

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER  
HOLKER VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors R Airey, M Brown, D Butler & T Wilson, Unitary Councillor J Boak & Parish Clerk L Prescott.

23/155 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Parish Councillors B Dawson and J Ryland.

23/156 **Requests for Dispensations**

None.

23/157 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

23/158 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved** Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 was approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

23/159 **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

To defer to next meeting.

23/160 **Public Participation**

None.

23/161 **Police**

The following reports were made to the Police in October 2023 – 3 Violent offences (Allithwaite Road, Moor Lane & Cark), 2 public order (Moorside/Eccleston Meadow), 1 Criminal Damage (Green Lane).

23/162 **Unitary Councillors**

Councillor J Boak reported:

The Highways Engineer has reported that it will not be possible to install a zebra crossing in Flookburgh Square as there is not a suitable safe location for this to be installed.

Enforcement Officers are dealing with the Crown Inn and Councillor Boak has suggested that the owners are informed regarding potential grants which may be available to progress the works.

She will report the overgrown hedge adjoining the pavement by the toilets to the Unitary Council.

23/163 **Planning Applications**

None.

23/164 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- a) SL/2023/0703. Cark Manor Cark-In-Cartmel LA11 7PG. Erection of a storage building. Refused.
- b) SL/2023/0177. 30 Market Street Flookburgh Cumbria LA11 7JS. Demolish an existing rear extension and replace with a larger single storey rear extension, knocking through internally to open up into the extension. Granted with conditions relating to plans and materials.

23/165 **Financial Report**

a) The Clerk presented the Financial Report as at 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 including the Budget Monitoring and Bank Reconciliation.

**Resolved** To approve the Financial Report.

b) The Clerk advised that the Parish Council Budget for 2024/25 would be set in January 2024. Councillor Airey proposed to include funding for additional grit boxes if required. Unitary Councillor Boak will investigate as to whether a 'missing' grit bin on Flookburgh Square can be replaced.

**Resolved** To include funding in the budget for additional grit boxes (if not to be funded by the Unitary Council).

23/166 **Payment of Accounts**

**Resolved** To approve the following payments:

Clerk's Salary (November 2023)	£449.63
Waterplus (Toilets Water & Waste Water) (6/10/2023-5/11/2023)	£35.80
SSE – Electricity (Street Lighting) 3/10/2023-1/11/2023 DD	£48.15
Eon – Electricity (Toilets) (1/10/2023-31/10/2023) DD	£48.30
Orian/SLS (Toilet Cleaning) (November 2023)	£330.16

23/167 **Grant Applications**

The following grant application were considered:

a) Cark Christmas Lights

**Resolved** to award £200.

b) Flookburgh Christmas Lights

**Resolved** to award £200.

c) Great North Air Ambulance

**Resolved** to award £200.

23/168 **Flookburgh C of E Primary School**

The Clerk reported that she has contacted the school to advise representatives from the Parish Council will visit the school to speak to Key Stage 2 children about the role of the Parish Council and is awaiting confirmation of a date for this to take place.

23/169 **Litter Bins**

The locations of the litter bins within the parish were considered.

**Resolved** To not proceed with the installation of additional litter bins at present.

23/170 **River Eea**

The Clerk reported that she attended the United Utilities event 'Your water, your say' but it was not outlined as to what the specific plans were for the local area. River Rangers are testing the water regularly.

23/171 **Highways**

a) Highways matters to be reported

Residents have questioned whether a public right of way is being blocked by the heras fencing in front of the Rose and Crown in Cark. Councillor Boak agreed to investigate.

There are blocked gulleys in Ravenstow and Cark

**Resolved** To report to Highways.

b) Highways matters reported

The Clerk reported that local contractor Tony Dixon has cut back the hedge near the cemetery free of charge.

**23/172 Flookburgh Community Playground**

The Clerk reported that the door handle of the guard hut has been broken off. She also reported that local contractor Tony Dixon has cut back the playground roadside hedge free of charge.

**23/173 Cark Toilets & Cark Park/Playground**

Councillor Airey reported that the Christmas Tree will be lit on the Cark Park on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**23/174 Flookburgh Square**

No report.

**23/175 Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Westmorland & Furness Council  
Highways reports. Planning & Licence Applications. News Releases.
- b) Cumbria Association of Local Councils  
Training & Newsletter. NALC 2023/24 Revised Clerk payscale.

**23/176 Date of Next meeting**

Noted that the next meeting due to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in Flookburgh Village Hall will have to be rearranged due to works being undertaken on the Village Hall floor, confirmation of date and location to be circulated.

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