 Unstable trees at Sled Bridge

Councillor Stephenson proposed that the highways were contacted with regards to a number of unstable trees at Sled Bridge. There are some trees in the St Bees Parish which are also unstable. It was proposed by Councillor Stephenson that the Clerk contact St Bees Parish Council and the Highways with regards to the trees. **Action Clerk**

03/14.13. Fly Tipping at Braystones

The Clerk shared with the members an email from Councillor Gardener that informed all members that Fly Tipping is occurring at Braystones Beach and under the railway bridge at Lantern Moss. Trailer loads of house hold objects, such as mattresses bedding etc have been set alight and left burning. Councillor Gardener proposed the Clerk report this to the Copeland Council Environmental Health Team. **Action Clerk**

03/14.14 Anti social Behaviour – Motorbikes at Braystones Beach

The Clerk shared with the council member's correspondence from Councillor Gardener with regards to anti social use of motor bikes and 4 X 4 vehicles on Braystones beach at the weekends. There have been occasions where members of the public have nearly suffered injury due to the careless nature in which these vehicles are being used. It was proposed by Councillor Gardener that the Clerk contacts the local Police to monitor this. **Action Clerk**

03/14.15 Clerks report of on-going matters

None to report

03/14.16 Items for next agenda

1. Improvements to public footpaths
2. Litter in Parish
3. St Bees Parish Magazine
4. Potholes

Date of next meeting

The next meeting to be held at 6:30pm Thursday 1st May 2014 at Good Companions, Singletons Garden Centre, Nethertown.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

Signed.....

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