Lowick Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th September 2026 held at Lowick Community Hall.

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

The Chair opened and the meeting.

182/26 Apologies
Resolved to note there were no apologies.

183/26 Requests for Dispensations
Resolved to note there are no requests for dispensations.

184/26 Declarations of Interest
Resolved to note there are no declaration of interests.

185/26 Minutes
Resolved to authorise the minutes from the meeting on 16th July 2026 be signed by the chair as a true record.

186/26 Public Participation
a) Westmorland & Furness Cllr Suzanne Pender was not in attendance
b) Local Police Report:
Creative parking,
There was the series of burglaries last weekend and a quad bike stolen Kirkby Lonsdale last night so as the nights draw in we are seeing an increase in rural thefts, We've also had a report of increased poaching activity though this is still under reported and not as timely as we would like.
c) No residents were in attendance

187/26 Progress Update
a) Lowick Community Hall – update
The Hall remains financially solvent.
The continuing UU works have caused a good deal of work for Val Ingham our bookings secretary. In one case the route to a wedding at The Church and The Hall only became clear 24 hours before the event. Many thanks to Val, who has not been in the best of health, for sorting the issues and to John Cleaver for acting as our UU go-between.
Although we have a "bin license" W&C council have refused to empty The Hall green bin due to difficult access caused by the water main project. Many thanks to Terry & Julie Benson for dragging the bin down to their house and assisting with the grass cutting.
A letter has been sent to United Utilities asking them to resurface the carpark.
b) Lowick Green Management Committee – update
We have had the best wildflower display on The Green in the whole of our ownership period. All the work we have done to try to improve the environment has really paid off.
Willow saplings sprouting from existing roots have been a real problem this year, they have required attention every month to keep them under control. My aim is to remove all willow trees from the green if the rest of the village are in agreement, they are a massive maintenance burden with unstable trunks, persistent suckering and damage to drains.
I cut around ¾ of the wildflower areas on Friday 12 September. Most of the annuals have now seeded and weather conditions were ideal, so I just went out and did it.

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The mower I use to cut the wildflower areas is starting to show its age (it was made in 1974 and parts are difficult co obtain). I will try to see if any local funders will provide a grant for a new one. This may be difficult as a replacement machine is in the order of £6500.
Drainage project. Story, the contractors for the Grizebeck bypass project agreed to do community work for us. We had a site meeting in late winter and a scope of works was agreed for the summer. Nothing has yet happened, I will contact them to discuss.
Cumbria Wildlife trust are coming on Friday 25th September to assist with cutting, clearing & seeding on The Triangle as part of the planting for pollinators scheme. I hope we get some people from the village to assist as this is classified as a "community project"

187/26 Highway Matters
Resolved to note there are no further updates on the 20mph limit

188/26 Community Resilience
a) **Resolved** to use the local what's app group to seek volunteers to help with the plan. A draft Emergency Resilience document to be created to send out to all parishioners. Lowick Community Hall will be a hub in the event of an emergency
b) **Resolved** to note the South Lakes Community Resilience Group meetings every other month.

189/26 Communication
- WhatsApp
  Resolved to use a local WhatsApp (not parish council run) to pass on useful information to parishioners as well as in the event of a Community Emergency event
- Coniston and Crake Valley newsletter
  Resolved to put Council updates in the local magazine on a monthly basis to include updates from Lowick Community Hall and the Green, planning applications, public consultations etc.
- Website
  Resolved to create a document for planning applications and to start using a blog feature.
- Facebook
  Resolved to use Facebook to pass on information perhaps using links.

190/26 LDNP Parish & Town Council Forum
Resolved not to send a representative from the parish council to the meeting on 7th October.

191/26 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)

Prior Notification not required

Reference	2026/0875/PAPP
Location	LAND AT WOODGATE LOWICK GREEN ULVERTSON LA12 8ES
Proposal	Erection of a new agricultural storage building

Reference:	2026/1497/PAPP
Location:	RIDDINGS FARM LOWICK GREEN ULVERSTON LA12 8EA
Proposal:	construction of a bale pad to a larger area with better access for farm traffic away from any water courses.

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192/26 Consultations

Resolved that the following consultations will be completed by individuals rather than as a parish council.

a) A New Proper Practices Framework for Smaller Authorities
b) Local Polling Station Review
c) CSP Community Survey
d) LDNP – Local Plan Scoping Consultation

193/26 Correspondence to note

Resolved to note the following:

a) CALC AGM date 10TH October 2026
b) Changes to Planning System Meeting (Teams) 17th September 2026 6-7pm
c) Meet Miranda event 6th October 2026
d) United Utilities
e) A5092 junction for the A5084

194/26 Financial matters

Resolved to make the following payments:

Salary	£163.60 (September 2026 including WFH)
Salary	£163.60 (October 2026 including WFH allowance)
Poppy Wreath	£ 23.00
Viking	£ 45.28
Cloud Next	£ 60.00
Bank Charges	£ 7.00 (September)
Bank Charges	£ 7.00 (October)

195/26 NALC – 2026-2027 National Salary Award

Resolved to increase the clerks salary in line with the new pay scales for 2026/27 and backdate to 1st April 2026.

196/26 Estate of the late Robert Nigel Lord

Resolved to get quotes for a SID for discussion at the next meeting.

197/26 Co-option of new Cllr

Resolved to note there are no applicants for consideration

198/26 Cllrs Reports

Resolved to note there ae no Cllrs reports this month.

199/26 Date of Next Meeting

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

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