

Lowside Quarter Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Lowside Quarter Parish Council at Lakeland View  
meeting room on Thursday 15 May at 6pm and AGM**

Present:

Cllr S Hey  
Cllr K Lang  
Cllr S Bateson  
Cllr H Jones  
Y Hey (Clerk)

05/2025/1 Apologies:

Cllr G Singleton  
Cllr C Paine  
Cllr M Tonks

05/2025/2 Election of new Chair

The Councillors ALL voted to Elect Cllr Kirstin Lang as Chair.

The first part of the meeting was the AGM, and we welcomed a resident of Lowside Quarter who had come along to see what we did, the Clerk explained what we did as a Parish Council, what we spent the precept on and any issues the resident had, if any.

05/2025/03 Declaration of Interests by Councillors in respect of agenda  
items

None were declared

05/2025/05 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.

Cllr Lang explained she had written to Josh McAllister about issues we had when the electricity had been off over a weekend due to a storm, and that the Parish Council would like to be able to obtain torches, radios etc if and when it ever happened again, to be able to hand these out to all residents, and also be able to tell the Electricity companies or such who they could use as a point of contact to be able to ensure residents knew what was happening, give any advice or help, unfortunately we were told as a Parish Council we need to sort this out ourselves. So Clerk and Cllr Lang to contact necessary agencies.

Cllr Lang has and is looking into obtaining some defib units for Lowside Parish, but we are well aware we would need 4 defib units 1 for each area.

Cllrs thought it was a good idea to buy a picnic bench for the "green" at Nethertown to replace the bench, Clerk to sort this when bank statements are in and we know what monies we have. A picnic bench costs about £660.51.

The Cllrs discussed the "fire" that happened after the steam train went through.

Cllr S Hey had attended virtually a meeting on Public Space Prohibition Orders and dog fouling. Cllrs often mention at meetings about buying bins, its not as easy as just buying a bin and getting it emptied, the Council have to do quite a detailed survey of the area that is needed, agree that that is where the bin should go, how often it happens, where it mostly happens etc.,

Cllr Lang had been in touch with someone at the Council to discuss the removal for the old bus sign, still ongoing.

Cllr Lang been in touch with Skills4You, about Nethertown train platform decoration, no one as yet has come back to her. It was suggested by Councillors that maybe Councillors could do some artwork to try and brighten this platform and Braystones up.

Cllr Jones had been in contact with United Utilities about removal of barriers which have been left from previous jobs, still awaiting reply.

Cllr Hey been in touch with Darren Fawcett who will continue to cut the grass on the 2 week schedule through the Summer.

#### 05/2025/05 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

Cllr Lang is now on the cheque account as a signatory, we will also add Cllr Jones in next couple of months. All Councillors in full agreement.

Still awaiting up to date statements, before Audit can be completed.

#### 04/2025/06 Planning

None

#### 04/2025/07 Any Other Business

Cllr Lang said that 2 highways personnel had been out to look at the area prone to flooding outside her house, still in progress, but a long wait is probable.

It was mentioned that a catering van would be nice in the village, especially in Summer on a Friday night, Clerk and Cllr Lang to put feelers to companies out.

Councillors would also like to know who owns the "concrete parking area by Nethertown beach" as a few people have mentioned when they have stopped overnight if there was a donations box. This needs to be looked into further.

Cllr Bateson said if we were able to site a storage container would we be able to pay a "peppercorn rent" to land owner, this is something we would be able to do.

A new resident was asking what the procedure is if something happened re: Sellafield, they do make Emergency booklets - Cllr Lang and Cllr Bateson said they would try and source.

End of meeting 7.30pm

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.