

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER  
HOLKER VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM ON FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors R Airey, M Keith, J Rowlandson, J Ryland, T Wilson, County Councillor R Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott, PCSO H Firth and Mr T Ryland.

**13/213 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies from Parish Councillor S Rawsthorn and Parish & District Councillor G Gardner were received and accepted.

**13/214 Requests For Dispensations**

None.

**13/215 Declarations Of Interest**

None.

**13/216 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014 was proposed by Councillor Airey, seconded by Councillor Ryland, accepted unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

**13/217 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

None

**13/218 Police**

PCSO Firth reported that there had been a quieter than usual month. Incidents reported to the Police in the Parish in the last 30 days included Concern for Welfare, Highways Incidents, Domestic Incident and Antisocial behaviour. He has had abandoned vehicles removed from Cark Station. Councillors reported concerns over parking on Dickinson's Hill.

**13/219 District and County Councillors**

- a) District Councillor Gardner was absent and provided a written report as follows:
  - i) She has been working to find a solution to the School Lane problems with overgrown hedges with Residents, together with County Councillor Wilson.
  - ii) She has been talking to Mark Shipman at the Planning Department in relation to Tony Dixon's Planning Application.
  - iii) Her daughter Katie has had a son, Henry Michael Wood, making her a Nan.
- b) County Councillor Wilson reported that
  - i) He attended a Rail conference in Barrow regarding the direct services to Manchester Airport and reported that unless the line became electrified it would be downgraded to a Branch line. There will be a consultation on this later this year.
  - ii) He reported that the Clerk had sent a draft response to him regarding the County Council Budget Consultation, which he agreed with and she then submitted it to the County Council. Responses to the Consultation raised objections to proposals regarding cuts to Bus Subsidies, Over 16s Travel to Education and the Fire Service. There will be a County Council meeting a week on Thursday to pass the budget. Interim payments will now be made to support bus services. The Council have asked the bus companies to review bus services and let them know what they think.

After the Budget Neighbourhood Services will be working to consider alternative solutions eg for the 532 which has a limited number of passengers. Councillors are unhappy with the changes affecting Post 16 Travel to Education.

**13/220 Planning Applications**

None

**13/221 Planning Decisions**

The following decision made by South Lakeland District Council was noted:

- a) SL/2013/1164 Foresters Lodge, Bank Top Close, Cark In Cartmel, Grange-Over-Sands LA11 7PU. Replacement Of Conservatory With Sun Room. Granted.

**13/222 Financial Reports**

The Financial Report as at 24th January 2014, which included no deviations from the budget, was accepted unanimously.

**13/223 Payment of Accounts**

The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary January 2014	£207.20
HM Revenue & Customs PAYE re January Clerk's Salary	£51.80
South Lakes Services (Toilet Cleaning) December 2013 (SO)	£247.26
Replacement Padlock (Flookburgh Noticeboard)	£3.00
Website Domain Name & Internet Hosting (Annual Fee)	£29.99
E.On (Street Lighting) (01/12/2013-31/12/2013) (DD)	£20.78

**13/224 Precept 2014/15**

The Clerk reported that Cumbria Association for Local Councils had advised that the Government may decide to cap Parish Precepts for 2014/15, however an announcement is not due until 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014. Based on this advice and following consultation with the Chairman, the Precept agreed at the January meeting has been submitted to South Lakeland District Council with a proviso that should the Government announcement require an amendment to be made that a revised Precept would be submitted. If a revised Precept is required an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting will need to be called.

**13/225 Consultation**

The following Consultation was considered

- a) South Lakeland District Council Constitution.

The Clerk reported that there are 3 changes to the existing Constitution. The name of Democratic & Electoral has been changed to Democratic Services Group. Officers have been changed to Employees. The Employees Code of Conduct has been amended including a clarification that Employees do not need to include their home if living in South Lakeland in their Register of Interest.

**Resolved** No objection to changes.

**13/226 Website**

The Clerk reported that the Website is now online at [www.lowerholkerparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.lowerholkerparishcouncil.org.uk) The Pages included are a Welcome page; About (information about the Parish Council); Contacts (Parish, District & Council Councillors as well as MP and MEP Contacts) - Photographs of all Councillors will be added shortly; Documents (Agendas, Minutes and Declarations of Interest); Local Links (contact details of organisations including Councils, Police, Health,

Transport & Local organisations) and News (from the Council and related organisations). More information will be added in the coming months.

**13/227 Car Park Public Toilets**

The Clerk reported that some lights are not working and the timer is not switching on and off when it should. She has asked electrician Thomas Wilson to check and advise the cost for remedying these. She has not yet organised additional keys or opening/closing arrangements with the new volunteers. Councillor Keith reported that the surface of the Car Park by the Toilets may need attention.

**13/228 Community Led Plan**

The Clerk reported that good progress was made on the Questionnaire at the January Steering Committee Meeting. She then had a useful meeting with Emma Nicholls of South Lakeland District Council who advised the difference between “nice to know” and “need to know” questions and a revised Questionnaire will be considered at the next meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February. Councillor Airey reported that the Local Area Partnership still has funding available for this financial year if the Parish Council wishes to apply.

**Resolved** to apply for £1,000 for improvements to Flookburgh Square signage and surface as part of the Community Led Plan.

**13/229 Highways**

The Clerk reported that a Road Sign indicating “Church Walk leading to Moor Lane has been installed in Flookburgh Square. There are planned roadworks outside Cartmel Priory School in half term week (beginning 17<sup>th</sup> February) and the B5278 towards Haverthwaite will be closed from 24<sup>th</sup> February to 23<sup>rd</sup> March for United Utilities works to improve water supplies.

**13/230 River Eea**

The Environment Agency have reported that United Utilities are undertaking improvements to increase the flow rate from the Pumping Station to Grange-over-Sands Sewage Treatment Works to the required 30 litres/second. Once completed they will assess the results and if not satisfactory a full hydraulic survey of the sewer network would be required to assess the scale of water infiltration and the works required to remedy the problem. Councillor Keith reported that the damaged wall by the Engine Inn is still not repaired. The responsibility for this repair is with the owners of the Engine Inn, who are not the resident publicans.

**Resolved**

- i) To circulate the information from the Environment Agency to residents via Facebook, the Website and the Parish Magazine.
- ii) Councillor Keith to speak to the Engine Inn publicans to establish the owners of the property so they can be contacted regarding the wall.

**13/231 Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a Cumbria County Council  
None
- b South Lakeland District Council  
South Lakeland Local Plan –Development Briefs Phase 1  
Planning Consultation Timescales for Parish Councils – changing from 28 days to 21 days from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 due to requirement for decisions to be made within 8 weeks.  
Local Area Partnership Conference, 4<sup>th</sup> March at Victoria Hall, Grange (9am to 2 pm)
- c Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)  
Agenda of March District Meeting (Presentation on Health Commissioning)

- d Free Planning Workshop 15<sup>th</sup> May, Penrith  
Rural Opportunities Bulletin – funding sources available  
Cumbria Voluntary Service  
2014 Training Courses including First Aid and Funding.  
January Bulletin
- e Neighbourhood Alert  
Police & Crime Commissioner’s January Newsletter – information relating to Funding Initiatives, Cybercrime, Ongoing Work and Forthcoming Events.  
Results of Survey on Street Lighting & Perceptions of Safety – many people whose street lights have been dimmed feel less safe, go out less, avoid unlit areas and use taxis rather than walk.  
Recall of Poundland In-Car USB Chargers as can overheat (Barcode 724120058726).  
Recall of Medela B-Well Steam Steriliser Recall due to risk of electric shock.  
Recall of the charger unit on some HP Chromebook 11's as can overheat and melt.  
Neighbourhood Forum  
Agenda of 11<sup>th</sup> February Meeting including Morecambe Bay Project, Neighbourhood Policing and Grant Applications.  
Cumbria Action for Sustainability  
Fuel Bill Advice session, Ulverston Library, 10 – 12.30, 27th February.
- f Other  
Thank you letter – Cark Memorial Tree

13/232 **Forthcoming Events**

The following Forthcoming Events were noted:

11<sup>th</sup> February, 7 pm at Cartmel Village Hall - Grange & Cartmel Neighbourhood Forum

22nd February, 7 pm at 32 Jutland, Flookburgh & District Recreational Trust

Date of Next meeting: To note that the next Council Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5th March 2014 at Flookburgh Village Hall at 7.00 pm

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