

Lowick Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th March 2026 held at Lowick Community Hall.

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

The Vice Chair opened and the meeting.

111/26 Apologies

Resolved to note there were no apologies.

112/26 Requests for Dispensations

Resolved to note there are no requests for dispensations.

113/26 Declarations of Interest

Resolved to note there are no declaration of interests.

114/26 Minutes

Resolved to authorise the minutes from the meeting on 15th January 2026 as a true record.

115/26 Public Participation

- a) Westmorland & Furness Cllr Suzanne Pender had sent her apologies but has requested the council get back to her with their preference to the Governance Review.
She also advised Community grants are available for Westmorland and Furness
A local gritting group is working well.
- b) Local Police were not in attendance but had sent the following report:
Other than the Burglary at Lowick Bridge nothing much to report.
After yesterday's off roading meeting I'm going to put together a quick point to include note to all PCs so that people can report off roaders to the 101 email system if they can't get through on the phone.
Lack of reporting to highlight the issue are our main problems.
- c) The Lake District National Park parish council representative was in attendance to introduce herself. She advised she was at the meeting with the police regarding off roaders and reiterated the need to report incidents to the police.
Concerns were raised regarding footpath issues in the parish. Cllr Sanderson will email Jackie directly with details who will pass them on the rights of way committee.
- d) A Member 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.
A representative from Keswick to Barrow was in attendance. The event is on 9th May 2026 and there are over 3500 entrants. There is a change with police support this year. Traffic lights will be in place at the Red Lion junction, 2 side roads will be closed. Diversions will be through Spark Bridge. Residents will have a pass system.

116/26 Community Governance Review

Resolved to respond to the review with a preference of formal grouping with Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council.

117/26 Highway Matters

a) Red Lion Junction

Resolved to note that the parish council is in agreement with the amended proposal which includes the double white lines been extended to the Hunda junction. Unfortunately, the request to change the wording on one of the signs cannot be changed.

b) United Utilities & Keswick to Barrow Road.

Resolved for the clerk to write to United Utilities to raise concern regarding:
The mess outside the Church;
Access to the pub affecting business;
Pedestrians Access not maintained at all times;
Will it be complete in time for the Keswick to Barrow event?
The clerk will also request they attend the next meeting regardless of whether the work is complete or not.

c) 20mph Limit

Resolved to note the parish councils request to extend the 20mph to the junction of the A5084 and A5092 has been declined as "relocating the bus stop may be a safer option"

The consultation period is from Thursday 9th April until Friday 22nd May 2026.

d) Potholes

Resolved to note concerns with reporting potholes on the Westmorland and Furness reporting system as it is not always safe to stop and get what 3 words or pictures.

e) Lowick Show

Resolved to note the ROC will look at additional traffic management personnel at the Lowick Show entrance to support and consider what extra traffic management controls could be brought in to warn highway users to the show entrance. The organisers are working together on this and liaising with each other to work on this issue.

118/26 Windmills at Kirkby Moor

Resolved to note that to date we have no information on this but the clerk will make some enquiries.

119/26 Allotments

Resolved to agree in principle to contribute to the cost of the fence at the allotment field. amount to be agreed subject to further information on the plan.

120/26 Community Resilience

Resolved to adjourn to the next meeting.

121/26 Progress Update

a) Lowick Community Hall

The hall is looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of running and maintaining the hall.

b) Lowick Green Management Committee

Resolved that Cllr Scrogam will write to the Lowick Green Management Committee raising concern about car parking.

The parish council raised concern about the speed of the cyclists.

122/26 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)

Non Consultation

Reference: 7/2026/5024

Location: Land at Lowick Bridge Farm, Lowick Bridge, Nr Ulverston, LA12 8EF

Proposal: Erection of an underground field storage slurry tank

Planning Applications Granted

Referencer: 7/2025/5705

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.

Referencer: 7/2025/5704

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

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

Prior Approval not required

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123/26 Estate of the late Robert Nigel Lord

Resolved to adjourn this until the next meeting.

124/26 Assertion 10 & Computer

- a) **Resolved** to note the requirements on the checklist for assertion 10 most of which are now in place. Cllrs will have their own parish council email address.
- b) **Resolved** that the clerk will edit a template suitable for this parish Council.

125/26 Internal Audit

Resolved to ask Tim Gooding to carry out the internal audit.

126/26 Financial Matters

- a) **Resolved** to make the following payments:

Salary £150.60 (March)

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Village Hall £120.00 (TBC)

ICO £ 47.00

HMRC £ 12.35 (TBC)

D M Payroll Services £ 79.20

Crakeside Magazine £100.00

- b) **Resolved** to note that the Working from home allowance cannot be coded into the clerks tax code from April 2026. The allowance of £26p/m will be paid direct from the parish council and split appropriately between the amount of parishes she clerks for.

127/26 Co-option of new Cllr

Resolved to co-opt Mr J Cleaver **on to the parish council.**

The Declaration of acceptance form was completed and signed in the meeting.

128//26 Cllrs Reports

Cllr Sanderson raised concern about a planning application which may have expired. He will look into this further ahead of the next meeting.

129/26 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next council meeting will be on 21st May 2026 at Lowick Community Hall at 19.30pm.

Meeting close at 21.10pm

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