

Lowside Quarter Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Lowside Quarter Parish Council at Lakeland View meeting room on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 5pm

Present Cllr S Hey  
Cllr G Singleton  
Cllr M Tonks  
Cllr K Lang  
Cllr S Bateson

12/2025/01 Apologies

Cllr H Jones  
Cllr C Paine

12/2025/02 Declaration of interests by Councillors in respect of agenda items.

None were declared

12/2025/03 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 Clerk.

12/2025/04 Finance – setting precept for 2026/2027  
Add another signatory on the Natwest Account and authorisation from Councillors

Councillors had a discussion about how much has been spent in the last few years and with cost of living going up, hedges, grass cutting, insurance for the Parish all going up it was decided that we would ask for £5000, £500 more than last year, ALL in agreement.

Clerk to send form for Precept to County Council.

It was also discussed for the need for another signatory to be added onto the Natwest account, this was also agreed by all councillors, Cllr Lang to sort out with Cllr Jones in the New Year.

12/2025/05 Planning

No planning applications for review.

A discussion ensued about an agricultural style barn in Middletown which has been erected behind a property, whilst the Parish Councillors didn't have any objections to this, they wondered if it would need planning permission as none can be seen on the system.

Clerk to contact Planning Enforcement Officer

12/2025/06 Defibs

All defibs have been installed throughout the 4 villages, but the guardian of all of them is Cllr Lang, they are all unlocked and registered with the ambulance service for all residents to access.

Cllr Lang to also organise training if anyone should wish to know how to use them, although they are very much straightforward in case people need them.

The unit flashes green when everything is ok, if it flashes red to let Cllr Lang know.

Cllr Lang to sort out the final report for the GDF funding.

12/2025/07 AOB including resilience planning

Flooding outside Cllr Lang's property, has been impassable of late due to all the flooding, still getting nowhere with Highways, maybe the next port of call is to a County Councillor, Clerk to try and look into

Middletown gulleys all blocked – Cllr Lang reported

Braystones beach residents had been asking for more bins for waste, but this is something each individual household would sort, not for the Parish Council.

Councillors discussed they thought that 1 wheelie bin per household should be available at the communal bin location.

There is NO fire hydrant near or on Coulderton beach – Cllr Lang to get in touch with the Fire Department.

The barns for sale in Nethertown, have had storm damage and become unsafe, this has been reported to Mitchells who are selling them to resolve the issue, this has so far not happened. Cllr Lang reported to County Council about a dangerous structure and apparently you give it a month, if nothing has happened we need to ring again.

Accident with van at Braystones level crossing, a meeting has taken place with the beach residents looking at what can be done to make the crossing safer in future, Network Rail to keep residents updated.

Resilience planning – a few residents met and information leaflets were distributed, Cllr Lang was given a pack, going to see if this can be kept in the Lakeland View meeting rooms.