

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH VILLAGE  
HALL AT 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors R Airey, G Gardner (& District Councillor), M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Rowlandson, T Wilson & Parish Clerk L Prescott.

**14/167 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor J Ryland, County Councillor R Wilson and PCSO H Firth.

**14/168 Requests for Dispensations**

None.

**14/169 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**14/170 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved** The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 was proposed by Councillor Airey, Seconded by Councillor Gardner, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

**14/171 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

None

**14/172 Police**

No Police report has been received.

**14/173 District and County Councillors**

a) District Councillor Gardner reported:

Holiday Homes A further meeting is planned with attendance by the County Council on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Lower Holker Village Hall, from 6.30 pm

b) Councillor Wilson provided a written report:

Parking at Flookburgh School He has visited the school and spoken to the head teacher and they do not think there is a problem.

**14/174 Planning Applications**

The following Planning Application was considered:

a) Lower Allithwaite Parish Council designation of Neighbourhood Plan Area.

**Resolved** No objections to the application.

**14/175 Planning Decisions**

The following planning decisions received from South Lakeland District Council were noted:

a) SL/2014/0856. 26 Fairfield Flookburgh Grange-Over-Sands LA11 7NB. Single storey extension. Granted with conditions.

b) SL/2014/0958. Gainsboro Yard adjacent to Hereford Cottage Cark In Cartmel Grange-Over-Sands LA11 7NZ. Erection of dwelling. Granted with conditions.

c) SL/2014/0965. Playing field on Moor Lane Flookburgh. Formation of car park for community playing field. Granted with conditions.

**14/176 Financial Report**

a) The Financial report as at 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 was received.

**Resolved** accepted unanimously.

b) The Clerk reported that the Budget and Precept has to be decided and submitted to South Lakeland District Council by 31 January 2015 and requested details of any additional items to be included in the 2015/16 Budget to be considered at the January 2015 meeting.

**Resolved** to add i) Information sign for Flookburgh Square ii) Defibrillator and cover to be installed externally in Flookburgh.

#### 14/177 **Payment of Accounts**

**Resolved** The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary November 2014	£257.08
HM Revenue & Customs PAYE re November Clerk's Salary	£64.20
South Lakes Services (Toilet Cleaning) October 2014 (SO)	£247.26
N Power Electricity (Toilets) 1/10/14-31/10/14 (DD)	£15.99
E.On Electricity (Street Lighting) 1/10/14-31/10/14 (DD)	£20.78
Cumbria Association of Local Councils – Clerk's Forum	£5.00
St John's Church Clock – Maintenance & Repairs	£600.00
Signpost Restoration Ltd - Flookburgh – preparation, casting & installing	£1612.80

#### 14/178 **Grant Applications**

The following grant applications were considered:

- a) Cark Village Fund (tree lighting). **Resolved** to award £150.
- b) Flookburgh Tree Lighting Committee. **Resolved** to award £150.

#### 14/179 **Consultation**

The following Consultation was considered:

- i) Cumbria County Council Flood Risk Strategy Consultation.

**Resolved** No response to be submitted.

#### 14/180 **Environment Agency – Flood Resilience**

The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency are currently undertaking survey work and were reluctant to arrange a site meeting regarding the option to flood fields north of Cark, however Jonathan Coates of the Environment Agency has agreed to attend a site meeting and is also willing to prepare a Community Flood Action Plan on behalf of the parish, based on information which would be provided to him by the Parish Council.

**Resolved** To invite Jonathan Coates to the Parish Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 to provide information for the Community Flood Action Plan and agree a future date for the site meeting.

#### 14/181 **Land South of Stockdale Farm**

The Clerk reported that she has spoken to Jack Manning and he advises that the land referred to was part of farmland which was bought by the District Council (then Ulverston Rural) for house building. The current District Council is South Lakeland. The Clerk has currently been unable to make contact with the appropriate person at the District Council.

**Resolved** To contact the District Council to establish ownership of the land.

#### 14/182 **Cark Public Toilets**

The toilets have been described as beautiful by a member of the public, however when they are not open (eg in the morning) there is no information as to how access can be achieved. The guttering hedgehog is coming out at the front of the toilets and the flow of the taps could potentially be reduced by using aerators.

**Resolved**

- i) To prepare and install a sign advising the key is available at Londis Shop
- ii) Councillor Rowlandson to reduce the tap flow and re-install the hedgehog guttering.

#### 14/183 **Highways**

- i) The Flookburgh School Parking issue is referred to in the County Councillor's Report.
- ii) Reports have been submitted to Cumbria Highways re Street Lighting in Cark (resolved), drains & leaves in Holker (not resolved), pavement on Allithwaite Road (not resolved).

14/184 **Flookburgh Square**

- a) County Council Highways support the improvements and are awaiting confirmation from the Parish Council that a contractor has been appointed prior to undertaking consultation with members of the public.
- b) Quotations from Aggregate, Armstrongs, Chaplows and Steven Hurst have been received. Aggregate and Chaplows are for the same specification. Armstrongs does not include full planning of the site and Steven Hurst does not consider that planning would be suitable, therefore his quotation is for planning around the outside only.  
**Resolved** to proceed with the Chaplows for tarmac only as it has the same specification as Armstrongs but is a more competitive quote. Confirmation to be received that potholes will be filled as part of the work. The work to be undertaken during appropriate weather eg May/June.

14/185 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**

Councillor Gardner reported that Planning Permission has been granted for the Car Park at the Moor Lane site. The treasurer and banking arrangements are being amended to the current Trustees.

14/186 **Flookburgh Youth Club (Flocks 4 Youth)**

The Committee has received support from Lloyds and Grange Lions and hopes to restart the Junior Club in the new year with staff employed directly by the club as Young Cumbria does not have any staff available.

14/187 **Lower Holker Community Led Plan**

The Clerk has met with Emma Nicholls from South Lakeland District Council to finalise the questionnaire in relation to proofreading, formatting, printing and uploading for an online option and she is currently finalising the details for printing next week.

14/188 **Cumbria Association of Local Councils**

The Clerk reported that the main focus of the District meeting was a presentation by and questions the Highways manager. There are some improvements but still a lack of good communication with the Parish Councils regarding Highways matters. Highways are again facing cuts in the County Council budget.

14/189 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Cumbria County Council  
Flood Risk Strategy Consultation.  
Commons & Village Green Registration Implementation re Commons Act 2006.
- b) South Lakeland District Council  
Updated Better Highways contacts list for South Lakeland  
Parish Remuneration Panel Report  
Locally Important Projects Timescale changes – applications between 1/12/14 to 20/2/15.
- c) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)  
CALC Notice of Annual General Meeting on 15 November 2014 and Annual Report  
CALC letter to Eric Pickles supporting a Unitary Authority for Cumbria  
CALC November Bulletin  
National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Newsletter  
NALC notification of New Pay Scales for Town and Parish Clerks
- d) Grange Town Council  
Grange Community Led Plan.
- e) Cumbria Voluntary Service  
South Lakeland Community News Bulletin – events & training
- f) Neighbourhood Alerts  
Police.uk website launched.  
Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter including details of consultations, community remedies and rural crime strategy launch.

g South Lakes Deer Management Group

Notification of increase of deer poaching and advice to report any incidents to Police on 101.

14/190 **Forthcoming Events**

The following events were noted:

6.30 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014, Cartmel Township Initiative Final Report, Cartmel Village Hall

7.00 pm, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015, Lower Holker Community Led Plan Meeting, Flookburgh Village Hall

14/191 **Date of Next meeting**

Noted that the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Lower Holker Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Clerk to the Council: - Lyn Prescott, 13 Church Walk, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria  
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