

Lowside Quarter Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Lowside Quarter Parish Council at Lakeland View
meeting room on Thursday 9 October at 5.30**

Present:

Cllr S Hey
Cllr H Jones
Cllr C Paine
Cllr K Lang Chair
Cllr S Bateson
Y Hey Clerk

10/2025/1 Apologies:

Cllr G Singleton
Cllr M Tonks

10/2025/02 Declaration of Interests by Councillors in respect of agenda
items

None were declared

10/2025/03 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 Chair.

10/2025/04 Finance

Councillors went through the Finances

Current account - £3,923.41 as of last statement 5.9.25

Reserve account - £120.37 as of last statement 5.9.25

2 cheques signed, 1 for clerk's wages, 1 for subscription to Microsoft.

Picnic bench still be ordered, try and order before Christmas.

10/2025/05 Planning

None

10/2025/06 Any Other Business

Clerk had a message from Clark's who own a farm just at the top of Outrigg, asking if any Councillors saw the steam train on 5th April set fire to any banking, they are trying to get Network Rail to pay for the clearance of the burnt grass etc on the coastal path, as Network Rail are saying it wasn't them. She is asking if we had witnessed it could we please write an email to herself and she will be able to pass it on, along with photos (if we had any). Clerk has sent her a lot of photos and also with permission from Councillors will write an email.

All Councillors were in agreement.

Cllr Bateson said the Sellafield site emergency has been postponed and will now take place on 5th November.

Cllr Bateson has also had a word with John Brough (farmer) about siting an iso freight container on his land, with a peppercorn rent, he was not opposed to this but would like to know what would be stored in it, we would need to do a Risk Assessment for anything flammable etc.

Councillors to look into what we would store in there.

Cllr Lang has managed to secure funding and had it approved from the gdf, for 7 defibs, these are to be placed

Lakeland View, Middletown, Coulderton Village, Coulderton Beach, 3 in Braystones, (Beach, Tarnside and by the noticeboard).

Cllr Lang has checked with everyone who would site a defib unit or near one and these people have no objections checking on condition and maintenance (if needed) on the boxes and report back to her. The cabinets will be heated and lit.

They will be purchased through the Ambulance service.

Nethertown have been "gifted" a defib unit by William Morley, in honour of his son Billy, Cllr Lang is on with seeing where this can be properly sited. This is still to be sorted.

A huge congratulations to Cllr Lang for all her hard work.

Northern are to look at the shelter on Braystones Station as it is the wrong way round, and does not give any shelter.

Also the new signage has blown away in the storm on Nethertown Station.

Also after the collision with the white van and a train at Braystones station, Network Rail are to sort a community event out for residents of Braystones to see what can be done to stop this sort of thing happening again.

Beach Road, Braystones there is a structural engineer assessing the road, for feasibility of putting a road on the beach.

Braystones beach front residents are needing more bins, so Cllr Lang has asked for more from the Council.

Also a larger bin is needed on the concrete at Nethertown.

There is new signage to say there is NO BUS STOP at Nethertown.

Network rail have also fixed the fence at Nethertown station.

Cllr Lang has contacted Mitchells Auctioneers as the barns that are for Auction have become dangerous with parts flying off the roofs, especially in high winds.

10/2025/07 Resilience Conference

Cllr Lang and Cllr Paine both attended the above conference at Rheged, Penrith on Wednesday, a lot of information and certainly a lot to come away and think about. Main points are for the Community to write a resilience plan for the community, not the Parish Council to write one, but to have a Community Response Group. To go through risks to the area, what our area could face in the future.

There is a lot of help and information from various people, a lot of leaflets and information to go through.

It was decided that a Resilience Brainstorming Session would be sorted out, Cllr Lang and Cllr Paine to sort and get back to us and community re times and dates.

Contacts for this will be Cumberland Council, Action Cumbria and the Environment Agency.

End of meeting 7.00pm

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.