

**LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in Flookburgh Village Hall

**MINUTES**

Present

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, M Brown, J Ryland, A Thompson & T Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott, Unitary Councillor J Boak and 2 representatives from United Utilities.

1 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor D Butler.

2 **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 was agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

3 **Annual Parish Council Report**

The Chairman presented the following Annual Report:

**Parish Councillors**

One Councillor resigned (Toby Ryland) and a new Councillor (Andrew Thompson) was co-opted at the February 2024 meeting.

**Meetings**

Meetings were held monthly, except for in September and most have been attended by the local Unitary Councillor. Several members of the public have contacted the Parish Council and also attended to speak at or observe Parish Council meetings.

**Finances**

The Parish Precept for 2024-25 was set at £12,687.52 and other income was received from Grants, VAT repayment and Bank Interest, so total receipts were £15,288.52. Over the year £20,283.83 was spent, leaving a Bank balance at the end of the year of £19,138.91. (Receipts & Payments Account attached). Grants have been awarded to the Cark and Flookburgh Christmas Tree funds, Lower Holker Bowling Club and the Great North Air Ambulance.

**Representation**

Parish Council representatives attended the following:  
Cartmel Old Grammar School Foundation  
Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity meetings

**Communication**

The Parish Council maintains the website launched in 2014 which provides all the relevant documentation and information relating to the Council and the local area. The Facebook page is followed by 640 people. Noticeboards in Cark and Flookburgh provide information on meetings and Councillors as well as Agendas and Minutes. A quarterly article is submitted to the Little Link.

**Public Safety & Environment**

- The Parish Council has continued to manage the Toilets at Cark.
- The Parish Council continue to pay for street lighting and emptying 6 of the litter bins in the Parish (including 2 in the Playground). Some playground equipment has needed repairs.
- The Speed Indication Device continues to monitor vehicle speeds and numbers on Moor Lane.
- The defibrillator in Cark is checked and maintained by the Parish Council.

**Planning Applications**

Planning Applications via Westmorland & Furness Council within the Parish have been considered and responses submitted, relating to domestic and commercial use.

## Highways

Reports of potholes, drainage problems, street light faults and other defects are regularly reported to the Highways department using the new online HIAMs reporting system.

Lower Holker Parish Council					
Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2024					
Previous Year		2023/24	Previous Year		2023/24
	<b>Receipts</b>			<b>Payments</b>	
£9,907.31	Precept	£12,292.83	£4,884.18	Clerk's Salary	£5,353.61
£759.69	Council Tax Support Grant	£494.59	£160.00	Clerk's Telephone	£160.00
£2,399.68	VAT Refund	£1,966.35	£687.88	Administration	£483.53
£11.43	Bank Interest	£34.75	£2,314.24	Insurance	£1,382.57
£92.50	Sundry Receipts	£500.00	£29.99	Website	£29.99
			£80.00	GDPR	£0.00
			£60.00	Training	£30.00
			£0.00	Grants (Sec 137)	£200.00
			£2,100.00	Grants	£700.00
			£557.57	Street Lighting Expenses	£374.13
			£1,366.08	Public Safety and Environment	£2,177.94
			£6,922.19	Toilet Running Expenses	£6,222.42
			£2,422.70	Flookburgh Community Playground	£1,400.82
			0	Coronation	£312.66
			£1,966.35	VAT	£1,456.16
£13,170.61		£15,288.52	£23,551.18		£20,283.83

#### 4 Report from Public Watering Place Charity

The Clerk reported that during the last financial year the Income received totalled £3,535.98 (£290.98 from Share Dividends, £845.00 from field rents and £2,400 for access to undertake railway bridge repairs). Grants totalling £300 were paid to 2 students. The Charity Account balance on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 was £13,464.78 and on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 was £16,700.76.

#### 5 Reports Unitary Councillors

No annual report.

#### 6 Reports from local Organisations

A verbal report was received from Flookburgh Village Hall advising they have had new LED lighting installed, the main hall floor has been revarnished, Library has been upgraded and the Friday morning event is now a Coffee Morning.

#### 7 Close

Chairman Trevor Wilson thanked everyone in the community for the actions they take in support of the community.