

Lowside Quarter Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Lowside Quarter Parish Council at Lakeland View
meeting room on Thursday 10 April at 6pm**

Present:

Cllr S Hey
Cllr M Tonks
Cllr C Paine
Cllr K Lang
Y Hey (Clerk)

04/2025/1 Apologies:

Cllr G Singleton

04/2025/2 Resignation of Chair and re-election of new Chair

Cllr Mossop sent in his letter of resignation on 21 March 2025, Clerk read out the letter and it was proposed that a card and voucher be purchased as a thank you to all the hard work done over the years.

It was proposed that Kirstin Lang would be the interim acting Chair until the AGM in May when she will officially take over as Chair.

Vice Chair is still held by Greg Singleton.

04/2025/03

The Council welcomed Helen Jones and Sam Bateson as new Parish Councillors, nice to have new faces, fresh ideas and a full Parish Council

04/2025/04 Declaration of Interests by Councillors in respect of agenda items

None were declared

04/2025/05 Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Update on Outstanding Actions

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the Clerk.

04/2025/06 Finance

Councillors were told how much in the accounts at present:-

Current account - £871.94 as of last statement 20.2.25

Reserve account - £120.05 as of last statement 20.2.25

The Clerk had been into the Natwest to sort out new signatories, and found out that the clerk was the only signatory on the account, although there are 6 other people who used to be councillors still on, (they hadn't been taken off, but will be in due course when more details have been uploaded).

Although the Clerk can sign cheques, she isn't able to say anyone can be added to the account, hence the reason for this "quick" meeting to have minuted that the Parish Councillors are in agreement that the Clerk - Mrs Yvonne Hey can add other people to the account, in this case Kirstin Lang.

Councillors were in FULL agreement that this can happen and these minutes will be signed in accordance with how the Natwest operate.

04/2025/07 Planning

None

04/2025/08 Any Other Business

A discussion took place about replacing the bench on the village green in Nethertown, it was proposed that the old bench would be taken away and in it's place would be a picnic bench, Councillors thought this would be used more than a bench, the plaque will be put on the picnic bench once in situ.

The planters are in need of new plants, in all 4 Parishes, Clerk to contact Greg Singleton and ask for a mixture of plants like we had a few years ago, various people in the 4 parishes do tend to them, and they look neat and welcoming.

It was also discussed that we would try and brighten up Nethertown and Braystones train stations and get in touch with Skills4U, this organisation helped at the time of

the Coronation, it was decided that it made the area look welcoming, tidy and brightened it up.

Councillor Lang and the Clerk went to a meeting held by Josh McAllister about a month ago with concerns that if we had a huge power cut again, or something similar, we in the parish needed our Councillors names and numbers given out to the companies and then any messages or indeed urgent information could be given out to all 4 parishes.

With this being in mind as a parish council we would like a "stock" of radios, torches, even small gas heaters, and where would we get these from, Josh McAllister emailed Councillor Lang back and said we as a parish need to acquire these things ourselves and give our information under our own steam - Councillor Lang and the Clerk to look into.

It was also discussed that more "grants" would be sought to help with various items/issues we would like to purchase.

The AGM will be held in May/June.

The Audit takes place in June.

End of meeting 7.20pm

If anyone has anything they need to talk about in the 4 villages they just need to email the Clerk or ask the Chair or Vice Chair, as everyone knows who they are and where they live, and they will endeavour to help them, and of course you are welcome to come to any meetings.