

MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER HOLKER VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2017

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey (Vice Chairman), B Dawson, M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Ryland, T Wilson (Chairman), County Councillor S Sanderson, Parish Clerk L Prescott and 7 members of the public.

17/179 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from District & Parish Councillor G Gardner and PCSO Firth.

17/180 Requests for Dispensations

None.

17/181 Declarations of Interest

Parish Councillor T Wilson declared an interested in item 17/186 (Planning Application SL/2017/1028).

17/182 Minutes of the Last Meeting Resolved

The acceptance of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st November 2017 was proposed by Councillor Ryland, seconded by Councillor Airey, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

17/183 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

- a) Mr Anthony Austin expressed his thanks for the support the Parish Council, the District Councillor and Parish Clerk have given in representing Cark residents' objections to planning application SL/2017/0260. Mr Austin also advised that he spoke at South Lakeland District Council's Planning Meeting to object to the application.
- b) Parish Councillor M Keith advised that she has been given a cheque for £50 from a resident who would like it to be donated to the Public Watering Place Charity. The Clerk advised that the Charity's constitution does not allow for donations but only for the distribution of monies received from the rent of fields and investments. The Clerk will investigate as to whether the Parish Council can accept the donation.
- c) Parish Councillor M Keith also advised that she has been asked by some local youngsters whether a hut could be provided for them to use. This item will be included in the Agenda for consideration at the next Parish Council Meeting.

17/184 Police

PCSO H Firth was absent but sent a written report as follows:

Calls for Police Services over the past 30 days:

Cark - 6 calls for service. 1 Burglary (non dwelling), 2 Anti Social Behaviour & 1 Public order.
Flookburgh – 10 calls for service. 3 Assaults, 1 Theft. 2 Road Traffic Collisions, 1 Suspicious incident & 1 Anti Social Behaviour.

17/185 District and County Councillors

a) District Councillor Gill Gardner was absent but sent a written report as follows:

- i) Care 21 Planning Application for extra care housing in Flookburgh is continuing and she has called it into the Planning Committee.
- ii) She has handed in her notice in on the Planning Committee due to insufficient time to read all the paperwork and been asked to go on Flookburgh School Governors.
- iii) She wishes everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

b) County Councillor Sue Sanderson reported:

- i) The County Council has had a 4 week inspection by Ofsted, focussing on Children's Services and particularly children in social care. They expect a more positive outcome and the Council has received support from other Local Authorities, Ofsted and the Department of Education.

- ii) As Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning she has continued to visit schools including Houghton near Carlisle where a new extension has been opened. She also meets MPs and head teachers and focusses on finance. She attends the virtual governing body, corporate parenting and the Children's Trust board as well as the Awards for Children and Care and Cumbria Sports.
- iii) She continues to deal with residents' issues, mostly relating to Cumbria Highways and has met with Highways Engineer Victoria Upton.
- iv) There is no extra funding in the County Council Budget for Adult Social Care or Children's Services, both of which have an increasing demand. An extra care facility was planned for Flookburgh but the community was not supportive so it may be placed elsewhere or not built.
- v) She attended the official opening of Flookburgh Playground, where it was lovely to see the children having such a good time and thanks Gill and the committee for achieving such a good result.
- vi) The County Council is finding it very challenging to improve services in a shrinking financial situation with increasing demand. Since 2011 Cumbria County Council budget has been reduced by £270 million so there are fewer staff, but they are working hard so it may take longer to achieve results.

17/186 Planning Applications

Parish Councillor T Wilson left the meeting and Parish Councillor R Airey took the chair.

The following Planning Application was considered.

- a) SL/2017/1028. Land to the south side of Caton Lane Cark in Cartmel LA11 7LD Formation of holiday lodge park. This is a revised Planning Application and the number of proposed chalets has been reduced from 30 to 15.

Resolved To support the application for 15 lodges on the site as it is adjoining a site of a similar type of development.

Parish Councillor T Wilson returned to the meeting and took the chair.

17/187 Planning Decisions

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- a) SL/2017/0808. 19 Eccleston Meadow Flookburgh LA11 7NE. Single storey side extension. Granted.
- b) SL/2017/0897.22 Marne Avenue Ravenstown LA11 7LH. Single storey rear extension. Granted.
- c) SL/2017/0810. 35 Jutland Avenue Ravenstown LA11 7LF. Installation of bay window. Granted.

17/188 Financial Reports

- a) **Resolved** The Financial report, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 November 2017, was accepted unanimously.
- b) The Clerk reported that the Parish Council has received information about the Precept arrangements for 2018/19 which have to be submitted by 26th January 2018. The details include charges for District Lighting which previously have been paid separately from the Parish Council budget.

17/189 Payment of Accounts

Resolved The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (November 2017)	£289.20
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (November 2017)	£72.30
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (November 2017) SO	£259.20
N Power – Electricity (Toilets) 1/10/17-1/11/17 DD	£27.67
E.On Electricity (Street Lighting) (1/10/17-31/10/17) DD	£45.79
P Dalton – replacement commemorative seat on Moor Lane	£420.00
12 Printed Hivis Jackets for Speed Monitoring	£94.54
Kompan (Moor Lane Playground Invoice 3 – completion of main works)	£76,534.86

South Lakeland District Council – Playground Bin Emptying to 31/3/18	£163.25
Chris Shawcross (new Guard Hut Door)	£700.00
J N Sidwell – laying hedge and fencing – Playground site	£2,500.00

17/190 **Grant Applications**

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

17/191 **Highways**

The following Highways matters were considered:

- a) Road maintenance
The Clerk reported that a faulty streetlight had been reported and repaired and that a collapsing sign in Cark directing traffic to Cartmel had been reported.
- b) Highways matters in process with Cumbria County Council
Councillor Keith reported a further incident where a vehicle mounted the pavement at the railway bridge near Cark Station.
Councillor Sanderson continues to pursue matters with Cumbria Highways.
The Clerk reported that no further responses have been received.

17/192 **Consultations**

- a) Proposed revisions to the Westmorland and Lonsdale Constituency.
Resolved No response.
- b) Cumbria Police Precept Council Tax Consultation for 2018-2019
Resolved to respond as follows:
Prefer no increase in Council Tax and would be prepared to see a reduction in policing services as a result
How satisfied are you with Cumbria Police?
Satisfied
Which type of area do you live in?
Village
- c) Cumbria County Council's 2018/19 Budget Consultation
Resolved to respond as follows:
Increase Council Tax by 1.99% to avoid having to make even more savings.

17/193 **Norman's Seat**

Councillor Wilson reported that he has looked at Norman's Seat and considers that if the seat was moved at an angle it would still have a view (the current view is now blocked by trees). Councillor Keith advised that the seat needs oiling.
Resolved Councillors to look at the options for moving the seat round and arranging maintenance then reconsider at the next meeting.

Councillors Wilson and Airey left the meeting and Councillor Ryland took the chair.

17/194 **River Eea – Sewage**

The Clerk and Councillor B Dawson reported on a site meeting with United Utilities and the Environment Agency at Cartmel Pumping Station located behind Cark Railway Station. Guy Clarkson of United Utilities, Andrew Frankish of the Environment Agency and Alison Kiljn (local resident) also attended the meeting. The Pumping station receives sewage from Cartmel and pumps it to a treatment works in Grange. Overflows into River Eea include solid materials and fat. There is a problem due to groundwater seeping into the system and high usage eg race days. The pump is operating as specified (30 litres/second) but is unable to cope with the quantity received. Currently United Utilities cannot stop water seepage. United Utilities have tried cleaning it with air compressor & putting boards by the outfall (both unsuccessful). They

replaced and cleaned grid (4x a year) It appears that if there is too much quantity there is a 'bypass' which takes the sewage and doesn't put it through the grid. They cannot yet put in larger pumping capacity. Water quality will be monitored by EA in the Spring/early Summer and produce a biological report and if it is bad then something might be done. The Environment Agency will investigate the situation with fat traps being used by businesses in Cartmel.

17/195 **Community Emergency Plan**

The Clerk reported that she has distributed the Community Emergency Plan and published it on the Parish Council website. She reported that South Lakeland District Council can provide sandbags to the community which will need to be stored in a secure dry location. Other local communities have between 200 and 300 sandbags stored. Mr E Wilson of Guides Farm offered to provide storage for sandbags.

Resolved To request 200 sandbags from South Lakeland District Council, 100 to be stored at Mr Wilson's farm and the other 100 at suitable location (yet to be identified).

The Clerk also advised that the Environment Agency are providing 2 Emergency Bags to be delivered tomorrow which will need to be stored in one or more of the identified Emergency Control Centres.

Resolved One Emergency Bag to be stored in Flookburgh Village Hall and the other to be stored in Lower Holker Village Hall.

17/196 **Defibrillator**

No progress to report.

17/197 **Speed Gun**

Printed High Viz jackets have been received by the Parish Council. PCSO Firth has been asked about training and has forwarded it to his colleague who undertakes the training.

17/198 **Public Toilets**

The Clerk reported that 2 of the toilet roll holders have been vandalised, one was burnt and the other smashed. SLS are to replace them.

17/199 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**

The Clerk reported that the Playground is now officially open. There are some minor finishing works required including signs. The site is particularly muddy at present however this is due to the late re-seeding, compaction of the site during installation and high rainfall in recent months. The contractor who installed the drainage has been onsite and various options are being considered to be undertaken in the Spring to improve this.

17/200 **Grange Community Wellbeing Meeting**

The Clerk reported that this meeting was well attended with representatives from other Parish/Town Councils, plus vicar, school Governor and HAWC and SLDC (Simon Blyth). The group is working on previously agreed priorities ie alcohol abuse, loneliness and mental health.

17/201 **CALC District Association**

The Clerk reported that she was unable to attend this meeting, therefore does not have a report.

17/202 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

a) Cumbria County Council

b) South Lakeland District Council

South Lakeland Local Plan: Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (DM DPD) – Publication
Minutes from LAP meeting

c) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)

Monthly CALC circular & Training courses
New legal briefing from NALC on fees payable to the ICO

New Legal Briefing regarding Data Processing and Privacy Notices
New General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018
Parliamentary Boundary Commission Consultation on Constituency Boundaries in the North West

- d) Neighbourhood Watch
Volunteers sought for the Independent Custody Visitors Scheme
Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter
Cumbria Police Budgetary Consultation
Shopping Online Safely
- e) Environment Agency
Community to Cobra conference – 23rd November 2017
- f) ITV
ITV - New Documentary is looking for Grandparents to take part

17/203 **Date of Next meeting**

The following meeting was noted:

7 pm on Wednesday 3rd January 2018 in Flookburgh Village Hall.

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