

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH VILLAGE
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 5th APRIL 2017**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, G Gardner, M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Ryland & T Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott and 2 members of the public.

17/001 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from County Councillor S Sanderson & PCSO H Firth

17/002 Requests for Dispensations

None

17/003 Declarations of Interest

None.

17/004 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st March 2017 was agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

17/005 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

Mr W Baddiley advised that he wanted to demolish a wall in front of his house on Main Street, Flookburgh and put a new drive in. He will be submitting a Planning Application to South Lakeland District Council and wanted to advise the Parish Council in advance.

17/006 Police

PCSO Firth was absent but provided a writTEN report advising there were 13 calls to the Police for service in the last 30 days. 2 crimes (1 assault - Lakeland leisure & 1 criminal damage).

17/007 District and County Councillors

a) District Councillor Gill Gardner reported:

- i) She has been continuing litter picking with John Bland who has suggested that an additional bin on Moor Lane, possibly by the seat near Sticky Toffee Pudding, could reduce the problem.
- ii) Grass needs cutting south of Stockdale Farm, however the area around the seat and the litter bin has been cut. The overgrown section of hedge on Moor Lane on Mrs Latham's land has not been cut, despite the Clerk's letter.
- iii) Speeding vehicles are causing further problems for horse riders.
- iv) There is no improvement regarding dog fouling.
- v) Mr Lyons has contacted her regarding tree cutting debris on the moss road and a drain noise. Both have been reported to Cumbria Highways/County Councillor.
- vi) She has attended Planning and Full Council meetings but has sent apologies for this week's Lake Administration meeting.

b) County Councillor Sue Sanderson was absent but sent the following report:

- i) Apologies for absence as attending retirement of head of Sandside Lodge School, where she is Chair of Governors.
- ii) She is working closely with SLDC and CCC on co-ordinating gully cleansing, roadsweeping, housing and lobbying for better local road infrastructure.
- iii) Health Services are providing challenges with the county split between 2 Trusts. Bigger challenges are emerging with the Integrated Care communities which have

been set up by the NHS and are based on GP surgeries rather than established communities.

- iv) She has had regular meetings with Victoria Upton (Cumbria Highways) and Carol Last (Community Engagement Officer) about highways in the Division and raised issues from the Parish Councils and residents e.g. flood, broken fence, lighting, bus shelter, road surfaces, signage. lining.
- v) There is Capital funding available from the Rural Development from the LEADER programme for new farm technologies, micro and small rural businesses, farm diversification, small scale tourism project, enterprise community projects and culture and heritage projects. The funding is provided by DEFRA and the EU. FelLs and Dales group covers this area: <http://www.fellsanddales.org.uk/>

17/008 **Planning Application**

- a) SL/2017/0260. Land near Sunny Bank, Cark Cark-In-Cartmel Grange Over Sands LA11 7PF. Residential Development (Self Build)

This application has disappeared from the SLDC website so may be withdrawn or amended.

17/009 **Planning Decisions**

The following planning decisions were noted:

- a) SL/2017/0059. 1 Manorside, Flookburgh LA11 7HY. Single storey extension. Granted with conditions relating to matching existing materials.
- b) SL/2017/0070. 35 Allithwaite Road, Flookburgh LA11 7JR. Replacement detached garage and workshop. Granted with conditions relating to external materials.

17/010 **2016/17 Audit**

The Clerk reported the timetable for 2016/17. Accounts will be prepared in April, delivered to the Internal Auditor in May, to be submitted for approval at the June meeting then dispatched to the External Auditor (BDO) by 12 June 2017. Exercise of public rights is from 13 June to 24 July 2017. Publication of Annual Return is 30 September 2017.

17/011 **Review of Asset Register**

The Asset Register as at 31 March 2017 was reviewed.

Resolved To accept the Asset Register.

17/012 **Financial Report**

- a) The Financial report, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 March 2017 was presented by the Clerk.

Resolved to accept the Financial Report unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

- b) The Clerk advised that Nat West Bank in Grange where the Parish Council has bank accounts will close on 3 October 2017. She has ascertained that a mobile bank will visit Grange weekly, details to follow.

Resolved To leave bank accounts with Nat West subject to review once the detail of the final arrangements are known.

17/013 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolved The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (March 2017)	£276.48
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (March 2017)	£69.12
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (March 2017) SO	£247.26
United Utilities (Water & Waste Water – Toilets) (5/12/2016-6/3/2017) DD	£66.04
Npower (Electricity – Toilets) (1/2/2017-1/3/2017) DD	£94.19
E.On (Electricity – Street Lighting) (1/2/2017-28/2/2018) DD	£37.81

17/014 **Highways**

The following Highways matters were considered.

a) Road maintenance.

The Clerk has reported the dip in the road on either side of the railway bridge at Allithwaite Road. Councillor Rawsthorn reported a blocked drain on the B5277 opposite the rear entrance to Holker Hall. Councillor Keith reported an incident on the Cark Railway Bridge where a trailer following a HGV mounted the pavement narrowly missing a resident on the pavement.

Resolved The Clerk will report the blocked drain and request that Cumbria Highways investigate ways (eg signs) to slow down traffic over the Railway Bridge to improve safety.

b) Highways matters currently under consideration by Cumbria Highways.

No information received other than the report from the County Councillor (17/007).

c) New County Council Highways Fault Reporting system.

The Clerk reported that Cumbria County Council have a new online Highways Fault reporting system which clearly shows faults reported and their current status. Anyone can submit a fault or check on the progress with any fault

17/015 **Consultation**

The Consultation on the draft Cumbria County Council Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan - Main Modifications and Sustainability Appraisal Update was considered. The Clerk reported that the 154 pages of amendments and updates included changed National Park Boundaries and updated tables and information. An additional criteria for hazardous waste is the exclusion of sites located in areas of high flood risk. No sites are within the Parish or on the Peninsula.

Resolved No response required.

17/016 **Parish Councillor Survey**

The Clerk advised that a fellow Parish Councillor (Helena Goulding) is undertaking a survey of Parish Councillors for her MSc in Social Research at Birkbeck University. Councillors can respond to the survey individually if they wish.

17/017 **Public Toilets & Cark Park**

a) South Lakes Services have advised an increase in their cleaning charges to £259.29 a month from 1st April 2017. This is the first increase since they were awarded the contract and represents an increase at half the rate of inflation.

Resolved To accept the increased charge and amend the Standing Order.

b) Councillor Keith enquired regarding the planned Donations Box and Defibrillator at Cark Toilets. The Clerk advises she has the Donations Box which needs to be affixed to the building and she has to have further meetings with Grange First Responders to arrange the purchase and installation of the Defibrillator.

17/018 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**

Councillor Gardner reported that 3 quotations have now been received for drainage works, which will be considered at this week's meeting.

17/019 **Better Care Together**

The Clerk attended the event organised by Better Care Together, Integrated Care Community and Public Health officers of the County Council. This involved asking local people how things could be improved in terms of overall care. Example given of GP going to a person who is ill and alone and not knowing what backup is available within the community.

17/020 **Flood Groups**

a) An invitation has been received to Kent & Leven Community meeting (forming a coalition regarding flooding) 7 pm on 20th April at Kendal Town Hall.

Resolved Not to attend as the Parish is not in the Kent or Leven catchment area.

- b) A request has been to support a Farmer's Flood Group. The Group was formed 12 months after Storm Desmond we formed the Farmers Flood Group to give a voice to the farmers and rural communities that didn't have a Flood group to represent them. They raise concerns on lake level, river management and tree maintenance, which we consider have been neglected for 25-30 years, could be heard. They are working with some larger flood groups and have been in discussion with top EA officers and politicians. They are asking Parish Councils to indicate their support for their efforts. **Resolved** to support this group.

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Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Cumbria County Council
Notice of Election of County Councillors on 4th May.
- b) South Lakeland District Council
- c) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)
Reports from NALC on Devolution and the Voluntary Sector and Chief Executive's Bulletin. NALC Resolution – That the National Association be asked to conduct a short survey through County Associations to garner how much of a problem lack of fair local funding from community benefit is for parishes from developments on the ground.
- d) Cumbria Voluntary Service
Notification of training & events.
- e) Neighbourhood Alerts
Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter including 2017/18 Precept increase; Her Majesty's Inspectorate report (Good rating for Cumbria Police); Property & Community Fund. DNA Property marking kits (£20).
- f) Environment Agency
Training course re flood emergency.
- g) Morecambe Bay Community Team Partnership
Report on Meeting held on 9th March and plans for partnership working. Draft Economic Plan being prepared.
- h) Morecambe Bay Partnership
Annual Conference, 5th April in Victoria Hall, Grange.
- i) Other
Requests for inclusion on Parish Council website/facebook for local events.
Thank you for grant to support maintenance of the cemetery.

17/022

Date of Next meeting

The next meeting was noted:

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at Flookburgh Village Hall.

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