

## Lowick Parish Council

Minutes of the AGM meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 held at Lowick Community Hall.

Present: Cllr C Dacre, Cllr L Ingham, and Cllr C Roblin.

The Chair opened and the meeting.

**076/25 Apologies**

**Resolved** to accept apologies from Cllr G Sanderson.

**077/25 Requests for Dispensations**

**Resolved** to note there are no requests for dispensations.

**078/25 Declarations of Interest**

**Resolved** to note there are no declaration of interests.

**079/25 Minutes**

**Resolved** to note that the minutes from the meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup> were not authorised as there was only two Cllrs in attendance that were in attendance at the meeting in July. July minutes will be on the agenda for November's meeting for approval together with the minutes from tonight's meeting.

**080/25 Public Participation**

- a) Cllr Suzanne Pender had sent her apologies together with an email regarding devolution. Cllrs will respond to the email in a personal capacity should they wish.
- b) Police had sent apologies.
- c) No residents were in attendance.

**081/25 Highway Matters**

**Resolved** to note that the clerk has requested a site visit with Highways but to date has had no response but she will keep chasing them.

**081/25 Community Resilience**

**Resolved** to note that as yet we have not received the questionnaire from Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council as agreed in a joint meeting with them. Cllr Dacre will contact the chair of Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council and the matter will be on the next agenda including further discussion on the possible purchase of radios.

**082/25 Progress Update**

a) Lowick Community Hall

The number regular bookings for bookings for the Hall is still disappointingly low. All lightening damage to the hall has now been repaired. Wayne Sinkinson did an excellent job of repairing the stonework on the back porch. The playgroup huts are in the process of being repainted. Work has been held up by the heavy rain. Val Ingham organised a cleaning party during the playgroup holidays. The maintained light fitting in the porch is making an annoying buzzing sound. I will purchase and install a replacement as soon as possible.

b) Lowick Green Management Committee

Himalayan Balsam continues to be a problem on both Lowick common and the area in front of Hopfield Cottages, though we are gradually getting it under control, in

conjunction with CWT. We pulled less than 30% of the plants we pulled last year. Some of the bracken has been cleared and 3 juniper bushes planted in this area. There have been two more bursts in the water main under the fell road to Beck Bottom. Both were repaired promptly, though involved closures of the Fell road. I think this is a total of four this year?

There has been no further communication from National Park Planning about restoration of the ground where huts have stood to pre 1948 levels. I assume this is the end of the matter. We have been told that we cannot park a trailer in this location for any length of time without planning permission.

We have done some work trying to tidy up the verge in front of Hopefield Cottages to allow the area to be cut and removed several "mower destroying stones". Further work will be done over the winter. John Black did a good job of controlling the reinstatement of a Fibrous trench across the grass around the phone box. We should be able to cut this without any damage to machinery.

We plan to cut the wildflower areas sometime in September weather permitting.

**083/25 Parish Lengths Man**

a) **Resolved** to note that the Parish Lengths Man has resigned from Lowick Parish Council.

b) **Resolved** that the clerk will seek quotes for the bus stop repairs.

**084/25 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)**

Reference: 7/2025/5430

Location: Hunda, Lowick Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8EE

Proposal: Demolition of existing single-storey extension to dwelling and construction of two-storey annex comprising entrance hall, separate WC, combined kitchen/lounge on upper floor, two bedrooms and bathroom on lower floor

**Resolved** to respond to LDNP supporting the application. The council are pleased to see future generations encouraged to remain in the parish.

**Non-Consultation**

Application Number: 2025/1652/PAPP

Location: Hawkswell Farm Broughton Beck ULVERSTON LA12 7PP

Proposal: Prior Notification under schedule 2, part 6, class A to roof over an existing manure storage area, steel portal frame, open sided at the bottom with grey cladding to the top 1/2 of the sides, fibre cement roofing sheets in grey

**Planning Applications Granted.**

Application Number: 7/2025/5362

Location: Lowick Bridge Farm, Lowick Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8EF

Proposal: Erection of new underground field storage slurry tank with green UPVC floating cover

Application Number 7/2025/5342

Lowick Bridge Farm, Lowick Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8EF

Installation of a new underground slurry pit

**085/25 Consultation**

Westmorland and Furness - Public Space Protection Orders

**Resolved** to note Cllrs will respond to the email in a personal capacity should they wish.

- 086/25 Assertion 10**  
**Resolved** that Cllr Roblin will get quotes for having a .gov.uk email address.  
Cllr Roblin suggested it may be time to update the parish computer in order to use Windows 11. She will also look into options for the website to ensure compliance with Assertion 10.
- 087/25 Estate of the late Robert Nigel Lord**  
**Resolved** to note the Parish Council are very appreciative to all the residents who had taken the time to respond to the questionnaire. Cllr Ingham will draft a general response highlighting what we may be able to do and what we can't do. Some of the suggestions may need a bit of tweaking.  
**Resolved** to note that the suggestion of having best garden completion with a cup in the name of the late Robert Nigel Lord will be looked into further. Cllr Ingham will bring the suggestion up at the Lowick Show meeting.  
The other suggestion that will be looked into further is having a movable SID (speed indicator device) The clerk will take this matter up with the police
- 088/25 Friends of the X112**  
**Resolved** to contribute £100 to the Friends of the X112.
- 089/25 Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge – 2025 Virtual Meetings**  
**Resolved** to add Cllr Dacre to the contact list.
- 090/25 Financial Matters**  
**Resolved** to make the following payments;  
Salary £146.00 (September)  
Salary £146.00 (October)  
Reimbursements £ 63.73  
CALC £ 30.00
- 091/25 Local Government Services Pay Agreement for 2025**  
**Resolved** to bring the clerks salary in line with the Local Services Pay agreement 2025/26 and backdate it to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.
- 092/25 Councillor Vacancy**  
**Resolved** To note the resignation of Cllr Townsend. The clerk has sent the appropriate vacancy poster to Westmorland and Furness and posted it on the notice boards.
- 093/25 Cllrs Reports**  
**Resolved** to note there are no additional reports from Cllrs this month.
- 094/25 Date of Next Meeting**  
**Resolved** to note that the next council meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at Lowick Community Hall at 19.30pm