

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH VILLAGE  
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, G Gardner (& District Councillor), J Ryland, Parish Clerk L Prescott and 1 member of the public.

16/171 **Apologies for Absence**

Parish Councillors M Keith, S Rawsthorn & T Wilson, County Councillor S Sanderson and PCSO H Firth.

16/172 **Requests for Dispensations**

None.

16/173 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

16/174 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved** The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 was agreed unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman.

16/175 **Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

None

16/176 **Police**

PCSO Firth was absent however a written report has been received:  
During the last 30 days in the Parish there were 5 calls to the Police, including 2 crimes (1x assault 1x burglary other than a dwelling).

16/177 **District and County Councillors**

a) District Councillor Gill Gardner reported:

- i) She had been contacted by residents regarding the planning application at Cark Railway station, however the contact was too late for it to be called into the Planning Committee.
- ii) She has had further complaints regarding dog fouling.

b) County Councillor Sue Sanderson was absent however a written report has been received:

- i) She arranged Highways site visits with Highways Engineer Victoria Upton and the Clerk to consider various sites in Cark & Flookburgh with safety issues. Included agreement to reinstate white lining (ghost footpath) near Cark Hall. See Highways (16/186)
- ii) The County Council has allocated additional £100,000 for gully cleansing and SLDC and County are trying to coordinate leaf clearing and gully cleansing including ensuring parked cars are removed to allow access.
- iii) The Flood recovery group continues to meet monthly and progress continues at returning people to their homes. She had a meeting with Doug Coyle lead officer for the County Council and he has asked her to provide information on where isolated houses were flooded as they want to visit them and ensure they all have had support. We have 122 people left in South Lakeland who are not back in their homes. There have been over 700 applications for flood grants and over 500 fully paid out and 24 rejected. Over £1.2 million has been allocated. We now have an organisation called Newground who are working with communities to put together schemes for streets. There was no facility for doing this originally but funding was applied for and granted from the regional coastal communities fund and the Environment Agency. The LAP conference about flooding was very well attended and was very informative with a range of speakers from both Councils and the Environment Agency.
- iv) Applications submitted for funding for community halls etc. are being reviewed currently and decisions made in the near future.
- v) SLDC recycling: plastic and cardboard will be coming to Cartmel and Grange area through December/January. There may be pockets of the area not completed because of issues with access.

16/178 **Planning Applications**

None

16/179 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- a) SL/2016/0028 Land to rear of 60 Main Street Flookburgh Grange-over-Sands LA11 7LB. Erection of single dwelling. Granted with conditions relating to access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.
- b) SL/2016/0817 Rescue Centre Moor Lane Flookburgh LA11 7LT. Single storey side extension and erection of security fence. Granted with conditions relating to materials, mitigation for environmental issues and flooding.
- c) SL/2016/0850 Land near Sunny Bank, Cark in Cartmel, Grange over Sands. Outline Planning Application with All Matters Reserved for Development of Affordable Housing. Refused.
- d) SL/2016/0895 Land adjacent to Willow Tree Caravan Park Willow Lane Flookburgh Grange-over-Sands LA11 7LU. Use of land to form an extension to existing caravan site. Granted with conditions relating to occupation (holiday use only), landscaping plan, electricity lines, contamination, archaeology (hanger), flood risk and hours of construction.
- e) SL/2016/0948 Station Approach Cark in Cartmel LA11 7PT. Extension of existing builders yard for storage of materials. Granted with conditions relating to storage height, landscaping, hedges, flood risk, lighting and contamination.

16/180 **Financial Reports**

- a) **Resolved** The Financial report, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 November 2016, was accepted unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman.
- b) The Clerk reported that the arrangements for the Precept are as before, with the latest date of receipt by South Lakeland District Council set at 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The Precept will be agreed at the January 2017 meeting and Councillors were asked to consider items for inclusion.

16/181 **Payment of Accounts**

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

Clerk's Salary (November 2016)	£276.48
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (November 2016)	£69.12
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (November 2016) SO	£247.26
E.On (Electricity – Street Lighting) (1/10/2016-31/10/2016) DD	£41.86
TW Electrical (Repair toilet lights)	£102.12
CALC Clerk's Forum	£5.00

16/182 **Grant Applications**

The following grant applications were considered:

- a) Cark Village Christmas Tree. **Resolved** to award £150.
- b) Flookburgh Village Christmas Tree. **Resolved** to award £150.

16/183 **South Lakeland District Council – Dog Fouling Initiative**

The Clerk reported that the SLDC officers are working with The Bay Radio on a proposed joint project to highlight dog fouling. Details are yet to be finalised.

16/184 **Consultations**

- a) National Grid Route Proposals

The proposed route for the connection to the National Grid from Moorside to Heysham was considered.

**Resolved** to support the proposed route which travels under Morecambe Bay from Roosescote to Heysham and also underground cables on land over the remaining route to limit the effect on the Lake District environment.

b) South Lakeland District Council

Draft Development Management Policies DPD Consultation.

**Resolved** to advise SLDC that whilst the Parish Council welcome the opportunity to be consulted on this policy the information provided is too complex to be properly considered at a regular Parish Council meeting due to the length of the documentation (150 pages) and the technical terms employed.

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**Highways**

The following Highways matters were considered.

- a) Road maintenance (drains near Holker). The Clerk reported that it is still listed as being assigned for Cumbria Highways local maintenance team to programme and action.
- b) Safety of road layout near Cark Station Railway bridge on B5278. A site meeting was held with the Cumbria Highways Engineer. Given the width of the road and pavement she does not consider than anything can be done to improve the road layout.
- c) Safety of B5278 road bridge over River Eea near the Engine Inn. A site meeting was held with the Cumbria Highways Engineer. Further investigation is required.
- d) Safety of Allithwaite Road Railway Bridge. A site meeting was held with the Cumbria Highways Engineer. The following road safety improvements were proposed: Change road signs at either side of bridge to 'No footway for 200 yards' and bend direction corrected on Allithwaite Road side. SLOW markings on road on both sides of bridge. Ask homeowners if bushes overhanging road by house on Flookburgh side could be cut back and tree close to bridge/railway – check with Railway before proceeding. Replace field boundary fence adjoining bridge on Allithwaite Road side (opposite side of road to Public Watering Place Charity fields).
- f) Bridleway alongside school ground – vehicles using/trying to use. A Site meeting with the Cumbria Highways Engineer and the owner's family was held. Agreed to install an additional 'No Through Road' sign at the entrance to the bridleway near Lilac Cottage/Fieldhead Farmhouse and a collapsible bollard behind the hedge at No 6 The Croft.
- g) Motor home parked in layby at Flookburgh Cemetery  
The owners report that they are meeting a landowner today (7<sup>th</sup> December) with a view to arranging storage for their vehicle.

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**Flookburgh Square**

The Clerk and Councillor Dawson reported that the Westmorland Gazette photographer took a photograph now published in the Westmorland Gazette celebrating the Flookburgh Square improvements.

The Clerk reported that she contacted South Lakeland District Council about the issue of overnight camping and they advised that Milnthorpe Parish Council are in a similar situation in that they own the village Square and need to manage parking. She spoke to their Clerk and was advised that the Parish Council have parking restricted to 2 hours, obtain parking cards from Cumbria County Council and the District Council enforce any over stayers. They have not had any issues with overnight parking.

**Resolved** To take no action.

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**Defibrillator installation**

The Clerk reported that she has met with the new contact at Grange First Responders (Shelagh Swire) regarding the installation of a new Defibrillator in Cark. Shelagh advised that the Government are supporting a scheme through the British Heart Foundation where organisations can apply for up to 5 defibrillators (£400 each or possibly free – yet to be clarified). Any defibrillators obtained have to be left unlocked, which conflicts with the advice given by the North West Ambulance Service and also risks vandalism. The Clerk is awaiting clarification regarding the BHS scheme costs and whether defibrillators obtained from them can be locked.

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**Replacement Bench on Moor Lane**

The Clerk reported that she has requested a quotation from Philip Dalton for a replacement for the commemorative bench near the Industrial Park on Moor Lane.

- 16/189 **Public Toilets & Cark Park**  
The Clerk reported that the faulty lighting has been repaired.
- 16/190 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**  
Councillor Gardner reported that they are awaiting further quotations for resurfacing and draining works.
- 16/191 **Bus Service Meeting**  
No representatives attended the recent meeting with Travellers Choice, however the Saturday 532 Service will continue.
- 16/192 **Grange & Cartmel Local Area Partnership (LAP) Meeting**  
Councillor Airey and the Clerk attend this meeting. Broadband provision was discussed (BT concentrates on larger communities and BARN can provide supplies to smaller communities eg Dent). The ICC (Health) representatives were in attendance outlining the consultation exercise which is planned for communities to examine where practices can be improved for residents. The LAP decided to set up a Sub group to liaise with the ICC.
- 16/193 **Correspondence**  
The following correspondence was noted:
- a) Cumbria County Council  
Flood Reports
  - b) South Lakeland District Council  
SLDC Annual Constitution Review  
SLDC Parish Charter  
SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel Report 2017/2018  
SLDC Register of Electors Request form 2016/17  
Free Sunday Parking from 27<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> December in SLDC car parks.
  - c) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)  
NALC Dependent Carers Allowance Survey  
Monthly Circular and Training Courses
  - d) Neighbourhood Alerts  
Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner drop in events (22<sup>nd</sup> November)  
Warnings - Distraction burglaries & doorstep sellers.
  - e) Great North Air Ambulance  
Thank you letter for £200 grant.
  - f) Residents  
Emails received from residents in relation to the Cark Station Planning Application.
  - g) Red Cross  
Inviting residents to join Open Gardens 2017 scheme
- 16/194 **Dates of 2017 Parish Council Meetings**  
The 2017 Parish Council meetings dates were noted: 4th January, 1st February, 1st March, 5th April, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, No meeting in August, 6th September, 4th October, 1st November and 6th December.
- 16/195 **Date of Next meeting**  
The next meeting was noted:  
The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 4th January 2017 at Lower Holker Village Hall.

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