

LOWICK & SLIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 7.00pm at 8 Drayton Road Lowick

Present: Councillors W Childs (Chair), S Gardner (Vice Chair) L Blow, D Chipchase, C Bithray

In attendance: N Phillips (Clerk), W Page

25.01/142	To receive and approve apologies for absence Cllr D Campden																																																							
25.01/143	Public participation session None																																																							
25.01/144	To receive declarations of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. None																																																							
25.01/145	To co-opt William Page to Lowick & Slipton PC W Page co-opted as a member of this Council																																																							
25.01/146	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th November 2024 Resolved: Approved and signed by the Chair																																																							
25.01/147	To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only None																																																							
25.01/148	To receive a report from NNC Ward Councillors None																																																							
25.01/149	To receive and approve the Balance of Accounts/Bank Reconciliation Resolved: Approved																																																							
25.01/150	To examine and approve the Bank Statements Bank balance stands at £14051.06 includes £1695.11 Pocket Park funds. Resolved: Bank statements approved and signed by Cllr Childs																																																							
25.01/151	To approve and authorise payment of the following invoices <table><tr><th>Cheque</th><th>Payee</th><th>Item</th><th>Amount</th><th>Power to Pay</th></tr><tr><td>BAC 15</td><td>J C Blowfield</td><td>Pocket Park Mowing</td><td>£100.00</td><td>LGA 1972 s124</td></tr><tr><td>100613</td><td>N A Phillips</td><td>November expenses</td><td>£32.33</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td></tr><tr><td>BAC 16</td><td>Mowerman</td><td>Pocket Park Gate*</td><td>£450.00</td><td>LGA 1972 s124</td></tr><tr><td>100614</td><td>N A Phillips</td><td>January Salary</td><td>£367.08</td><td>LGA 1972 s112</td></tr><tr><td>DD17</td><td>HMRC</td><td>January tax</td><td>£7.80</td><td>LGA 1972 s112</td></tr><tr><td>100613</td><td>N A Phillips</td><td>December expenses</td><td>£20.12</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td></tr><tr><td>100615</td><td>N A Phillips</td><td>February Salary</td><td>£367.08</td><td>LGA 1972 s112</td></tr><tr><td>DD17</td><td>HMRC</td><td>February tax</td><td>£7.80</td><td>LGA 1972 s112</td></tr><tr><td>DD18</td><td>SSE</td><td>Unmetered supply January 2025*</td><td>£TBC</td><td>PCA 1957 s3</td></tr><tr><td>DD19</td><td>SSE</td><td>Unmetered supply February 2025*</td><td>£TBC</td><td>PCA 1957 s3</td></tr></table> Resolved: All payments authorised – cheques signed by Cllr Child and Cllr Gardner. online payments authorised by Cllr Gardner.	Cheque	Payee	Item	Amount	Power to Pay	BAC 15	J C Blowfield	Pocket Park Mowing	£100.00	LGA 1972 s124	100613	N A Phillips	November expenses	£32.33	LGA 1972 s111	BAC 16	Mowerman	Pocket Park Gate*	£450.00	LGA 1972 s124	100614	N A Phillips	January Salary	£367.08	LGA 1972 s112	DD17	HMRC	January tax	£7.80	LGA 1972 s112	100613	N A Phillips	December expenses	£20.12	LGA 1972 s111	100615	N A Phillips	February Salary	£367.08	LGA 1972 s112	DD17	HMRC	February tax	£7.80	LGA 1972 s112	DD18	SSE	Unmetered supply January 2025*	£TBC	PCA 1957 s3	DD19	SSE	Unmetered supply February 2025*	£TBC	PCA 1957 s3
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25.01/152	<p>To review the budget and make any adjustments necessary.</p> <p>Resolved: No action needed at this stage, budget to be reviewed at the March meeting.</p>
25.01/153	<p>To note the Clerk's hours worked.</p> <p>Resolved: Hours still on track – no action needed.</p>
25.01/154	<p>To consider and resolve the council's response to planning applications listed below plus any other planning applications advised by North Northamptonshire Council and available on its website between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting.</p> <p>None received but discussion followed on the use of Bradstone instead of natural stone on the S Pepys development. Clerk requested photo evidence that she could pass on to NNC Planning Enforcement. Cllr Bithray to provide.</p>
25.01/155	<p>To note response to applications received and reviewed between meetings</p> <p>None received</p>
25.01/156	<p>To note planning decisions made by NNC</p> <p>None received</p>
25.01/157	<p>To note that the weekly safety checks of the Pocket Park Equipment are carried out.</p> <p>Resolved: Checks carried out by Cllr Chipchase</p>
25.01/158	<p>To note that the weekly checks of the defibrillators are carried out</p> <p>Resolved: Checks carried out by Cllrs Blow and Bithray. Batteries still holding their charge, pads to be checked for expiry date. Cllr Gardner to look into holding a CPR training session at Slipton later in the year.</p>
25.01/159	<p>To discuss any highways, or rights of way issues and to resolve what action to be taken</p> <p>Resolved: No issues reported but it was noted that a large pothole in Slipton was repaired extremely quickly after damage to vehicles was reported to NNC.</p>
25.01/160	<p>To note any issues with the Council's assets, including streetlighting, and to resolve what action if any to be taken</p> <p>Resolved: Pocket Park gate replaced, collapsed brook side fencing at the Pocket Park to be removed to prevent entanglement with animals – Cllr W Page to action.</p>
25.01/161	<p>To discuss possible traffic calming measures at Lowick including funding</p> <p>Resolved: Grant forms submitted but no response to date. Gates to be installed at the Islip side of Lowick with a single gate to be installed on Sudborough Lane, Slipton subject to funding.</p>
25.01/162	<p>To receive a report from Adam Hughes, Flood Warden, including the draft Flood Management Plan</p> <p>Some funding possible from NNC Flood Resilience Scheme to investigate blocked culvert. Clerk to forward grant application forms to A Hughes so that all requested information can be obtained.</p>
25.01/163	<p>To decide the first steps in implementing the Biodiversity Plan</p> <p>Resolved: Owl box still at design/construction stage. Water quality testing for Harper's Brook not to be proceeded with as it is believed that the lack of sizeable fish in the brook is due to otter activity and not pollution. Cllr Page clarified responsibilities around brook maintenance in general. Clerk to research pollinating hedge plants with the view of planting alongside the brook in the Pocket Park.</p>

25.01/164	Correspondence None
25.01/165	To confirm the date of the next meeting as 19th March 2025 Resolved: Date confirmed with the Pocket Park meeting taking place at 6.45pm followed at 7.00pm by the Parish Council meeting
25.01/166	To close the meeting The meeting closed at 19.56 pm

Signed:

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