

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER HOLKER
VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM ON FRIDAY 5TH JULY 2013**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, G Gardner, M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Ryland and County Councillor R Wilson (to 8 pm), Mrs J Carr, Mr S Downs, Mrs S Thompson, Mr Mr H Youd, Mrs L Youd.

13/76 Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Parish Councillors J Rowlandson and T Wilson and PCSO Firth were received and accepted.

13/77 Requests For Dispensations

None.

13/78 Declarations Of Interest

None.

13/79 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th June were accepted unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman.

13/80 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

- a) Mr & Mrs Youd wished to speak regarding item 13/97ii). They live across the River Eefrom Cark Toilets and they are so well used with groups of up to 20 ramblers visiting at a time that any reduction in toilet facilities would create problems.
- b) Mr Downs wished to speak regarding item 13/91ii). He is the owner of Flounders takeaway and is concerned about the effect a takeaway food van would have on the existing businesses in Flookburgh Square, the possible increase in littering and youths hanging around in larger groups.

13/81 Police

PCSO was unable to attend or send a report, however County Councillor Wilson reported that Trading Standards in conjunction with the Police are proposing that Fairfield becomes a No Calling Zone, to protect vulnerable residents, which would mean that if they received cold callers they could call the police who would attend and remove cold callers. A survey of residents would be carried out and if more than 75% agree then the Zone would be put in place. The Zones are usually for specific areas where there are vulnerable people and would not be for a whole village.

13/82 County & District Councillor Reports

- a) County Councillor Wilson reported that
 - i) There is likely to be a 10% cut in the grant Cumbria County Council receive from the Government.
 - ii) The B5277/8 and the B5054 (Moor Lane) roads are going to the surface dressed during next year.
 - iii) There has been a Broadband Conference at Rheged and this area will be in the second group to receive improved broadband after the first 12 months.
- b) District Councillor Gardner reported that:
 - i) There will be a 10% cut on the District Council budget next year.
 - ii) She has been appointed to the Planning Committee.
 - iii) She has been actively promoting the collection of dog faeces by dog owners but has had little support from the District Council officers. She has organised a Poster competition at the Primary School and bought prizes for the children from her own pocket. There should be leaflets available soon for people to report those who do not collect their dog mess (which can be anonymous).

13/83 **Planning Application**

- a) 5/13/9002. Improvements To Agricultural Land Through Importation Of Inert Material. Winder Moor, Willow Lane, Flookburgh **Resolved** No objections.

13/84 **Planning Appeal**

- a) APP/M0993/A/13/2198530 (SL/2012/0395) - Barns At Low Bank Side Farm, Cartmel, Grange-Over-Sands LA11 7NR Change Of Use Of Redundant Agricultural Buildings To Storage And Light Industrial. Holker Estates. **Resolved** No objections, concerns regarding lack of toilet facilities.

13/85 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decision was noted:

- a) SL/2013/0319. Extensions to two industrial buildings, erection of porch to dwelling and change of use of part of land to form garden for dwelling. South Lakes Storage, Moor Lane Flookburgh Grange-over-Sands LA11 7LS. Granted with conditions.

13/86 **Changes to Planning Regulation effective 30 May 2013** (circulated)

The following changes were noted:

- a) Increased size limits for single storey rear extensions not requiring planning permission, with certain exceptions from 30 May 2013 to 30 May 2016.
b) New rules for Commercial Changes of Use not requiring planning permission including Agricultural buildings under 500 metres to A1, A2, A3, B1, B8, C1 and D2; B1, C1, C2, C2A and D2 to state-funded school etc. Conditions still apply regarding flooding, highways and transport issues and noise.

13/87 **Financial Report**

The acceptance of the Financial Report as at 24th June 2013, which includes no deviations from the budget, was accepted unanimously.

13/88 **Payment of Accounts**

The authorisation of the following payments were agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary June 2013	£207.20
Postage Stamps	£12.00
HM Revenue & Customs PAYE re June Clerk's Salary	£51.80
South Lakes Services (Toilet Cleaning) May 2013 (SO)	£247.26
United Utilities (Toilets – water) (19/3/13-18/6/13) DD	£94.10
E.On Electricity (Street Lighting) 1/5/2013-31/5/2013 (DD)	£19.74

13/89 **Grants**

To consider awarding a grant to Armed Forces (following Flag Day on 29th June). **Resolved** to grant £100.

13/90 **CCTV – Flookburgh Square**

No report available.

13/91 **Dog Fouling**

To consider requested the current bins are relocated and consider purchasing and installing new dog bins. **Resolved** to request SLDC that 1 of the 4 litter bins in Flookburgh Square be relocated to the end of Back Lane near Ravenstown and consider purchase of an additional bin at the next Parish Council meeting.

13/91 **Flookburgh Square**

- i) To consider the holding of a Village Market on Flookburgh Square. **Resolved** no objections provided only for local vendors on a suitable date and in line with the Flookburgh Charter conditions. Parish Clerk to check with Charter for conditions.
- ii) An inquiry has been received from a fast food (kebab) vendor to park on the Square. Objections from local business and residents are noted, however if the Charter allows this the Parish Council may not be able to object. Councillor Airey believes only relates to sales on a Saturday. **Resolved** Parish Clerk to check with Charter for conditions and location (as may only relate to Market Square not Flookburgh Square).

13/93 **Health**

- i) County Councillor Wilson reported that there is a £25 million shortfall of funding in the Morecambe Bay Health Trust. There is to be a concentration on the South Lakeland Area in the Autumn with a survey on the health services. There is a need to provide a better and more efficient service and more joined up services to ensure that bed blocking is reduced. There are no plans to cut local GP surgeries. Mrs Carr reported that the GP at Fairfield Surgery will be reducing his days by not being available on a Wednesday. Concerns about services at the Surgery need to be raised with the Practice Manager in the first instance. Healthwatch Cumbria is available for information and complaints can be made directly to them (Healthwatch Cumbria, 4-6 Oxford Street, Workington, Cumbria CA14 2AH Tel 03003 038 567, Email: info@healthwatchcumbria.co.uk)
- ii) Heartstart courses (Emergency Life Support) are held at Kendal Fire Station, however it is possible to arrange in another location provided there is a suitable venue and sufficient interest. **Resolved** to organise and publicise a Heartstart course within the Parish.

13/94 **Cark Airfield Hanger**

Owners of caravans at Willow Tree Caravan Park have raised concerns regarding the safety of the old Aircraft Hanger and increased sightings of vermin which they believe is related to the condition of the hanger. **Resolved** to write to the owners of the Hanger (Windermere Aquatic) requesting that they make the building safe and address the vermin issue.

13/95 **Highways**

- a) Signs. Councillor Wilson has been in touch with Cumbria Highways and they wish to know where a sign for the Village Hall should be situated. The Parish Clerk has contacted the District Council and Network Rail and is awaiting their response. **Resolved** to establish where the Village Hall sign is required and follow up regarding the other signs.
- b) Moor Lane (Road Safety including horses). This has been reported as improved by residents including Mrs Dyer as drivers are going slower and keeping their distance from horses since the Parish Council contacted Lakeland Leisure and they are including information on road safety and horses in their information pack. **Resolved** to keep the situation under review.
- c) Moor Lane (Grass Cutting) – there will be a single cut by Highways during the summer. **Resolved** to engage the Lengthsman to do a grass cut around 'Norman's seat' on Moor Lane.

13/96 **Cark Station**

An email has been received from the Community Rail Partnership regarding moving the Recycling containers to the opposite side of the Railway lines and placing on hard standing. **Resolved** that the Parish Council has no objection to this change.

13/97 **Cark Public Toilets**

- i) There have been 2 instances of hot water not being available, due to a trip switch being triggered and one of the urinals has been blocked. James Rowlandson has attended to both issues.

- ii) A suggestion has been made to make changes to the Toilet building with a view to providing rental income to make a contribution towards the Toilet running costs. Residents objections noted. **Resolved** to keep the Toilets as they are and not make any changes.

13/98 Flookburgh & District Charitable Trust

The AGM was held recently with limited attendance, although 2 new members have joined and 2 more have since expressed an interest. Gill Gardner was elected Chair. The infrastructure work including the car park is to go ahead and Mr Lambert has been contacted to start the work. A new date will be set for the Duck Race. Gill's Triathlon has been completed and she has raised £400 towards the Trust funds.

13/99 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- a South Lakeland District Council
10th July, 11.45 am – 2.30 pm Free Business Lunch re Business Crime – Minimising the Risks. Low Wood Hotel, Windermere
- b Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)
Cemeteries – Cemeteries course and Information request regarding Council run cemeteries. Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter
- c Local Area Partnership
Margaret Belk retirement.
Agenda for 9th July Meeting, Minutes from previous meeting and updates.
- d ACT – Action with Communities in Cumbria
Notification that Community Energy Champions will take place on 2nd July, at Cumbria Rural Enterprise Agency, Penrith.
- e Cumbria Voluntary Service (CVS)
Workington Town Council – office space available
- f Neighbourhood Alert
Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner Surgery Coronation Hall in **Ulverston** on Wednesday 24 July 11am-1pm.
- g Cartmel Grammar Foundation
Applications for Educational Grants available, closing date 30 September.
- h Protect Congleton
Invitation to participate in an e-petition to amend the National Planning Policy Framework with proposals to relax planning regulations.
- i Wigsense
Providers of wigs and lingerie following cancer treatment.

13/100 Forthcoming Events

9th July, 6.30 pm, Flookburgh Village Hall, Local Area Partnership Meeting
11th July, 6.30 to 9 pm, Stricklandgate, Kendal - Questionnaire Training

Date of Next meeting: To note that the Council Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Friday, 6th September 2013 at Flookburgh Village Hall at 7.00 pm

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