

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER HOLKER VILLAGE
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2020**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, G Gardner (& District Councillor), M Keith, S Rawsthorn & T Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott & 22 members of the public.

19/212 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor J Ryland, County Councillor S Sanderson, District Councillor M Cornah and PCSO H Firth.

19/213 Requests for Dispensations

None.

19/214 Declarations of Interest

None.

19/215 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2020 was proposed by Councillor Airey, seconded by Councillor Dawson, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

19/216 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

a) A large number of residents attended the meeting regarding Planning Application SL/2019/0996 (Change of use of land to Caravan Park to provide holiday accommodation, refurbishment of entrance building and new prefabricated amenity block at Station Approach, Cark). The residents objected to the Planning Application for the following reasons:

- i) The site is designated in the Local Plan as light industrial, not leisure use. Changing this designation would create a precedent invalidating the Local Plan.
- ii) The location at the train station makes it ideal as a location for employers.
- iii) Sewage overflow into the River Eea from the current pumping station has been an ongoing problem for over 11 years which would be made even worse by increased usage.
- iv) The site has indications of arsenic and lead contamination.
- v) The access is dangerous with a lack of visibility towards Flookburgh due to the adverse camber of the road and nearby blind bend and would be even worse for caravans.
- vi) Pedestrians cross the junction with Station Road as there is no footpath.

The Chairman advised that due to the strength of feeling, the Parish Council would hold an Extraordinary Meeting to fully discuss the Planning Application and District Councillor Gardner will invite the local MP Tim Farron to attend. This will be held in Cark and publicised locally.

b) Mr G Benson raised a number of concerns on local issues:

- i) Planning Application SL/2019/0959 (Single storey rear extension at 9 Fairfield, Flookburgh) – work was started before permission was granted and the extension was higher than in the plans. He contacted SLDC and officers have attended.
- ii) The car park area at the rear of the Crown Inn which is currently being re-developed as dwellings is unsightly.
- iii) The 30 mph sign on Green Lane near the railway bridge has still not been replaced (reported to Cumbria Highways by the Clerk in 2018, Clerk will report again).
- iv) There is no footpath on Green Lane and pot holes on the private frontage in front of one of the houses (the Parish Council sent a letter in 2018 to the resident about the pot holes).
- v) The railway bridge near Bridge House is dangerous, a car recently crashed on the bridge (the Parish Council have raised this repeatedly including as a condition of development to install a safe pedestrian bridge prior to development on the designated sites either side of the bridge).

19/217 Police

PCSO Firth was absent and has sent the following summary of incidents in Cark and Flookburgh reported to the Police over the last 30 days:

2 Domestic, 1 Antisocial behaviour, 2 Public Order, 4 Violence against a person, 1 Alarm sounding, 2 Concerns for Welfare, 1 Road Related Offence, 1 Theft & 1 Road traffic collision.

19/218 **District and County Councillors**

- a) District Councillor Gill Gardner reported:
She has undertaken a resident survey in Ravenstown and the main concern raised was dog fouling. She is installing signs about dog fouling, distributing leaflets and has a camera installed at her home to record incidents.
- b) County Councillor Sue Sanderson was absent and has not sent a report.

19/219 **Planning Applications**

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- a) SL/2020/0003. 35 Jutland Avenue Ravenstown LA11 7LF. Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of single storey attached side garage.
Resolved To support the application as it would benefit the householder and not have a negative impact on neighbouring properties.
- b) SL/2020/0014. Laisbys, Wilkinsons Joinery and Caravan Store Moor Lane Flookburgh LA11 7LS. Demolition of three industrial units and one dwelling and erection of three industrial units, one office building and one dwelling.
Resolved To support this application as it would provide improved dwelling accommodation and more modern office and industrial units.
- c) SL/2020/0055. Cumbria World Moor Lane Flookburgh LA11 7LS. Relocation of touring caravan pitches approved under 5/03/0605 Ref 2012/0025.
Resolved To object to this application as increasing the number of caravans from 10 to 20 would represent an overdevelopment of the site with the doubling of touring caravan traffic through the villages.

19/220 **Planning Decisions**

None.

19/221 **Financial Reports**

The Clerk reported on the Parish Finances, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 January 2020.

Resolved Accepted unanimously.

19/222 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolved

The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (January 2020)	£304.80
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (January 2020)	£76.20
Clerk's Telephone & Internet (1/2/2019-31/1/2020)	£160.00
South Lakes Services – Toilets (January 2020) SO	£259.20
SSE Electricity (Street Lighting) (3/12/2019 – 2/1/2020) DD	£49.67
Npower (Electricity – Toilets) (9/12/2019 – 8/1/2020) DD	£45.94
Net Nerd (Website Hosting 2019/20)	£35.99
SLDC (Bin Emptying 1/10/2019 – 31/12/2019)	£91.98

19/223 **Consultations**

- a) Proposed England Coast Path route through the Parish
The proposed route broadly follows the shoreline, with alternative inland routes available for times of high tides when the shoreline routes would be impassable. Councillors raised concerns about the risks to walkers of the tidal waters if there was inadequate signage indicating alternative routes.
Resolved To support the routes and alternate routes and highlight the concerns regarding safety on the shoreline routes and the importance of adequate signage to ensure alternative routes are clearly indicated.
- b) Proposed Cumbria Police Council Tax Precept increase
Cumbria Police have proposed a 3.5% increase in the policing precept to enable more officers to be based in local areas and continue to deal with the risks to the local communities, including drugs, ATM thefts, vehicle thefts from rural communities.
Resolved To support the proposed policing precept to ensure an adequate police presence.

19/224 **Tremendous – Cark Station**

Kerstin Esbjornsson of the Community Rail Partnership has requested that the Parish Council send a letter of support for a scheme to enhance the appearance of Cark Station by installing information boards to celebrate the re-planting of trees on station approach.

Resolved To send a letter of support for the scheme as it will improve the appearance of Cark Station.

19/225 **Great British Spring Clean/Dog fouling**

The Great British Spring Clean is from 20th March to the 13th April. As District Councillor Gardner would not be available to lead this, it will not take place locally during those dates this year. Councillor Gardner reported on dog fouling in her District Councillor's report (19/218/a)

19/226 **Litter Bins**

The Clerk reported that South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) have a new scheme when Parish Councils want to install additional litter bins, where SLDC will install the bins with signs indicating the Parish support and the Parish Council just pay for the emptying and not the cost of the bins. The Parish Council planned to install new bins on Moor Land and Green Lane.

Resolved To proceed with the new SLDC scheme for these bins and allocate the budgeted funds for purchasing bins to other projects.

19/227 **Highways**

a) Reports requiring Highways Maintenance

None.

b) Reports requiring maintenance (not County Council)

Councillor Dawson reported that he had reported a vehicle with no Tax and Insurance parked on Flookburgh Square to the Police who contacted the owner and the vehicle has been removed.

Councillor Keith reported the large pot holes at the Cark entrance to Cark Station. The Clerk will report this to the Community Rail Partnership.

c) Highways matters in process with Cumbria County Council

No response.

d) Highways matters in process (not County Council)

None.

e) Parking enforcement

No report that been received this month. Councillor Keith requested that Cark be included as previously requested in the Parking enforcement and the Clerk will forward this information to Councillor Sanderson.

f) Roadside signs

g) Caravan transportation through the villages

The Clerk reported that a response has been received from Jayne Mushet of Lakeland Leisure, who has advised she is aware of the transport restrictions and has reminded the caravan suppliers and advised them to remind their haulage companies. She has advised that if any transportation is seen outside the prescribed hours (10 am to 4 pm), then we can report them direct to her including details of the haulage company and she will follow up on any reports.

19/228 **Cark Toilets**

The Clerk reported the hand drier in the gents is not working and that the cleaners have reported a leak in the cupboard. She will arrange for repairs to be undertaken.

19/229 **Flookburgh Community Playground/Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**

a) The Clerk suggested that the 2020 Grass cutting be put out to tender as there are a number of local companies that may be able to cut the grass.

Resolved To put the grass cutting out to tender.

b) The Charity met earlier this week and discussed the maintenance needed on some of surfaces (should be under guarantee). Fund raising events are being planned for 2020 and the Charity will be making a contribution to the Parish Council towards the 2019 grass cutting costs.

19/230 **Speed Monitoring**

The Clerk visited Pandora Signs in Hawkshead and was advised that they can deliver in 7 to 10 days from order. Their price for the Sign and related hardware is as follows:

PTSC 906 large speed sign with smiley/sad face/slow down/thank you £2395.00 + vat

PTSC 823 Solar power system £475.00 + vat

License to download data £250.00 + vat

Powder coated aluminium post 115mm diameter x 4000mm tall £150.00 + vat

The sign and solar come with buckles and screw bands. All products made in the UK in an ISO 9001 environment and have a 2 year warranty.

Total £3270+ VAT + installation.

The Clerk is meeting with Helen Karaaslan (CCC) and PC Kevin Jackson at 10 am on 21st February to finalise the sign location. She will then contact a local contractor on an approved list to install the sign.

Resolved To proceed with the sign as specified including solar power, data download and post.

19/231 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) South Lakeland District Council
Customer Connect Update
- b) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)
Monthly newsletter and training.
- c) Cumbria Action for Health
Newsletter and events
- d) Cumbria Arts & Culture Network
Newsletter

19/232 **Date of Next meeting**

The following meeting was noted:

The next regular Parish Council meeting will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 4th March 2020 in Flookburgh Village Hall.

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