

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER HOLKER
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER 2019**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, G Gardner (& District Councillor), M Keith, & T Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott & 2 members of the public.

19/171 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors B Dawson, S Rawsthorn and J Ryland, County Councillor S Sanderson and PCSO H Firth.

19/172 **Requests for Dispensations**

None.

19/173 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

19/174 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2019 was proposed by Councillor Airey, seconded by Councillor Keith, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

19/175 **Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

19/176 **Police**

PCSO Firth was absent, however he has sent a written report on incidents reported to the Police in the past 30 days in Cark & Flookburgh:

3 Violence against a person, 2 Criminal Damage, 1 Concern for welfare, 2 Road related offences, 2 Domestic, 1 Sexual offence, 1 Burglary - Business premises, 1 RTC.

Councillors raised concerns about children riding bicycles without lights in a dangerous way on roads and pavements

Resolved To post a reminder on Facebook for parents to be aware of their responsibilities and the risks to the children and other road users.

19/177 **District and County Councillors**

a) District Councillor Gill Gardner reported:

- i) Dog walkers not picking up after their dogs continues to be an issue.
- ii) The hedge on the opposite site of the bridlepath to the School has been cut but not cleared up.

Councillors reported their concerns about holiday homes not being registered as businesses and paying the appropriate business rates. The Clerk has a list of properties in the Parish currently being advertised as holiday lets. Councillor Gardner will raise this with South Lakeland District Council.

b) County Councillor Sue Sanderson had sent a written report:

- i) The County Apprenticeship Team won the regional award and they attended the national finals in London. It was a fantastic event, they did not win the national prize but learnt a lot chatting to other people.
- ii) She has followed up the issues with parking received by several residents with parking enforcement and they will increase visits by staff and is waiting for figures.
- iii) Highways Engineer Victoria has returned to work and she has passed on to the Parish Clerk the costings for widening the pavement down to the playground.
- iv) Further meetings are arranged with Highways England and Haverthwaite and Staveley Parish Councils relating to safety on the A590. Detailed drawings etc will be available at a meeting in January and drop in sessions arranged for people to comment on the proposals.

19/178 **Planning Applications**

None.

19/179 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- a) SL/2019/0572. Lakeland Leisure Park Moor Lane Flookburgh LA11 7LT. Redevelopment and extension of entertainment complex. Erection of an external terrace, siting of a storage container, installation of plant equipment, relocation of an archery tent and reconfiguration of external central area, comprising owners services and caravan sales facilities. Reconfiguration of internal access roads, pedestrian footpaths and car park including an increase of car park spaces, all with associated landscaping, drainage and infrastructure works. Granted with conditions relating to plans, materials, drainage, flood resilience, landscaping, construction and delivery hours.
- b) SL/2019/0715. Former Ducky's visitor attraction Airfield Farm Moor Lane Flookburgh LA11 7LS. Conversion of pets corner in former stables to holiday accommodation using existing drive and septic tank. Granted with conditions relating to occupation, drainage, ground gas and hours of construction works.

19/180 **Financial Reports**

- a) The Clerk reported on the Parish Finances, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 November 2019.
Resolved Accepted unanimously.
- b) The Budget for the 2020/21 Precept will be prepared for the January 2020 meeting. Councillors requested that the budget include bike racks for Flookburgh Square and Christmas Lights for the Parish.
The Clerk reported that the issue of the Parish being charged twice for streetlighting due to the District Council starting to add this to the Precept, despite the Parish already paying for the electricity and maintenance has not yet been resolved, despite a recent reminder. Councillor Gardner agreed to take this up with the District Council.

19/181 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolved

The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (November 2019)	£304.80
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (November 2019)	£76.20
South Lakes Services – Toilets (November 2019) SO	£259.20
SSE Electricity (Street Lighting) (2/10/19 – 1/11/19) DD	£49.67
Npower (Electricity – Toilets) (1/9/2019-6/10/2019) DD	£37.88
Npower (Electricity – Toilets) (7/10/2019 – 8/11/2019) DD	£45.71
Continental Landscapes (Playground Grass cutting 3/10/2019)	£102.00
SLDC (Playground bin emptying 1/4/19 – 30/9/19)	£268.80
Parish Link Newsletter	£200.00

19/182 **Grant Applications**

Grant Applications have been received for:

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

19/183 **Consultations**

- a) Cumbria Coastal Strategy – proposed priorities for flood defences.
The Clerk reported that Cumbria County Council have prepared a Coastal Strategy. The original consultation included proposals to let the coastline return to its natural line without intervention and the Parish Council had responded highlighting the effect this would have on businesses and farmers. The current Strategy proposals for the coastal area which affects Lower Holker Parish are as follows:

- i) Humphrey Head to Cowpren Point
Priority Unit. Recommendation – continue to hold the line, through proactive management in the short term.
- ii) Cowpren Point to Cark
Not a priority unit. Recommendation – no active intervention, but monitoring.
- iii) Cark to Leven Viaduct
Not a priority unit. No active intervention, only undertake works if railway at risk. Monitoring to continue.

Resolved To support the proposed strategy which should protect the businesses and farmland to the south of Flookburgh.

- b) Caravan & Motorhome Club – proposed Certified Location (Ref 286.LT.TM.19)
The Clerk reported that the Caravan and Motorhome Club had posted a consultation notice on the site opposite Cark House in relation to a proposed Certified Location for 5 pitches for Caravan & Motorhome Club members, with a maximum stay of 28 days per pitch. A Certified Location must include level land of ½ acre or more, safe access for caravans and motorhomes, safe drinking water, an emptying point for chemical waste & a bin for dry rubbish. The Councillors raised concerns that the site has already had planning applications (SL/2017/0260 & SL/2016/0850) refused for dwellings due to the mature trees and the flood risk. The access to the site is down narrow and winding roads, so would also be unsuitable for large caravans and motorhomes.

Resolved To object to this proposed Certified location on the basis of access, flood risk and the prior refusals of Planning Applications by South Lakeland District Council.

19/184 **Lower Holker Village Hall**

The Clerk reported that the Village Hall has advised that their Constitution allows for a Parish Council representative to join their Committee.

Resolved To defer to the January meeting due to the limited numbers of Councillors present at this meeting.

19/185 **VE Day 75 Celebrations**

The Clerk reported that she has contacted a member of St John's PCC suggesting a joint even could be planned. They are meeting at the same time as the Parish Council meeting and this will be raised by the Churchwarden at the meeting.

19/186 **Highways**

- a) Reports requiring Highways Maintenance
Mud is being deposited on the road at Holker Bank by the vehicles transporting timber for Holker Estates.
Resolved to report to Cumbria Highways.
- b) Reports requiring maintenance (not County Council)
None.
- c) Highways matters in process with Cumbria County Council
None.
- d) Highways matters in process (not County Council)
- e) Parking enforcement
Vehicles being parked outside the Old Surgery in Flookburgh is forcing vehicles into the middle of the road, creating a hazard.
Resolved To write to the residents advising them of the hazard being created, highlighting the Highway Code in relation to parking near a junction.
- f) Roadside signs
The quantity of roadside signs on Moor Lane has been raised with the Clerk. Further information is required.
- g) Caravan transportation through the villages
Caravans are being transported through the villages outside the specified times (10 am to 4 pm). Specific information regarding this is to be supplied.

Resolved Defer to the January meeting to enable specific information on timings to be considered.

19/186 **New Litter Bins**

The Clerk reported that she has contacted South Lakeland District Council for their advice regarding the preferred type of litter bins to be installed in 2 locations in the Parish. They have responded asking for the exact location which had not been decided by the Parish Council. Locations were considered by the Councillors.

Resolved To install one bin by the seat on Green Lane and the other by the seat on Moor Lane.

19/187 **Cark Toilets**

The Clerk reported that the blockage in the disabled toilet has been resolved.

19/188 **Flookburgh Community Playground/Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**

a) The County Council had advised that the widening of the footpath from Flookburgh to the Playground would cost £20,000. Councillor Sanderson has set aside £8,000 from her Highways budget. The Parish Council have previously agreed in principle to contributing to these works. Approximately £10,000 of Council reserves are unrestricted funds. The Councillors considered that the cost of £20,000 excessive.

Resolved To contact the County Council for details of the quotation and suggest alternative quotations from local contractors be obtained.

b) Playground and the Charity.

There are no current issues with the Playground and the Charity will be meeting within the next month.

19/189 **Speed Monitoring**

The Clerk and Councillors met with Helen Karaaslan (CCC Crash team) & PC Keith Jackson about new Speed Indication Device. The CCC monitoring showed that 35% of vehicles on Moor Lane were travelling over speed limit (30 mph) and 22.6% over the chargeable speed limit (35 mph). The County Council will:

Supply a list of approved contractors to install (Parish Council must use) for quotations.

Provide a Memorandum of Agreement that the Parish Council must agree.

Apply for (and pay for) permit to excavate

Approve location of sign (site visit needed)

The County Council recommend visiting the supplier (Pandora) as they have a range of devices that record speeds, can swivel etc and they can provide advice on type of pole and maintenance costs. The Parish Council can share the information with the Police who will use it to target their speeding ticket activities.

The County Council also agreed to consider 30 mph repeater signs and confirmed they will reinstall the Playground sign near Flookburgh that has fallen down.

Resolved The Clerk and Councillor Gardner to visit Pandora.

19/190 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

a) Cumbria County Council

Bus service extension.

b) South Lakeland District Council

General Election notifications.

c) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)

Monthly newsletter and training.

Annual Report

NALC Disciplinary and Grievance Polity

National Lottery 25th Anniversary Fund (open for 2 weeks from 23/11/2019)

d) Cumbria Action for Health

Newsletter and events

e) Cumbria Arts & Culture Network
Newsletter

19/191 **Dates of 2020 Meetings**

The dates of the 2020 meetings were noted:
8th January 2020 – Flookburgh Village Hall
5th February 2020 – Lower Holker Village Hall
4th March 2020 – Flookburgh Village Hall
1st April 2020 – Lower Holker Village Hall
6th May 2020 – Flookburgh Village Hall
3rd June 2020 – Lower Holker Village Hall
1st July 2020 – Flookburgh Village Hall
No meeting in August
2nd September 2020 – Lower Holker Village Hall
7th October 2020 – Flookburgh Village Hall
4th November 2020 – Lower Holker Village Hall
2nd December 2020 – Flookburgh Village Hall

19/192 **Date of Next meeting**

The following meeting was noted:
The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 8th January 2020 in Flookburgh Village Hall.

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