

## **LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 2019-2021**

### **Chairman's Report**

#### **Councillors**

Lower Holker Parish is represented by 7 Parish Councillors: Ruth Airey (Vice Chair), Barry Dawson, Gill Gardner, Margaret Keith, Susan Rawsthorn, Jonathan Ryland and Trevor Wilson (Chair).

#### **Meetings**

Lower Holker Parish Council usually meets on the first Wednesday of every month, with the exception of August, alternating between Lower Holker and Flookburgh Village Hall, however since March 2020 meetings have been held remotely by video and telephone. District and County Councillors attend the majority of these meetings and provide regular reports. All residents are welcome to raise concerns with the Parish Council and attend any meeting.

#### **Representation**

Parish Council representatives attended the following:

Cartmel Old Grammar Foundation

Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity meetings

Cumbria Association of Local Councils – District meetings

Grange and Peninsula (GAP) Wellbeing Group meetings

#### **Finances**

The Parish Precept for 2020-21 was set at £15,781.63 and other income was received from Grants, VAT repayment, Community Infrastructure Levy and Bank Interest, so total receipts were £30,718.99.

Over the year £15,237.17 was spent, leaving a Bank balance at the end of the year of £43,220.16 (Receipts & Payments Account attached). The funds spent were less than planned as some projects have been delayed due to the Covid restrictions and will proceed as regulations allow.

#### **Communication**

The Parish Council website was launched on in 2014 and includes the next meeting Agenda, Minutes of previous meetings, Council contact details, Community information, News items, Policies and Procedures and financial details of the Parish Council. The website has been assessed for accessibility in line with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 and amendments made as required to ensure accessibility for users. The visitors to the website are mainly from UK but include USA, Portugal, Germany and Russia. The Parish Council Facebook page was launched in 2012 and includes local information and news items and currently has 149 likes. The Parish Council also published a page in the monthly Parish Link newsletter until October 2020 and has since then published reports in Grange Now and Flookburgh Today. Agendas and Minutes are displayed in the Cark Noticeboard and the new Flookburgh Noticeboard (installed in 2021).

#### **Public Safety & Environment**

- The Parish Council has continued to manage the Toilets at Cark, with assistance from Dave & Heather who open them and Mike & Marion who close them each day. During the first lockdown the cleaning company staff were on furlough and the Parish Clerk undertook the cleaning so they could remain open for essential workers and delivery drivers. The cleaning company is now employed to clean the toilets more frequently during the present Covid situation.
- The Parish Council continue to pay for street lighting and emptying 4 of the litter bins (including 2 in the Playground).
- A Speed Indication Device has been installed on Moor Lane near to the Playground to remind drivers of the 30 mph speed limit.
- Volunteers used the Speed Gun to monitor traffic within the Parish prior to the first lockdown and will resume this activity in due course.
- Defibrillators have been installed at Ravenstown Club and Cark Toilets, defibrillator training was arranged and roadside notices installed to indicate the location of the nearest defibrillator.
- Two cycle racks have been installed by Cark Toilets.
- The Parish Council is supporting the Cartmel Peninsula Greening Campaign.
- The Parish Council has worked with the District Council to install 2 new litter bins and new street signs.

## Planning Applications

Planning Applications via South Lakeland District within the Parish have been considered and responses submitted, relating to domestic and commercial use.

## General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The Parish Council is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office as a Data Controller and information is only used of in line with these regulations and disposed on when no longer required.

## Highways

Reports of potholes, drainage problems, street light faults and other defects are regularly reported to the County Council Highways department using the HIMs reporting system.

## Flookburgh Community Playground

The new playground on Moor Lane was closed for several months during early 2020 in line with Government guidance. It re-opened in July 2020 following a risk assessment, installation of new signage, hand sanitiser and an equipment cleaning regime. The Parish Council and Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity oversee the operation and maintenance of the Playground.

## Public Participation

Several members of the public have contacted the Parish Council and also attended to speak at or observe Parish Council meetings.

Trevor Wilson, Chairman 2021

Lower Holker Parish Council					
Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2021					
Previous Year		2020/21	Previous Year		2020/21
	<b>Receipts</b>			<b>Payments</b>	
£15,449.82	Precept	£15,781.63	£4,559.50	Clerk's Salary	£4,693.00
£892.18	Council Tax Support Grant	£891.37	£160.00	Clerk's Telephone	£160.00
£500.00	Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity Grant re Playground	£500.00	£736.18	Administration	£644.62
£0.00	Small Business Grant (Government grant)	£10,000.00	£0.00	Training	£20.00
£380.92	SLDC Community Infrastructure Levy	£2,291.84	£100.00	Grants (Sec 137)	£550.00
£3,346.20	VAT Refund	£1,253.13	£600.00	Grants	£1,940.00
£5.25	Bank Interest	£1.02	£867.67	Street Lighting Expenses	£507.19
			£1,494.30	Insurance	£751.52
			£1,253.13	VAT	£844.53
			£200.00	Newsletter	£0.00
			£29.99	Website	£29.99
			£3,425.10	Toilet Running Expenses	£2,928.44
			£2,377.79	Public Safety and Environment	£1,027.63
			£1,180.07	Flookburgh Community Playground	£1,100.25
			£40.00	GDPR	£40.00
£20,574.37		£30,718.99	£17,023.73		£15,237.17