

Lowick Parish Council

Minutes of the AGM meeting held on Thursday 15 January 2026 held at Lowick Community Hall.

Present: Cllr G Sanderson, Cllr L Scrogham and Cllr C Roblin.

The Vice Chair opened and the meeting.

001/26 Apologies

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr L Ingham.

002/26 Requests for Dispensations

Resolved to note there are no requests for dispensations.

003/26 Declarations of Interest

Resolved to note there are no declaration of interests.

004/26 Minutes

Resolved to authorise the minutes from the meeting on 20th November 2025 as a true record.

005/26 Public Participation

a) Westmorland & Furness Cllr Suzanne Pender was not in attendance.

b) Local Police were not in attendance

c) Bluebird K7 on Coniston Water

A representative from The Ruskin Museum was in attendance and gave a summary of events for Bluebird K7.

The event will take place from the 11 to 17th May.

Traffic management will be in place. A park and ride service will also be available.

Water safety teams will be in place.

Concerts will be held on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday with Acts to be confirmed.

Food trucks will be available. There is a possibility there could be market stalls.

K7 will be in the car park of the boating area.

There will be talks in the institute.

Local companies have been used wherever possible.

d) Members of the allotment group were in attendance and asked the parish council if they would consider making a contribution towards the cost of a new fence and gate.

006/26 Community Governance Review

Resolved to note the recommendation is to merge Lowick and Blawith & Subberthwaite. into a single council served by two wards: Blawith (3 councillors) and Lowick (4 councillors) and to name the new parish Lowick & Blawith.

007/26 Allotments

Resolved to adjourn this for a future meeting.

008/26 Pollinator sites

Resolved to suggest sites where the Lowick signs are at both ends.

It was noted that the Lowick Green Management have suggested behind a seat where the memorial area is.

009/26 Highway Matters

a) Red Lion Junction

Resolved to note Highways are looking at the suggestions made by the parish council and will get back to us in January. They also confirmed that they are looking to get the signs and lines implemented before the financial year ends.

b) 20mph Limit

Resolved to note that the 20pmh application for Lowick Green is to be progressed in 2026/27. Westmorland and Furness have set up a meeting with the PC for an initial engagement meeting which is expected to last about 45 minutes.

010/26 Bus Stop Repairs

Consideration was given to two quotes for the repairs.

Resolved to go with the second quote for a cost of £1995.00.

011/26 Progress Update

a) Lowick Community Hall – update

1. Hall bookings continue to be better and two groups of harp players have made repeat bookings
2. We are still looking for a minutes secretary, any volunteers?
3. The Hall AGM will take place in January. We tried to schedule in December but Christmas arrangements got in the way.

b) Lowick Green Management Committee – update

1. The AGM for The Green took place on 27th of November, it was well attended and a number of items were discussed. The minutes will be issued in the next couple of weeks.
2. The project for drainage on The Green has been accepted as a A591 community project. I looked at the area concerned with Dave Newton of Story Contractors who agreed that our plan made sense and said that work would commence as soon as ground conditions improved a bit. There will obviously be some mess and disruption whilst the work is in progress, I will keep Green residents informed over what is happening.
3. Parking, we need to discuss this at the PC meeting.
4. Allotments. I have received a number of complaints over the state of the allotments, in particular the number of “illegal structures” on common land. The fencing and gates are now in a dire state and Ali Harrison has asked for the subject to be listed as an agenda item at the next PC meeting.

c) United Utilities

United Utilities is set to start work on a project to install approximately 1.5 kilometres of new water mains in the Lowick Bridge area.

The project is being carried out to improve the resilience and reliability of the water network in the area. Work to install the new water main will begin week commencing Monday 5 January and is expected to take approximately 12 weeks in total to complete.

This project is one of many that will be carried out throughout the Cumbria region and the new pipe will help protect against bursts and reduce leaks.

The work will be carried out by MGroup and they will work in sections with temporary traffic management in place to carry out the work safely.

Letters to local residents on the first section have been hand delivered to customers to inform them of the work being carried out, each individual section will be informed before work progresses.

012/26 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)

Reference: 7/2025/5705 – Listed Building Consent

Location: Lowick Hall, Lowick Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8ED

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage, dovecote, and connecting walls. Partial demolition of small stone outbuilding. Construction of new mixed-use structure to include an annex cottage; garage/workshop; grounds maintenance stores; plant room; and garden machinery shed.

Resolved to note the parish council have no comments on this application.

Reference: 7/2025/5704 – Full application

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Proposal: Demolition of existing garage, dovecote, and connecting walls. Partial demolition of small stone outbuilding. Construction of new mixed-use structure to include an annex cottage; garage/workshop; grounds maintenance stores; plant room; and garden machinery shed.

Resolved to note the parish council have no comments on this application.

Reference: 7/2025/5680

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 and two bedrooms (one en-suite) on upper floor, and combined kitchen/lounge with separate shower/WC, understair store and utility rooms on lower floor.

Resolved that the Parish Council fully support this application and a letter will be sent i to LDNP

013/26 Consultations

a) Public Space Protection Orders Consultation

Resolved to note the parish council have no comments on this consultation.

b) The Lake District National Park Partnership Plan

Resolved to note the parish council have no comments on this consultation.

c) Westmorland and Furness Call for sites

Resolved to note the parish council have no comments on this consultation.

d) Sport & Recreation

e) Westmorland and Furness Budget Consultation

Resolved to note the parish council have no comments on this consultation.

014/26 Estate of the late Robert Nigel Lord

Resolved to adjourn this until the next meeting.

015/26 Assertion 10 & Computer

Resolved to note that Cllr Roblin has set up the new email address for the parish which is clerk@lowickparishcouncil.gov.uk and is now live. All parish cllrs will have their own pc email address in due course.

Cllr Roblin is also working on the new website making it more accessible. Links with the show and the hall will still be on the website.

A new computer has been purchased. Norton Security and office have been installed on it.

016/26 Financial Matters

The following payments were authorised for payment.

Salary	£150.60 (January)
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Defib Pads	£ 77.88
New Computer	£259.00
Postage, paper, ink	£20.98
Office 365	£85.99

017/26 Clerks Position

Resolved to note the clerk will stay on beyond her original retirement of 31st July 2026 subject to the result of the Community Governance Review and co-option of new Cllrs.

018/26 Co-option of new Cllr

Resolved to adjourn this until the next meeting.

019//26 Bank Mandate

Resolved to update the bank mandate in line with recent resignations and co-options.

020/26 Cllrs Reports

Cllr Sanderson reported that The landlords of the pub arrived home they found the entrance to the Pub behind a barricade so were unable to gain access. It was explained that the team thought the Pub had been closed for the duration of the work. United Utiliites confirmed that the pipe has not been delivered so the trench could not be backfilled. He didn't know what the time scale was but estimated it to be around four weeks.

The clerk will pass this on to United Utilities

021/26 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next council meeting will be on 19th March 2026 at Lowick Community Hall at 19.30pm