

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER HOLKER
VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 2015**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, G Gardner (and District Councillor), M Keith, J Ryland, T Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott, Rev R Jackson.

- 15/001 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors S Rawsthorn and J Rowlandson, County Councillor R Wilson and PCSO H Firth.
- 15/002 **Requests for Dispensations**
None
- 15/003 **Declarations of Interest**
None.
- 15/004 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th March 2015 was proposed by Councillor Airey, seconded by Councillor Ryland, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.
- 15/005 **Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**
None.
- 15/006 **Police**
PCSO Howard was absent, however he provided a report of incidents reported to the Police in the Parish over the last 30 days as follows: 1 Concern For Welfare, 4 Suspicious Incidents, 2 Domestic, 2 Anti-Social Behaviour, 1 Missing Person and 1 Highway Disruption.
- 15/007 **District and County Councillors**
- a) District Councillor Gardner advised that she has been attending a lot of meetings recently and the Community Clear up on 21st March was very well attended with around 20 people taking part and around 20 bags of rubbish were collected. Future Clear Up days will be on 25th April, 16th May and thereafter every 4 weeks (weather permitting).
 - b) County Councillor Wilson has resigned as County Councillor due to ill health. He has however provided a final report as follows:
 - i) Flookburgh Square – his CCC monies have been allocated with this and he will talk to Kelly Alty's replacement (Carol Last) about progressing the improvement project.
 - ii) Car Parking in Cark – Highways report they don't have a solution to the problem and he suggests Gill Gardner continue to work on this project.
 - iii) Flooding on Station Road – Highways have reported that they have cleaned out the drains but due to groundwater running down from the Garden Centre this is an ongoing problem. Highways would like the Parish Council to contact the Garden Centre.
- The Parish Council expressed their thanks for the hard work that Rod has undertaken over the years as their County Councillor and the Clerk will report this in the local papers.

- 15/008 **Planning Applications**
 The following Planning Applications were considered:
 i) SL/2015/0147, 35 Jutland Avenue, Ravenstown Cumbria LA11 7LF
 Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of two storey extension.
Resolved No objections.
 ii) SL/2015/0303, 27 Allithwaite Road Flookburgh Grange Over Sands LA11 7JR
 Demolitions, extensions and alterations.
Resolved No objections.
 iii) L\1423\05 (5/15/9004) Winder Moor, Willow Lane, Flookburgh, Cumbria Section 73
 application to amend conditions 9 and 18 of planning permission 5/13/9002 to increase
 vehicle movements and operating hours.
Resolved No objections.
- 15/009 **Planning Decisions**
 The following Planning Decisions were noted:
 a) SL/2015/0061 Lee Evans Autobody, Airfield Farm, Moor Lane, Flookburgh, Grange Over
 Sands LA11 7LS. Erection of motor vehicle repair workshop, laying of access, parking and
 compound hard-standing and foul water drainage system. Decision - Refused as a
 development on a greenfield site.
 b) SL/2015/0076. Gainsboro Yard adjacent to Hereford Cottage, Cark-in-Cartmel, Grange
 over Sands LA11 7NZ. Discharge of conditions 4 (facing materials) & 5 (roofing materials)
 attached to planning permission SL/2014/0958. Decision – Discharge of conditions –
 approved.
- 15/010 **Review of Asset Register**
 The Asset Register as at 31 March 2015 was reviewed. The only change since the last
 review on 31 March 2014 is the disposal of a printer and a purchase of a new printer.
Resolved To accept the reviewed Asset Register.
- 15/011 **Financial Report**
 The Financial Report as at 24th March 2015 was received.
Resolved to be accepted unanimously.
- 15/012 **Payment of Accounts**
Resolved The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:
 Clerk's Salary March 2015 £257.08
 HM Revenue & Customs PAYE re March Clerk's Salary £64.20
 South Lakes Services (Toilet Cleaning) February 2015 (SO) £247.26
 E.On (Street Lighting - Electricity) (01/02/2015-28/02/2015) (DD) £18.77
 United Utilities (Toilets Water/Waste Water) (9/12/14-8/3/15) (DD)£348.69
- 15/013 **New Flookburgh Burial Ground/Churchyard**
 Rev R Jackson (Vicar of St John's in Flookburgh & Allithwaite) attended the meeting to
 provide clarification regarding the points discussed at the March meeting. He reported that
 the owner of the site is St John's Parish Church. It is classified as a churchyard as it
 belongs to the community and as such is available for the burials of anyone who dies in
 the parish, resides in the parish or has close links to the parish. Plots cannot be
 purchased and therefore the only charges are for any funeral service/gravedigging etc.
 Charges are as prescribed by the Church of England and most of the monies from these
 go to the local church. For clarification, a burial ground is owned by the local authority and
 plots have to be purchased prior to a burial taking place. The current churchyard which is
 across the road from the Church still has approximately 60 plots left. Rev Jackson
 expressed thanks to the local Young Farmers have already undertaken planting work and

the local farmers who will undertake fencing and the WI who will provide refreshments. There will be an envelope for donations towards the cost of the churchyard development distributed in the May Parish Magazine and a Gift Day on 9th May. The Church maintains records of burials both in a Grave Register (by number of grave) and Burial Register (chronologically).

15/014 **Queen's Garden Party**

Councillors Airey and Keith have been invited to attend the Queen's Garden Party in May. The transport cost is estimated at around £100 each.

Resolved To reimburse the transport costs for this event.

15/015 **Consultation**

Cumbria County Council have produce a Draft Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan which identifies potential sites for mineral extraction and waste disposal. The only sites in South Lakeland are for Mineral extraction at Land next to High Greenscoe Quarry is identified as the location for further supplies of mudstones for the Askam in Furness brickworks. The slates near Kirkby Slate Quarry are identified as the location for further supplies of slate. The sandstones near Roan Edge Quarry and Holmescales Quarry are identified as the locations for further supplies of regionally important high specification roadstone.

Resolved No comments.

15/016 **Lower Holker Community Led Plan**

The Clerk reported that a meeting was held in early March and further analysis of the responses to the several questions has been undertaken.

15/017 **Flookburgh Square**

- a) The Clerk has made contact with Kelly Alty's replacement, Carol Last, and received a telephone call from the seconded Highways Engineer, David Bell. A meeting has been arranged for 5pm on 15th April at Flookburgh Square. David Bell and Carol Last will attend from the County Council.
- b) The responses to the Community Led Plan Questionnaire were considered regarding priorities and a submitted design was also considered. The responses identified support for the following options: Safer Ways to Cross (60%); One Way Route round Square (48%); Short Stay Parking (38%); General Parking (32%); Bus Stops – Public Buses (28%); Bus Stops – School Buses (27%); Seating (27%); Resident Parking (24%); Don't Change Anything (17%).

15/018 **Public Toilets**

A dead elderflower tree by the toilets has been reported to Councillor Gardner and also an overhanging tree by the river (outside the fence line). The hedgehog gutterguard in the gutter is still hanging out.

Resolved Councillor Airey to ask Mr Watson if he could cut the dead tree down and the Clerk organise the refitting of the hedgehog gutterguard.

15/019 **Highways**

- i) The Clerk reported that the requested fencing work on the field adjacent to the road and railway bridge has now been undertaken. Concerns were raised about the safety of the fence on the opposite side of the railway bridge close to Bridge House.
Resolved To contact Highways regarding the unsafe roadside fence from the Railway to Bridge House.
- ii) The Clerk has again reported the drainage & wall problem on Allithwaite Road together with photographs of the standing water and wall.

iii) The flooding on Station Road reported by County Councillor Wilson was considered.

Resolved to contact Cumbria Highways and request that they contact the Garden Centre as the County Council are responsible for surface water flooding.

15/020 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**

Councillor Gardner reported that the Charity is finalising the Tender documents and they will be going out to tender after the next Charity meeting.

15/021 **Cumbria Association for Local Councils**

The Clerk reported that at the March CALC District Meeting there was a presentation from South Cumbria Credit Union which is progressing towards setting up a Credit Union to serve individuals in the South Lakeland Area to provide low cost loans. There is currently one in Barrow, but none to cover this area.

15/022 **Furness Line Community Rail Partnership**

Tim Owen, Chair of the Furness Line Rail Partnership, has reported that the tendering for the 2017 rail services is for more rail services on the Furness Line, largely due to the work undertaken last year when a comprehensive survey and report was prepared. The number of trains stopping at Cark will increase by 1 each day.

15/023 **Flookburgh Youth Club (Flocks 4 Youth)**

The Clerk reported that checks have been finalised, policies are in place and the Junior Youth Club will restart on 23rd April. Information will be distributed via the School and through notices/Facebook.

15/024 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted and decisions made as follows:

a Cumbria County Council

National Coastal trail (England) – route from Silecroft to Silverdale – planned to start between 2015 & 2016.

b South Lakeland District Council

Minutes of Grange & Cartmel January LAP meeting

Notices of Elections

Resourceful Communities Pilot Scheme – invitation to pilot scheme to reduce waste by swaps, food waste reduction, repairing, food growing, upcycling etc. £250 grant.

c Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)

Events to commemorate 70th Anniversary of Victory in Europe – communities encouraged to light a beacon.

Audit & Transparency Guidance for Smaller Councils.

National Association of Local Councils Newsletter.

Pre-Election Guidance for Parish Councils.

Speed Indicator Device Policies

ACT Newsletter

NALC – star of the year nominations for councillors, clerks, councils, council workers.

Affordable Housing – Report of Rural Housing Policy Review

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion at University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS

Foundation Trust – seeking views on how to improve, 8th April (Barrow 9.30 am, Ulverston 1.30 pm)

North West Ambulance Service – changes in how the service is delivered, offer to receive a visit to the Parish Council from #999 team - senior representative re

changing roles or clinician re skills they use or member/volunteer re life-saving skills/defibrillator (demonstration).

Resolved to invite a representative to outline the changing roles of the service.

d Cumbria Voluntary Service

Notification of Your NHS – opportunity to join a panel to be consulted on aspects of the Health Service in Cumbria which you are interested in.

Training bulletin

e Neighbourhood Alerts

Doorstep traders; suspect emails from Adobe or LinkedIn Support; Euromillions fraud (ask for fee to release funds).

f Rural Services Network

Updates on rural transport and rural economy including rural fuel grant scheme from 31st May in LA17 (Grizebeck/Kirkby in Furness) and other areas.

g Morecambe Bay Partnership

Oral and Fishing History event – 23rd March in Grange.

15/025 **Forthcoming Events**

The following events were noted:

6.30 pm, 14th April, Grange and Cartmel LAP meeting, venue to be confirmed.

6.30 pm, 14th April, Clerk's Network meeting, Derby Arms

7 am to 10 pm, 7th May, Elections.

15/026 **Date of Next meetings**

The dates of the next meetings were noted:

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th April 2015 at Flookburgh Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 13th May 2015 at Lower Holker Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Clerk to the Council: - Lyn Prescott, 13 Church Walk, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria LA11 7JX