

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER HOLKER VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors R Airey, G Gardner, M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Rowlandson, T Wilson, County Councillor R Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott, PCSO H Firth & Ms E Winship.

**14/142 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor J Ryland.

**14/143 Requests for Dispensations**

None.

**14/144 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**14/145 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved** The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 was proposed by Councillor Airey, Seconded by Councillor Rawsthorn, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

**14/146 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

None

**14/147 Police**

i) PCSO Firth advised that he was being accompanied by Ms Winship, a student nurse, in relation to where the Police and Health services overlap eg vulnerable adults. He reported that in the last 30 days the following incidents were reported in the Parish: 2 Missing Persons, 1 Criminal Damage, No Antisocial Behaviour, 2 Assaults, 1 Sudden Death, 1 Road Related Incident, 3 Domestic incidents, 1 Suspicious Vehicle, 1 Concern for Welfare, 1 Highway Disruption and 1 Civil Dispute.

ii) Councillor Keith reported that visitors to holiday cottages are blocking an entrance just below and on the opposite side of the road to the Rose & Crown in Cark. PCSO Firth advised to phone 101 as it is a parking obstruction.

**Resolved** The Clerk to write a letter to be delivered to the holiday cottage advising that the police will be called if entrances are blocked by parked vehicles.

PCSO Firth and Ms Winship then left the meeting.

**14/148 District and County Councillors**

a) District Councillor Gardner reported:

i) Planning She has been working on the Planning Committee

ii) Holiday Homes She has attended a meeting with concerned residents regarding noise nuisance and inconsiderate parking from holiday homes, attended by residents and South Lakeland District Council. A further meeting is planned for 12<sup>th</sup> November which will be attended by PCSO Firth and County Councillor Wilson and further monthly or two monthly meetings will take place.

b) County Councillor Wilson reported:

i) Cartmel Township Initiative He attended the Cartmel Township Initiative event where around 100 residents attended and had the opportunity to respond to proposals. The final report will be available shortly and a follow up meeting will be held in December.

ii) Budget The County Council is currently holding a budget consultation for the 2015/16 Budget. £83 million has to be taken out of the budget over the next 3 years and by the end of the process the County Council staffing will be reduced from 10,000 to 5,000. A Unitary authority is again being suggested for Cumbria.

iii) Health There are issues with the Health service in North Cumbria, surgery at Westmorland General Hospital will probably be a considered at a public consultation and there is a move to primary care ie some procedures previously performed in hospitals will be carried out in surgeries.

- iv) Buses Two buses are running on the 532 route, Stagecoach and Travellers Choice, sometimes at the same time on the same route. The County Council has no control over this service since the removal of the subsidy in October 2014.

#### 14/149 Planning Applications

The following Planning Applications have been received. The first two were circulated in advance of the meeting as the closing date for consultation was before this meeting and as no responses were received by the Clerk no response had been made. The third planning application is for land owned by the Parish Council therefore they are precluded from responding as they have pecuniary interest in the application.

- a) SL/2014/0856. 26 Fairfield Flookburgh Grange-Over-Sands LA11 7NB. Single storey extension.
- b) SL/2014/0958. Gainsboro Yard adjacent to Hereford Cottage Cark In Cartmel Grange-Over-Sands LA11 7NZ. Erection of dwelling.
- c) SL/2014/0965. Playing field on Moor Lane Flookburgh. Formation of car park for community playing field.

**Resolved** No response to be made to the South Lakeland District Council.

#### 14/150 Planning Decisions

- a) TR/2014/0121. 7 Dobbie Bank Cark In Cartmel Grange-Over-Sands LA11 7PX T1 Sweet Chestnut - Crown Clean, Crown Reduce by 20% and Crown Raise to 5.2 metres clearance over the highway T2 Sycamore - Crown Reduce by 25% Crown Raise to 5.2 metres over the highway. Tree Preservation Order Consent Granted.
- b) SL/2014/0870 Trino, Willow Lane Flookburgh Grange-over-Sands LA11 7LU. Detached garage. Granted with conditions.

#### 14/151 Financial Report

The Financial report as at 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014 was received

**Resolved** accepted unanimously.

#### 14/152 Payment of Accounts

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

Clerk's Salary October 2014	£256.96
HM Revenue & Customs PAYE re October Clerk's Salary	£64.32
South Lakes Services (Toilet Cleaning) September 2014 (SO)	£247.26
E.On Electricity (Street Lighting) (1/9/14-30/09/14)	£20.11
N Power Electricity (Toilets) (1/8/2014-31/10/2014) (DD)	£26.53
Parish Link Newsletter	£200.00

#### 14/153 Consultations

- a) Cumbria County Council Budget Consultation 2015/16

The Budget Consultation was considered.

**Resolved** No objections to be made to the proposed budget reductions.

- b) Cumbria Police – Service Review

**Resolved** The following responses to be made:

Q4 3 Best Ways for Police to Understand issues in the area:

Visit police counter, interact with youths and schools & talking to local residents in street.

Q5 3 Ways you would tell Police about issues in local area:

Email, Personal contact with PCSO & Telephone.

Q6 Ways you have informed Police about issues in local area:

Email, Personal contact with PCSO & Telephone.

Q7 Have you ever tried to influence policing decisions that affect your local area?

Yes

Q7a How did you try to influence?

By dialogue with the Police representative who attends Parish Council meetings.

Q8 Have you spoken to a PCSO in the last 12 months?

Yes

Q8a If Yes, why?

To report a community issue, report a crime or incident, seek crime prevention advice, seek other advice, provide information that might be useful to the police, seen at a meeting (eg Parish Council), seen through the job I do, have chatted to them socially as they were doing their job.

Q9 Which option would you prefer (re PCSOs and/or Police Officer number reduction):

Having fewer PCSOs in a mix of urban and rural areas based on demand.

Q10 Have you used a police front counter in the past 12 months?

No

Q11 Would you support the closure of front counters in any circumstance?

No

Q12 Which option for front counter reduction would you prefer (options to close/reduce officers)

Reduce front counter hours by percentage (based on demand)

Q13 Prioritise preferred savings, 1 is first choice for savings, 4 is last choice for savings

1 Buildings in the police estate

2 Front Counters

3 PCSOs

4 Police Officers

Q14 Additional comments

Suggest shared used of premises eg with other emergency services like fire stations or other community buildings eg libraries.

#### 14/154 **Environment Agency – Flood Resilience**

The Clerk has received further information following the presentation by the Environment Agency at the October meeting.

- a) The Environment Agency are not prepared to cut down the leaning tree near Londis and state it is the responsibility of the landowner. The Parish Council have a lease for the adjoining toilets/car park but in the lease map that does not extend beyond the metal fence to where the tree is.
- b) Residents who live in flood affected areas have received forms to apply for Repair & Renew Grants (RRG) from South Lakeland District Council.
- c) The option of an emergency plan was also considered and this would be supported by the Environment Agency
- d) The suggestion to set up a barrier so that fields to the north of Cark could be flooded to reduce the risk of flooding within was supported.

#### **Resolved**

To arrange a meeting with the Environment Agency to consider the option to flood the fields north of Cark. To then consider an emergency plan depending on the result of this proposal.

#### 14/155 **Land South of Stockdale Farm**

The maintenance of the land south of Stockdale Farm which is the location of Norman's Seat and a Litter Bin is being considered as there have been requests to cut the grass and cut back the bushes. The Clerk has been unable to establish ownership of the site and has already contacted Holker Estates. It may be Cumbria Highways due to the amended road route.

**Resolved** To contact Jack Manning to see if he has any information regarding ownership of the land.

#### 14/156 **Cark Public Toilets**

Councillor Rowlandson has checked the water pressure and will look at whether it could be restricted to reduce the water flow and hence the water costs for the toilets.

#### 14/157 **Highways**

The Clerk has received a call from a resident who is concerned about the dangers to children outside the primary school at the end of school at 3.15 pm due to parking on both sides of the road and on the pavement, which reduces the road to one way at a time that the Secondary School bus also travels past.

**Resolved** County Councillor Wilson will visit the road outside the School at 3.15 pm to see the extent of the issue and look at what options could be available to reduce the risk.

14/158 **Flookburgh Square**

a) **Progress report on the plans for Flookburgh Square.**

Cumbria County Council need confirmation that the parish Council plan to go ahead with tarmacing and in principle agree with the proposed changes before they can proceed with preparing plans and arranging a consultation.

**Resolved** To notify Kelly Alty that the Parish Council will proceed with the tarmacing and agree in principle with the proposed plans for the Square, subject to public consultation.

b) **Quotations for tarmacing and replacing the bollards on the area of Flookburgh Square owned by the Parish Council.**

The 4 companies have submitted quotes for tarmacing and bollards. Councillor Rowlandson has taken advice and the only quote which includes sufficient preparatory work for tarmacing is the one from Aggregate. It would be essential that the contractor appointed undertakes this preparatory work to ensure that there is a seamless join with the highway.

**Resolved** To write to the other contractors to receive confirmation that their quotes include this work or provide an updated quotation with this work included and email Graham Wheelhouse at Cumbria County Council with the specifications received to check they are appropriate.

14/159 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**

Councillor Gardner reported that consultation events were held with the toddler group, primary school, Youth Club and a general one for all the public regarding the proposed and preferred equipment for the site. The Planning Application has been submitted to South Lakeland District Council for the car park.

14/160 **Flookburgh Youth Club (Flocks 4 Youth)**

The Clerk reported that the cost of Youth Workers from Young Cumbria to run the Club is £6000 a year so other options for staffing are being considered, including parents on a rota. Club has applied for grants and has organised a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November for parents to consider the options available for restarting the junior club.

14/161 **Lower Holker Community Led Plan**

The Clerk reported that the meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November agreed the final content and layout of the Questionnaire. This will now be finalised and printed, together with an online option for distribution early January and return by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

14/162 **Cumbria Association of Local Councils – Clerk’s Forum**

The Clerk reported that the meeting discussed procedural matters and highways issues.

14/163 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Cumbria County Council  
Budget Consultation 2015/16
- b) South Lakeland District Council  
Overview and Scrutiny Meeting Minutes  
Local Area Partnership Minutes  
Development Briefs – Kendal, Ulverston, Kirkby Lonsdale & Milnthorpe  
Dementia Awareness Event in Ulverston – 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- c) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)  
Local Government Transparency Code for Councils with Income or Expenditure over £200,000.  
Parish Clerk Pay Proposal Review  
Rural Opportunities Bulletin – summary of funding groups  
Local Council Award Scheme – to replace Quality Council Scheme in January 2015  
CALC October Circular

- d) Grange Town Council  
Notification of new email addresses
- e) Lower Allithwaite Parish Council  
Invitation to meeting with Countryside Access Officer on 28<sup>th</sup> October
- f) Cumbria Voluntary Service  
Training events, Annual Conference, Annual Review and Business Plan.
- g) Neighbourhood Alerts  
Volunteer Vacancies – Community Speedwatch & Engagement  
Halloween Notices  
Telephone Scam alert – fraud by person claiming to be from Metropolitan Police  
Thefts of vehicle registration plates  
Sign for Dog Owners using Farm Land regarding Neospora risk leading to cattle abortions.

**14/164 Parish Council Meeting Dates**

**Resolved** to approve the meeting dates for 2015 as follows:

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm on

7th January 2015 Lower Holker Village Hall

4th February 2015 Flookburgh Village Hall

4th March 2015 Lower Holker Village Hall

1st April 2015 Flookburgh Village Hall

6th May 2015 Lower Holker Village Hall

3rd June 2015 Flookburgh Village Hall

1st July 2015 Lower Holker Village Hall

2nd September 2015 Flookburgh Village Hall

7th October 2015 Lower Holker Village Hall

4th November 2015 Flookburgh Village Hall

2nd December 2015 Lower Holker Village Hall

**14/165 Forthcoming Events**

The following events were noted:

6<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30 pm, Flocks 4 Youth Meeting, Flookburgh Village Hall.

13<sup>th</sup> November, 3 to 5 pm, LAP Health Event, Friends Meeting House, Kendal.

15<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30 am CALC AGM, Market Hall, Wigton.

17<sup>th</sup> November (amended date) 7.30 pm, Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity, 32 Jutland Avenue.

27<sup>th</sup> November, 7 pm, CALC District Meeting, Gilpin Bridge.

**14/166 Date of Next meeting**

Noted that the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at Flookburgh Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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