

Lowick Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th July 2026 held at Lowick Community Hall.

Present: Cllr J Cleaver, Cllr C Roblin, and Cllr L Scrogham.

The Chair opened and the meeting.

163/26 Apologies

Resolved to note there were no apologies.

164/26 Requests for Dispensations

Resolved to note there are no requests for dispensations.

165/26 Declarations of Interest

Resolved to note there are no declaration of interests.

166/26 Minutes

Resolved to authorise the minutes from the AGM meeting on 30TH May 2026 be signed by the chair as a true record.

167/26 Public Participation

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

b) Local Police Report:

1 Jun - Lowick Green DPD van drive shaft snapped outside an AB&B blocking holiday maker in. They were waiting on recovery so not sure why we needed to be involved?

There is a public road safety meeting in the community room at the blue light Hub on Wednesday 5th August 2026 at 7.00pm.

Concerns have been raised with him regarding parking and speeding along the A5084

c) No Residents were in attendance

168/26 Highway Matters

a) **Resolved** to note the new road markings and signage at the Red Lion Junction have now been done.

b) **Resolved** to note the next step for the project is to obtain a decision from Westmorland and Furness Council's South Lakeland Locality Board with regards to progression to statutory consultation and advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Order. The next meeting of the Locality Board takes place on Thursday 16th July 2026.

169/26 Car Parking at Lowick Green

Resolved to note the Lowick Green Committee are hoping to make the existing layby deeper and put Mats into the core.

170/26 Community Resilience

Resolved to resend the template and questionnaire out and put on t he next agenda.

171/26 Community Led Plan

Resolved to adjourn this until we know the outcome of the Community Governance review.

172/26 Progress Update

a) Lowick Community Hall – update

The Hall remains financially solvent. Extensive cleaning of The Hall has been carried out by members of the committee to get rid of dust and general grime from the roadworks. All the plumbing issues resulting from the water pressure increase have been resolved for the moment.

The heat pump has been shut down for the summer.

We have obtained a “bin license” for The Hall green bin.

b) Lowick Green Management Committee – update

The Green seems to be surviving the hot weather with no brown patches appearing yet.

We have an enormous crop of teasels which has suddenly appeared in the wild flower area. I have no idea where these have come from, we only had one plant last year a long way off the current crop.

A working day was held three weeks ago, brambles & thistles were removed and the area round the trees cleared of ivy.

The “Twenty’s Plenty” sign from in front of Hopefield cottages has disappeared. Looking at the post carefully the both the sign and the screws have been deliberately removed rather than being ripped out by wind or an accident. Obviously, someone does not approve of our unofficial limit. We intend to replace it as soon as I can obtain a new one.

We expect grass cutting costs to be high again this year as it has been good grass growing weather.

Ever more vehicles in particular camper vans are parking on The Green. We are unable to control this because of common land law.

No work has yet been carried out yet for the “planting for pollinators” project or the “drainage works”.

The allotment committee extend their thanks for the financial help to replace the allotment railings.

173/26 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority’s website)

To note only

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL PROPOSED USE OR DEVELOPMENT

7/2026/5194

A lawful material commencement of permission 7/2024/5299 has been made and to continue to carry out the development in accordance with the permitted plans and the conditions attached to the permission would be lawful. A certificate can therefore be issued.

174/26 Consultations

a) Westmorland and Furness Local Plan Scoping Consultation

Resolved that Cllrs will complete this as individuals if they wish.

b) Cumbria Bus Reform Pilot Study

Resolved to note correspondence regarding the bus pilot consultation but as yet we have not been invited to take part.

175/26 Estate of the late Robert Nigel Lord

Resolved to resend the summary of responses to the questionnaires that was sent out to all parishioners.

- 176/26 Correspondence to note**
Resolved to note:
a) The Lake District National Park Partnership plan has been adopted.
b) United Utilities are to begin work on the water network between Gawthwaite and Broughton Beck. Work will start on 13th July
United Utilities works on the C5018 have been extended and the road closure is now in place until 30th October 2026.
- 177/26 Financial matters**
a) **Resolved** to make the following payments:
Salary £159.20 (July 2026 including WFH allowance)
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DM Payroll Services £79.20
Lowick Green £2000.00
Lowick Community Hall £200.00
Lowick Green £360.00
Defib Batteries £267.60
Bank Charges £7.00 (July)
Bank Charges £7.00 (August)
R & D Construction Services Ltd £1995.00

c) **Resolved** to note the following receipts:
HMRC VAT Refund £69.57
Interest £69.39
- 178/26 Co-option of new Cllr**
Resolved to co-opt Mrs C Dacre.
- 179/26 Bank mandate**
Resolved to add Cllr J Cleaver on to the bank account.
- 180/26 Cllrs Reports**
Concern was raised regarding overhanging vegetation on Lowick Bridge.
Concern was also raised about pop-up campsites.
- 181/26 Date of Next Meeting**
Resolved to note the next council meeting will be on 17 September 2026 at Lowick Community Hall at 19.30pm