

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON  
WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, G Gardner (& District Councillor), J Ryland, S Rawsthorn & T Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott, County Councillor S Sanderson, District Councillor M Cornah and one member of the public.

21/1 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor Keith.

21/2 **Requests for Dispensations**

None.

21/3 **Declarations of Interest**

None

21/4 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved** Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Councillor Airey, seconded by Councillor Ryland and approved unanimously. To be signed physically in due course.

21/5 **Public Participation**

None.

21/6 **Police**

A new format Police report has been received. On the Cartmel Peninsula the community policing team have been assisting at the Covid vaccination centre and undertaken home security visits to vulnerable residents. They have an increased presence around local schools since they re-opened and hope to visit school staff and children in the near future. They are carrying out high visibility mobile and foot patrols around the area including in Cark and Flookburgh. They are running a sheep worrying awareness campaign as it is lambing time and have a limited stock of posters for livestock owners. They also plan to set up a Farmwatch group. Contact PCSO Debbie Ross for posters or to join the Farmwatch group.

21/7 **District and County Councillors**

a) District Councillor M Cornah reported:

- i) Due to purdah prior to the elections there is little to report from the District Council.
- ii) He outlined the plans for central government boundary reform, which would reduce the number of MPs from 650 to 600. This has been under consideration for several years and may proceed in the next 2 years. For Cumbria it is anticipated it would reduce the number of MPs from 6 to 5 as the plan is for there to be a minimum of 70,000 people resident in each constituency. The plans are not finalised but it is possible that Westmorland and Lonsdale constituency would cease to exist.

b) District Councillor G Gardner reported:

She has nothing to report further from the District Council.

c) County Councillor S Sanderson reported:

- i) She has followed up on the Lower Holker Bowling Club grant request to Cumbria County Council and is awaiting the decision.
- ii) The schools have returned and she is meeting weekly with them to assist with any difficulties.
- iii) She advised that in the proposed central government boundary reform the 3 councils targeted all have a strong Liberal Democrat base. She has past experience working with the Boundary Commission.

- iv) The new junction layout near the Swan Inn at Newby Bridge with the A590 is being reviewed with a safety audit by Highways England. She is meeting with Highways England and parish councils in relation to local signage.

21/8 **Planning Applications**

- a) SL/2021/0210. 6 Bank Top, Cark in Cartmel LA11 7NJ. Demolition of existing rear conservatory and side porch and erection of single storey rear extension.  
**Resolved** To support the application as it is a replacement building in a similar footprint.
- b) SL/2021/0278. 20 Marne Avenue, Ravenstown. Single storey rear and side extension with rear balcony and off road parking for 2 vehicles (Resubmission of SL/2020/0970). An objection letter has been received from a resident advising that extensive internal works have already taken place with work being undertaken late at night and early morning. Works undertaken include a hole being knocked through to the neighbouring property and an iron girder installed with no notification or permission. The proposed glazed Juliet balcony would overlook the neighbouring property and the extension is very close to the boundary wall. Councillor Airey advised she has received several complaints about the noise of the works being undertaken late at night and early in the morning.  
**Resolved**
  - i) To request that District Councillor Gardner call the application in to Planning Committee so it can be examined in detail.
  - ii) Object to the planning application on the basis that the extension would overlook the neighbouring property, current excessive noise nuisance due to building works currently taking place outside normal working hours and a girder has been installed without permission through the party wall to the neighbouring property.

21/9 **Planning Decision**

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- a) SL/2020/0953. 5 Airfield Approach Business Park Moor Lane Flookburgh LA11 7NG. Change of use of B8 storage and distribution unit to mixed use B8 storage and distribution and B1(c) light industrial unit. Granted with conditions relating to plans and permitted uses.
- b) SL/2020/0364. Cark Manor Cark-In-Cartmel LA11 7PG. Change of use from residential dwelling (Use Class C3) to a mixed use of residential dwelling (Use Class C3) and holiday let (Sui Generis) and the formation of hard standing for car parking (part retrospective). Granted with conditions relating to plans, visibility splays, one way system, surface water, landscaping works, biodiversity scheme, occupation, occupant register & external lighting.
- c) SL/2018/0881. Cark Manor Cark In Cartmel LA11 7PG. Formation of hard standing for car parking. Withdrawn.
- d) SL/2021/0035. Sandgate Caravan Park Flookburgh LA11 7LD. Siting of additional 11 holiday lodges. Granted with conditions relating to plans, construction, trees, hedges, holiday accommodation & lodge design.

21/10 **Financial Report**

The Clerk presented the Financial Report as at 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 including the Budget Monitoring and Bank Reconciliation.

**Resolved** To approve the Financial Report.

21/11 **Payment of Accounts**

**Resolved** to approve the following payments.

Clerk's Salary (March 2021)	£313.60
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (March 2021)	£78.40

SSE (Electricity – Street Lighting) (2/2/2021 – 1/3/2021) DD	£45.10
Eon (Electricity – Toilets) (4/1/2021 – 28/2/2021) DD	£79.57
Waterplus (Water & Waste Water – Toilets) (26/11/20-16/3/21) DD	£99.82
Orian/SLS (Toilet Cleaning/Sani Bins) (February 2021)	£489.46
Postage Stamps	£7.92
Clerks & Councils Direct subscription 2021-22	£84.00
ICO Data Protection Registration Renewal 2021-22	£40.00
Luminous tape/stickers (for bike stands)	£9.94
Pandora Technologies Ltd (Speed Indication Device & pole)	£3924.00
Litter bin emptying	£52.56

#### 21/12 **Grant applications**

The following grant application was considered:

a) **Lower Holker Bowling Club**

The Clerk reported that the Club has applied for a County Council grant and recommended that a decision be deferred until they had received a response to their application.

**Resolved** To defer to a future meeting once the decision has been received regarding the County Council County grant application.

#### 21/13 **Highways**

a) Highways matters to be reported

Potholes on Winder Lane

**Resolved** To report to Cumbria Highways.

b) Highways matters reported

The requested additional Marsh Gardens and Manorside street signs have been installed by South Lakeland District Council.

c) To receive a report on the operation of the Speed Indicator Device on Moor Lane

The Clerk reported that the SID is working well. In addition the Speed Gun is currently away for its annual calibration and will be available once that is completed.

#### 21/14 **Greening Campaign**

The Clerk reported that she has just received the list of 17 options to select 8 preferred options to use in the local Greening Campaign. The Clerk read the list to the meeting.

**Resolved** To circulate the list to Councillors for consideration.

#### 21/15 **Flookburgh Community Playground**

The playground is being used less than usual at present due to holidays not being permitted. She has left the sanitiser out 24/7 despite the risk of vandalism as she is currently unable to take it in each night.

#### 21/16 **Cark Toilets & Cark Park/Playground**

The Clerk reported that the cleaners (SLS/Orion) are increasing their prices by £16+VAT per month for the usual 3 days/week cleaning schedule. The cleaning remains at 5 days/week during the current Covid situation. She also reported that she has put the luminous stickers on the new bicycle racks to increase their visibility.

#### 21/17 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

a) Cumbria County Council

Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership

Cumbria County Council Environment Fund and Green Recovery

Cumbria County Council Highways Feedback Survey Results and Reports

b) South Lakeland District Council

Notices of Election (Police and Crime Commissioner)

Pop Up Campsites – briefing note

Local Resilience Forum - Arrangements in place to welcome back visitors

- c) Cumbria Association of Local Councils  
Notification from Government of resumption of physical council meetings.  
CALC Training programme  
CALC member survey  
Cumbria in Bloom  
Carbon Calculator for Parishes.  
NALC Legal updates (Basic Charity Law, Procurement & Policing)  
NW Coastal Access Update  
NALC Practitioners Guide 2021
- d) PKF Littlejohn  
Notification of AGAR External Auditor 2020/21 instructions

21/18 **Date of Next meeting**

Noted that the next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021. This meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting, Annual General Meeting and monthly Parish Council Meeting.

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