

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2019**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, G Gardner, M Keith, S Rawsthorn, T Wilson, County Councillor S Sanderson & Parish Clerk L Prescott.

18/215 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors B Dawson, J Ryland, District Councillor M Cornah & PCSO H Firth.

18/216 Requests for Dispensations

None.

18/217 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in item 18/222 - Planning Application SL/2019/0021.

18/218 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2019 were proposed by Councillor Airey, seconded by Councillor Rawsthorn, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

18/219 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

None.

18/220 Police

PCSO Firth was absent and no report has been received.

18/221 District and County Councillors

a) District Councillor Gardner reported:

- i) She has been busy with different things that are going on in other parts of her area but has been quiet in Flookburgh.
- ii) She has been helping Mr Lambeth jr with his planning application and is hoping that after 2.5 years that he might have the planning for his home.
- iii) She has done some work trying to get the foot bridge over at the Railway Bridge on Allithwaite Road.
- iv) She is working with John Coward to try and resolve some problems with enforcement.
- v) She has spoken to Sue Sanderson regarding the hedge at Fairfield opposite the church hopefully that will be cut ASAP.

b) County Councillor Sanderson reported:

- i) She continues to work on her Cabinet responsibility of schools and learning. She has attended several meetings in London in conjunction with professional associations, M.P.s, headteachers, parents, governors and teachers. They did succeed in being given additional funding nationally which worked out at £0.9 million for Cumbria in the next two years for special needs.
- ii) They are continuing to work on the inclusion strategy and are looking to develop alternative provision for secondary and primary, link the resourced provision to the special schools and also behaviour support for mainstream, particularly in relation to the many exclusions from secondary schools.
- iii) The Youth Parliament attended one of the meetings and raised concerns with the County Council about the pressure on students to achieve results as it reflects on their teachers; freedom of speech in school and school uniform (not wanted).
- iv) She continues to deal with residents' issues and met with Mo Dooz (Cumbria Highways) and followed up my queries. A lot of work had been done including 10 Moorside with the help of Tim Fasson's office and BT have sorted the cabling out. The next challenge will be sorting out the pavement and dropped kerb. She has asked Mo for an estimate on costs for the pavement to the play park. She has reported the hedge that needs cutting and also will be receiving information on parking offences.

- v) She is meeting with Highways England on 1st March about improvements to the A590 in terms of safety in the Haverthwaite and Backbarrow area. She understands there is also a meeting about Foulshaw Junction.

18/222

Planning Applications

- a) SL/2019/0015. 107 Station Road, Cark-in-Cartmel. Single storey rear extension and new pitched roof to existing side extension.
Resolved To support this application as it does not have a detrimental impact on neighbouring properties.
Councillor Wilson left the meeting and the Chair was taken by Councillor Airey.
- b) SL/2019/0021 Sheep pens opposite Sandgate Farm, Flookburgh LA11 7LD. Provision of roof over sheep pens for prevention of pollution of rainwater.
Resolved To support the application as it will be an improvement in animal care and reduction in water pollution.
Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting and took the Chair.
- c) SL/2019/0039. Land adjacent 55 Jutland Avenue, Ravenstown. Detached dwelling, formation of vehicular access and connection to foul water sewer (Revised scheme SL/2018/0490)
Resolved To fully support this application which will enable a local family to build an affordable home and remain in the local area. The site is adjacent to the boundary of 55 Jutland Avenue and therefore represents a rounding off of the development in the same way as Tyme House (adjacent to 53 Jutland Avenue), which was granted permission on 9/10/1991 (Planning ref 5912069).
- d) SL/2019/0055 Cark Airfield Moor Lane Flookburgh LA11 7LT. Erection of a modern portal framed building as an aircraft hangar on an airfield.
Resolved To support the application as it is situated on the airfield, close to other similar buildings.

18/223

Planning Decisions

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- a) SL/2018/0841 Land adjacent to Airfield Farm, Moor Lane, Flookburgh
 Extension to existing caravan site for the provision of 20 static caravans pitches and access drive to the associated hard-standings. Granted with conditions including caravan location, holiday use only, landscaping, electricity, flood and hours of construction.
- b) SL/2018/0972. 25 Somme Avenue Flookburgh LA11 7LJ. Single storey rear extension and detached single storey garage. Granted.

18/224

Financial Report

Resolved The Financial report, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 January 2019, was accepted unanimously.

18/225

Payment of Accounts

Resolved The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (January 2019)	£294.80
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (January 2019)	£73.70
Clerk's Telephone & Internet (1/2/2018-31/1/2019)	£160.00
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (January 2019) SO	£259.20
E.On Electricity (Street Lighting) (1/12/18-31/12/18) DD	£52.04
N Power – Electricity (Toilets) 1/12/18-1/1/19 DD	£36.52
Easy Internet Solutions (Website Hosting) (28/01/2019 - 27/01/2020)	£35.99
Welmedical (2 defibrillators & 2 cabinets) (replacing cancelled cheque 1121 for Green Urban)	£3924.00
Postage Stamps (12 x second class)	£6.96

18/226

Electricity Contract

The Clerk reported that the contract with SSE for street lighting commenced on 1st February 2019.

18/227

Highways

- a) Reports requiring Highways Maintenance
Councillor Keith reported that the 'Moss Road' has been improved by recent tarmacking work but there are still some faults. Councillor Sanderson will follow this up.
- b) Reports requiring maintenance (not County Council)
Councillor Keith reported that there is no fencing alongside the river below Cark House towards Crook Wheel and this is a hazard to drivers/pedestrians as there is a large drop.
Resolved To investigate the matter and establish the responsibility (owners or Highways).
- c) Highways matters in process with Cumbria County Council
The Clerk has received notification that the foliage on the railings in front of the Rose & Crown has been cut back, however Councillor Keith reported that it has not been totally removed as requested to allow visibility through the railings for road users.
Resolved To report again to Highways.
- d) Highways matters (non County Council)
The Clerk reported that she has been looking into the ownership of the land south of Stockdale Farm. The land where Norman's seat is placed does not have a registered owner and no one is taking responsibility for its maintenance. She has spoken to CALC (Cumbria Association for Local Councils) who suggest that they Parish Council register the land as Village Green/Common Land, so the Parish Council take over the maintenance but not the ownership and liability.
Resolved The Clerk to investigate the specifics of registering as village green/common land to be considered at the next meeting.
- e) Parking Enforcement
i) Councillor Sanderson reported she has not yet received the monthly report from January 2019 regarding the details of parking enforcement in the Parish.
ii) The Clerk has received a complaint from a resident about cars parking on pavements and blocking access for residents who require mobility aids or have pushchairs, forcing them to walk on the road. This is a particular issue on Main Street.
Resolved To include a reminder for drivers to be considerate when parking in the next Parish Link and on the website and Facebook page.

18/228

New Parish Council Noticeboard

The Clerk reported that she contact Philip Dalton who could supply a noticeboard, but having compared with specialist companies, declined to quote. She has tried repeatedly to contact J & J Bamford by phone and email and has not received any response. She has located a further supplier, the Parish Noticeboard Company. Parish Councillors considered six freestanding noticeboards from 3 suppliers (Noticeboards Online, Noticeboard Company and Parish Noticeboard Company) for a lockable 2-sided noticeboard with space for public and parish council notices. Size 1500 x 1200 mm, prices from £875 + VAT to £2465 + VAT.

Resolved To purchase Classic Range Aluminium Noticeboard from the Parish Noticeboard Company at £875+ VAT. To contact South Lakeland District Council regarding Planning Permission and apply for Planning Permission if required before purchase.

18/229

Defibrillator

The Clerk reported that Green Urban has gone into administration between the order being placed and delivered. She has stopped the cheque authorised in December 2018. Wel Medical Ltd have taken over the business and agreed to supply the same equipment at the price quoted by Green Urban.

18/230

Public Toilets

There are no issues to report.

18/231

Flookburgh Community Playground/Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity

- a) The Clerk reported that she had put in new tree stakes at the Playground, but they have been taken out and put by the guard hut. Councillor Wilson offered to put them back in.
- b) The Charity propose to purchase and install a secure donations device (metal and concreted into the ground) at the Playground.
Resolved To approve the installation of the donations device

c) The surface of the car park is developing small indents, a price for infilling is being sought.

18/232 **Parish Council Elections**

The Clerk reported that Lower Holker Parish Councillors will be up for re-election this year.

Timetable as follows:

22 March 2019 - Publication of Notice of Election

22 March 2019 to 4pm on 3 April 2019 – Delivery of Nomination Papers (to SLDC in Kendal)

2 May 2019 – Polling Day

18/233 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

a) Cumbria County Council

Cumbria Arts and Culture Network Ebulletin

b) South Lakeland District Council

Parish Elections information

c) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)

NALC open letter to Councillors

CALC Office Move – same building but different office.

Monthly Newsletter.

Fraud email targeting Parish Councils (also received by LHPC)

S137 Expenditure limit for 2019-20 details

Prince's Countryside Fund – applications open until 21st February 2019.

d) Neighbourhood Alerts

Fake TV Licensing Emails.

Cold callers claiming to be from the Army or ex forces.

Fake HMRC calls, voicemails, text messages or emails.

e) Cumbria Voluntary Services

Training opportunities including Friends against Scams, First Aid & Fire Marshall.

18/234 **Forthcoming Events**

7pm on Thursday 7th March at Gilpin Bridge Inn - District Meeting of Cumbria Association of Local Councils.

18/235 **Date of Next meeting**

The next meeting was noted: The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 13th March 2019 in Lower Holker Village Hall.