

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON
WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2020**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, S Rawsthorn, J Ryland, & T Wilson, County Councillor S Sanderson, Parish Clerk L Prescott and four members of the public.

20/125 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Gardner & Keith.

20/126 **Requests for Dispensations**

None.

20/127 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

20/128 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Resolved Approved unanimously. To be signed physically in due course.

20/129 **Public Participation**

Mr T Austin addressed the meeting with his objections to Planning Application SL/2020/0364 Cark Manor. An amendment to the application has been submitted with a proposed new vehicle exit to the south of Cark Manor onto Dobbie Bank. Cumbria Highways have previously objected to the use of the entrance to the north of Cark Manor for additional vehicles exiting due to the inadequate visibility. Mr Austin objects to the new exit as it is onto a narrow, steep road at a 90° bend in the road and the visibility splays are inadequate. There is no footpath for pedestrians and non resident drivers would not be aware of the danger to pedestrians. Mrs D Owen agrees with the objections raised by Mr Austin.

20/130 **Greening Campaign**

Mrs J McConnell addressed the meeting and advised that she has now met individually with Parish Councillors to explain the Campaign in more detail following the last Parish Council meeting. The participant organisations (including Parish & Town Councils) will select 10 of the suggested 17 actions which reduce carbon and save households money. PEAT (Peninsula Environmental Action Together) will lead on this campaign. The plan is to distribute the cards as an insert to Grange Now which has a 92% coverage of the Cartmel Peninsula. The overall cost is £300 for printing 8,000 cards, £250 for distributing them via Grange Now plus the cost of printing posters to publicise the Campaign. South Lakeland District Council are financially supporting the Campaign as are Cumbria County Council. The requested contribution from the Parish Council would be £25.

Resolved To support the Greening Campaign including the contribution of £25.

20/131 **Christmas Care Packages**

Mr T Ryland addressed the meeting to highlight the fact that vulnerable and elderly people are currently more isolated than normal as they are not able to attend the usual social events in the parish nor receive visits in their homes and he suggested that they would benefit from a care package which could include quizzes, pens, magazines etc, which he would be happy to arrange. The timescale for such a project is very short.

Resolved To support a community event in 2021 once this is permitted in the regulations as the timescale for this proposal is too short.

20/132 **Police**

No report has been received.

20/133 **District and County Councillors**

a) County Councillor Sanderson reported:

i) Schools and Learning Cabinet post

She continues to work with schools and colleges and chair the weekly meeting. The educational organisations bring a range of issues and concerns:
students on teaching practice coming into Cumbria
dealing with positive COVID results including free school meals if bubbles are isolating

preparing to cover families in need over the Christmas break
supporting secondary schools and colleges regarding examinations etc.
She also chairs the Virtual school governing body which monitors progress of Looked After Children in county and externally
Staff wellbeing especially headteachers
Agreeing school admissions policies
Planning school places for the future

ii) Local Issues:

She has followed up the parking issues at a farm in Holker about access issues. Highways are going to put a line in to discourage parking when they renew the lining generally.

She is still waiting for a reply about the zebra crossing and bollards but it is Local committee next week so may see Highways Engineer Victoria Upton there.

iii) Local Government Reorganisation

Proposals from the County Council and the Districts have been submitted to the Government. The pressure is coming from the Government but she doesn't think it appropriate in the middle of a pandemic and dealing with Brexit. There is no obvious answer for Cumbria but we will hear in the next few weeks. It may well impact on the elections scheduled in May. She has raised it here because it may mean a lot bigger role for Parish Councils and Councillors need to be thinking about what sort of responsibilities the Parish Council might wish to take on.

b) No District Council report has been received.

20/134 **Planning Application**

The following Planning Application was considered:

a) SL/2020/0364 Cark Manor, Cark-In-Cartmel, Change of use from residential dwelling (Use Class C3) to a mixed use of residential dwelling (Use Class C3) and country house hotel (Use Class C1) and the formation of hard standing for car parking (part retrospective). Note there are amended access plans submitted for this application.

Resolved To object to the amended access plans for the following reasons:

- The proposed new exit is onto a narrow lane (Dobbie Bank) on a 90° bend.
- There are inadequate visibility splays in both directions for vehicles leaving the property and vehicles passing the exit.
- It is not possible for 2 vehicles to pass on this narrow lane.
- Vehicles turning left from the exit would need to exit onto the B5278 on a steep incline with inadequate visibility splays in both directions.
- Vehicles going straight ahead from the exit would need to take the narrow route alongside the Engine Inn and emerge by and opposite bus stops onto the B5278.

- There is no footpath on Dobbie Bank and due to the narrowness of the lane more vehicles would increase the risk to pedestrians using the road.
- There is a pedestrian route from Cark Railway station to Holker Hall which passes south of Sunny Bank and along one of the potential exit roads to the B5278.

20/135 **Planning Decision**

The following Planning Decision was noted:

- a) SL/2020/0669 7 Millstream Court, Cark-In-Cartmel LA11 7NW. Single storey side extension and extension of rear balcony. Granted with conditions relating to trees and materials.

20/136 **Financial Report**

- a) The Clerk presented the Financial Report as at 24th November 2020 including the Budget Monitoring and Bank Reconciliation.

Resolved To approve the Financial Report.

- b) The Clerk reported that the 2021/22 Budget & Precept would need to be approved at the January 2021 meeting. No additional budgetary items were proposed.

20/137 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolved to approve the following payments.

Clerk's Salary (November 2020)	£313.60
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (November 2020)	£78.40
SSE (Electricity – Street Lighting) (2/10/2020 – 2/11/2020) DD	£51.19
Npower (Electricity – Toilets) (2/10/2020 – 1/11/2020) DD	£38.43
Orian/SLS (Toilet Cleaning/Sani Bins) (October 2020)	£301.20
Continental Landscapes (Grass cutting August to October 2020)	£408.00
P Lambeth (Noticeboard Installation)	£338.88
Skype (charge for telephone meeting participation)	£20.00
Postage Stamps	£7.80

20/138 **Christmas Boxes**

The Clerk reported that 18 families are eligible for free school meals in the Parish. The cost to support the Christmas boxes is £20 per family and the boxes will be prepared by the local Food Club.

Resolved To support the project and contribute £360 to the project.

20/139 **Highways**

- a) Highways matters to report
None
- b) Highways matters reported.
No progress on any reported items.
- c) Installing a directional sign to Cark Toilets
No progress to report.
- c) To consider the installation of Speed Bumps on Winder Lane
Councillor Ryland and a resident have reported their concerns regarding speeding traffic in the Ravenstown area. Councillor Ryland lost connection to the meeting prior to this item, so it will be deferred to the next meeting.

20/140 **Parish Link**

No suggestions have been received regarding a replacement for the Parish Link. Councillor Rawsthorn suggested that a school project could be a potential solution. This will be considered further at the next meeting.

20/141 Review of South Lakeland District Council Local Plan

The Clerk reported that South Lakeland District Council are preparing an audit of the facilities and services within the community. The Clerk suggested amendments to the details for the Parish as follows:

Built community facilities - Amending Village Hall to Flookburgh Village Hall, adding Ravenstown Working Men's Club and removing Crown Inn.

Outdoor community facility – adding Flookburgh Community Playground.

Resolved To respond to SLDC with these amendments.

20/142 Code of Conduct

The Clerk reported that she had attended a CALC Code of Conduct training event as the current Code of Conduct for Councillors based on the 2011 Localism Act is being reviewed by the Local Government Association with input from NALC. Councillors are all required to comply with the current adopted Code of Conduct which requires them to act in the public interest, maintain confidentiality, not bring the Council into disrepute, treat others with respect and declare any private interests. The new Code of Conduct is expected to increase the scope of the requirements and is expected to be released in December 2020.

20/143 Flookburgh Community Playground

The Clerk reported that the Playground is remaining open and a new donations box has been installed by Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity to collect donations to support the operation of the Playground.

20/144 Car Park Toilets & Car Park/Playground

a) The Clerk reported that no response has been received from South Lakeland District Council to the proposal that a larger 'no dogs' sign be installed at the entrance to car park/playground.

b) The Clerk reported that she has measured the proposed location of the bicycle stands by Car Park Playground and 2 stands could be installed in the space. The location of the proposed bicycle stands was considered.

Resolved To hold a site meeting to consider the preferred location of the bicycle stands.

20/145 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

a) South Lakeland District Council

Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) for businesses in South Lakeland affected by the current coronavirus restrictions is now available with grants up to £3,000. Locality and Customer Services

b) Cumbria Association of Local Councils

Updates and information from the county council, police and government.

c) Green Homes Grant

Grants available of up to £5,000 to cover up to two-thirds of the cost of energy efficiency and low carbon heat improvements to homes.

20/146 Date of Next meeting

Noted that the next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

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

